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Agricultural research gets \$22 Million More to come to U of S

January and February were cold in Saskatoon, but the release of money in support of practical agriculture studies made those traditionally inhospitable months a bit easier to tolerate. The good news came in three announcements.

On January 10, 1997, the federal and Saskatchewan governments announced plans to spend \$12 million researching new crops over the next three years. This new money comes from the Agri Food Innovation Fund, a \$91 million commitment from Ottawa and Saskatchewan to replace money from the Gross Revenue insurance program, scrapped in 1993. (Canada will put in \$64 million; Saskatchewan \$27 million.) Under this agreement the money is to be spent on agriculture in Saskatchewan by the end of March 2000.

The \$12 million will be used by the Crop Development Centre, University of Saskatchewan on specialized crop research and breeding programs in the next three years. Some \$4.5 million will go for new crop demonstrations at eight locations in the province. \$2.6 million will go into a permanent endowment to provide perpetual funding for dry bean and chickpea research and the balance of \$4.9 million will fund alternative crop development.

Pulse research support

In January, the Saskatchewan Pulse Crop Development Board committed \$340,000, each year for the next five years, and 320 acres of land, to pulse crop breeding programs. Director Gordon Rowland, Crop Development Centre, noted that the centre has had a world class plant breeding program, but it has suffered because of a shortage of long-term financial commitment. This support will solve that problem. In exchange for this support CDC will turn over new varieties to the pulse crop board for distribution.

Another \$10 million to college

On Valentine's Day a memorandum of understanding was signed that will turn over an additional \$10 million from the Agri Food Innovation Fund to the U of S for long-term research in agriculture. Of the total, \$2.6 million will go into specialty crop research, \$2 million to specialty livestock and about \$1 million to sustainable agriculture. Funding for the food and biotechnology sectors are in progress. The allocations will be endowments that provide permanent support for a sector.

Following this flurry of allocations there is still about \$60 million remaining in the Agri Food Innovation Fund and this will be allocated in the next three years. Although that is a substantial sum it should also be noted that Saskatchewan farmers now crop more than 35 million acres each year. An expenditure of \$10 million in a year is the equivalent of less than 30 cents per acre, a fraction of the value of even a modest improvement in productivity resulting from research.



Rod Delahey '80C (above) became president of S.A.G.A. in January. In his career Rod has worked in the agricultural chemicals and advertising industries. He returned from Calgary to Saskatoon in 1995 and started his own firm called Heyday Communications Inc.

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4th annual S.A.G.A Golf day

Mon. May 12, 12 noon
Mt. Brenton Golf Course
Chemainus, B.C.

Ag grads, their partners and
other Sask. alumni are invited.
Green fee \$18.

Send entry to Art Strautman,
749 Marchmont Rd., Duncan, B.C.
V9L 2L9
by May 5, please.
Tel. 250-746-8796

The Thundering Herd



Murray Fulton '77C chaired the reunion of his (still) rambunctious classmates. Here are the "Top 15 Reasons why to be a 20 Year College Grad" as presented at the SAGA Banquet in January.

15. Gives you enough time to totally screw up at several different careers before hitting on one that makes it look like your career path has been a carefully planned program.

14. You get a chance to hear all the wonderful excuses people have for not coming to the reunion, like:

* my dog had puppies (Jim Pelletier)

* I threw out my back for the first time ever, digging a snow fort for my daughter (Arch Robertson)

* I am going on a trip to South America - in two weeks (Marilyn Ruskowski)

and

* the roads were closed (Gord and Shirley Froelich)

13. You get to meet those people listed as graduates in your yearbook which you have no recollection of even seeing in your classes (assuming you actually went to class).

11. You get to show the 10 year grads how good they will look at 20 years.

10. You can get away with having this much grey hair and still call

yourself a 'young' farmer.

9. You are not old enough yet that you have lost all your hair.

8. You are still young enough that your children don't get concerned when you go to a party that lasts past midnight.

7. Gives you an excuse to stay up past midnight two nights in a row.

6. You have traveled around a bit and are mature enough to appreciate the true meaning and beauty of life and you are still young enough not to have to worry about things like Alzheimer's.

5. Gives you ten years from the last reunion to make up some stories about yourself and your family that make your life look a lot more interesting and exciting than it really is.

4. Young enough that your children aren't attending the ag grad reunion yet, as grads.

3. Young enough we can still enjoy the ag grad banquet without putting in a special set of teeth.

2. We have the glorious distinction of being, for once, the first people through the food line.

1. Gives us the opportunity to celebrate life, friends, and the opportunities we've been given.

(Note: reason #12 was missing - refer to the Alzheimer point, #6!)

Kendra Mueller '88C (nee Pederson) reports that she is back with FCC on a part-time basis in Humboldt. In addition to returning to work, looking after two little ones (see Home Grown), and farming with husband Gord, she has been elected to the Sask. Canola Development Commission Board of Directors. Whew!

Don Saelhof '72C has moved over to Brandt Industries in Regina from his previous position at Ag Depot. He will take on the role of Manager,

Sales and Marketing - Core Markets.

Mayson Maerz '83C left the relaxed life of 'pseudo-farming' as Manager of the Monsanto Research Farm in Saskatoon to promote Roundup Ready Canola this winter. He has seen the following recently: **Barry Rapp '83C, Tom Thorson '84C, Ron Gilmour '84C, Greg Bristow '84C, and Tracy Ogden '82C**. Mayson reports these upstanding ag grads have survived the winter well, and are eager to get on the land. **Jim Vancha '79C** works for Monsanto on the west side of the province.

Bill Strautman '82C, Winnipeg, is now editor of *Canola Guide* magazine and associate editor of *Grainews*. Any good stories or leads? Send them his way.

Michael Edwards, currently a student, will take up duties as an agronomist with Greenfield Agro Services Ltd, Rosetown. Mike is engaged to **Cynthia Henderson '96C**.

Wendy Paisley '92S is now a full-time insurance broker out of Coronach.

The Outstanding Young Agrolgist Award for 1996 went to **Alan Fredeen '78C**, a professor in animal science at Nova Scotia Agricultural College. The award, by the Agricultural Institute of Canada, recognizes outstanding achievements and service to Canadian agriculture by someone under the age of 40.

Among delegates and employees attending the Sask. Wheat Pool annual meeting were **Steven Pavlik '72S**, Eatonia, **Raymond Milne '68C**, Delisle, **Rod Tondevold '68S**, Kindersley and **Rodney Wiens '87C**, Herschel.

Henri Loiselle '75S, Aberdeen district farmer and outstanding baritone, has recorded 13 songs on his first disc - a mix of spirituals and

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The Pooped Deck



On February 18, 1997 **Les Hutchison**'27C (yes, a 70-year grad), wrote a note to ye editor from Scottsdale, Arizona, where he and wife Jean were avoiding the Ottawa winter. Les explained that they were staying at Scottsdale Shadows, which is surrounded by a nine hole golf course. After a few days of watching others golf he proceeded to buy three clubs and a small bag and joined them. After four rounds he had to quit and have surgery for skin cancer on his nose on January 28. He is convalescing and can't wait to get out on the course again and says—"at 94 I can't complain about a few setbacks." Les sends his regards to all agros.

At age 86, **Joe Campbell**'41C continues to be actively involved in the business of advising people on minerals and health. He is computerized and you can read his home page at <http://vvv.com/~jcampbel/> His e-mail address is jcampbel@pinc.com

Brett Fairbairn, professor of history at the U of S, said some nice things about Leo Kristjanson, former U of S president, at a conference at Gimli,

MB. The crowd gave Leo a standing ovation. In response, Leo noted that an atrium on the campus had been named in his honor, then commented "Having an atrium named after me is a mixed honor because, as you all know, an atrium is filled with hot air." He also noted, "There is a street named after me too. I was quite delighted with that honor until I realized that it started at the psychiatric centre and ended at the dump."

Our thanks to **Jim Ellis**'57C, retired pedologist at Chilliwack, BC, for sending along the stuff about Kristjanson. Ye editor had a nice telephone visit with Jim in February but our schedules did not permit a visit at closer quarters. Too bad.

Bill Selleck'50C and his wife **Verla**'48HEc are enjoying their lovely condominium located near the University of Victoria. Early last winter when Victoria received a record amount of snow, Bill was the only one who was mobile in their complex: he happened to have a pair of skis!

Grant MacEwan'29MSc., author, former lieutenant-governor, former mayor of Calgary and former animal husbandry professor, U of S, had a close call in December. He fell in the bathroom of his downtown Calgary apartment and lay there for 2 1/2 days before being found by his granddaughter. Grant has moved into the Beverly Centre, a long-term care facility, is recovering and eager to get on with writing another book, this one about water. Now 94 years of age his 56th book, entitled *Buffalo: Sacred and Sacrificed*, was recently released.

Jim Rooke'51C and new wife Holly had to move out of their apartment for a time because of smoke damage to their place from a fire in the neighbouring suite. A woman died and her husband was hospitalized from the fire.

Herb Moulding'42S,'47BE, travelled a lot last year, spending nine months (in total) in Australia, New Zealand, France, Denmark and Ireland. He happened to be at his Kelowna home this winter when it received five times the normal amount of snow! Herb has embarked on a long-term project - a linear beach park in Kelowna. While in Regina with Ducks Unlimited he had outlined the area contained in the recently developed grassland park in southern Saskatchewan. That project took 40 years and Herb has made a 50-year schedule for the beach park. How's that for long range planning!

Art Delahey'52C and **Bernie Goplen**'52C have both visited classmate **Ed Kowalenko**, who is living his retirement in style at Grindrod, BC. Ed has built a great, new house on an acreage and there's also a guest house. Ed claims he used 800 loads of fill and placed 45 truckloads of rocks by hand on the project. There's lots of Sask. farmers who could use his talent!

The word from Sun Lakes, Arizona, (via **Art Strautman**'48C, Victoria) is that **Bud Smith**'48C, had completed chemotherapy for cancer, but found it too difficult to play much golf. We hope you can swing the clubs in May in Saskatoon, Bud.

Chuck Strautman'53S, retired Speers, SK farmer, has been playing hockey for 60 years and has no thought of retiring from the game even though he is now 74. He usually plays four games a week, with 50+ or 60+ teams and may be seen playing as far away as Victoria, Santa Rosa, California, or in Saskatoon where he and wife Margaret live during the winter.

Harry Giles'47S can often be seen working around the Western Development Museum, Saskatoon, but

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he is also president of the Pensioners and Pioneers in that city.

Charlie'51C and **Marion Thompson** migrated from their Martintown retirement home (SE Ont.) to visit Alabama in March and missed some lousy weather.

George'46S and **Esther Price**, Ottawa, are becoming world travellers. They have walked the great Wall of China and recently explored Spain and Portugal. He's cashing in retirement credits earned over many years of yakking about agriculture on the CBC.

John'51C and **Doreen McConnell** spent two weeks in February on Sanibel Island. It is a part of Florida, located near Fort Meyers. It's about 14 miles long and two miles wide - just a nice hike each day - eh John? They found it very pleasant - not crowded, clean, white sand beaches, lots of wild fowl and evidence of conservation programs.

School of Agriculture 50 year class notes

Art Sawatsky'47S retired from his job as dairy inspector some years ago. He spends his time drinking coffee at the Saskatoon Co-op cafeteria, golfing, curling and organizing reunions of his classmates.

Elsewhere in this issue is a report of the January reunion of the School of Ag class of 1947 and the next reunion happens in June 1997. Art claims he is not trying to create extra work for himself, rather to provide an additional opportunity for class members to renew friendships.

Following are notes from letters he received from fellow grads responding to plans for the class' 50 year reunions in 1997. Enjoy. Editor.

Jim Banting'47S, '50C and his wife Monica are living in Victoria. Their youngest son lives in Regina while their daughter and oldest son are also in Victoria.

Del Hickling, Acton, ON, wrote that following graduation he had worked for a few years in a garage in Lucky Lake, but couldn't get financing to farm and headed east. He worked 31 years for Loblaws Transport and is now retired.

Harold Morrow and wife Luella have rented out the land but keep their hands on farming by keeping an eye on their son-in-law's cattle. They have two sons and two daughters and some grown grandchildren. They've done well at Melfort.

Dal Bracken is a retired inspector, Canadian Grain

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School of Agriculture 50 year class reunion

by Art Sawatsky'47S

Our reunion in January was rewarding, but also a bit disappointing because only 13 class members attended. We will have another reunion in June.

Ted Kosik and his wife braved the cold weather all the way from Darwell, Alberta. That's about 40 miles west of Edmonton on the Yellowhead.

We had a rink comprised of skip **Joe Martin**, with **Cliff Dunn**, **George Mueller** and **Art Sawatsky** in the Hutcheon event and had fun at our usual three games. But **Roger Kaeding** was on a rink that advanced to the semi-finals and had to curl on Sunday morning.



Grads attending the January reunion:

(l to r top row) **Bill Nowasad**, **Glen McEwan**, **Cliff Dunn**, **Don Mackay**, **Howard Thomas**, **Marshall Smith**, **Roger Kaeding**.

(l to r bottom row) **Joe Martin**, **Harold Morrow**, **Ronald McKeith**, **Art Sawatsky**, **George Mueller**, **Ted Kosik**.

Summer reunion

Our class will hold a reunion at Saskatoon at the time of the U of S Alumni Reunion in June 1997. We will head-quarter at the Park Town Motel and hold a social there on the evening of Thurs. June 19 and a banquet on Friday evening June 20. Rooms have been reserved for our class members, but if you plan to attend book your room early directly with the hotel and tell them you are a '47 School of Ag grad.

Home grown



Scott '87C and Teresa (Janssen) Sahulka '90C are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter Courtney Dawn, an early Christmas present. She was born Dec. 13, 1996 and weighed 8 lbs 12 oz. They are residing in Swift Current, where Scott is a credit advisor with Farm Credit Corporation and Teresa is an appraisal agrologist with Sask Assessment Management Agency.

Kevin Olson '84C and wife Patsy ('83 Diploma of Nursing) are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Brittany Gail on September 29, 1996. She is a sister for Braden and Cameron. Pink John Deere tractor wanted!!! Kevin farms at Plenty and is also employed as a seed marketing rep. with SeCan Assoc.

Bob '85S and Pam Copeland of Elrose welcomed Sara Catherine into their home on October 20, 1996, a sister for Ben (3) and Jon (1). Proud grandparents are **Bill '60C and Alma Copeland** and Anne Butala.

Allen '91C and Pam Altwasser (B.Ed. '92) are pleased to announce that their little girl, Justine Mackenzie, arrived safe and screaming on December 15, 1996 weighing 7 lbs and 14 oz. Pam is proud to announce that Allen did not faint during all the excitement of the birth, but rather was very supportive. Proud grandparents

are Westley and Elsie Lethbridge of Limerick and **Rodney '66C and Faye Altwasser** of Yellow Grass. Justine is the 6th generation of Altwasser's to live in Yellow Grass, and possibly a third generation Agro!

Correction: **Tracey (Mick) Logan '89C** and husband **Cal** had a baby BOY, Justin Mick Logan on August 27, 1996.

Diane and Barry '83C Rapp welcomed Taryn Reigh to their lives on November 29, 1996. She arrived weighing 6 lbs 7 1/2 oz. Barry is working as an extension Agrologist with Sask. Ag & Food in Regina.

Farm Credit Corporation's Agri-Land division experienced a baby boom over the past year, with half of its field staff adding to their families. **Glenn '90C and Bernadette Helgason** had a baby boy, Drew Brayden on August 16, 1996, a brother for Devin. Both are employed with Agri-Land and are currently residing in a new house on a farm near Foam Lake.

Another land agent, **Tom '88C and Heather Reynolds** of Birch Hills had a baby girl, Sidney, on November 3, 1996, a little sister for Mackenzie. Sidney weighed 8 lbs 10 oz.

Tim '91C and Darcie ('92 B.Comm) Hammond are pleased to announce the arrival of their first child, Kelsey Hope, on May 29, 1996. Tim is working as one of six land agents with Agri-Land and is based in Saskatoon. Tim's brother **Rob Hammond '92S and '96C** and fiancée Raylene Harrabek also had a baby girl, Ries Elizabeth on September 18, 1996, a sister for Jenae. Proud grandparents are **Jim '69C and Joanne ('69HEC) Hammond**. After the third grand-

daughter, Jim has put in his order for a grandson! Rob and Raylene will be married July 5, 1997 on the family farm southwest of Biggar, where Jim and Rob farm together. Great grandmother Eileen Blair of Lanigan knows that her late husband **Lindsay Blair '25C** would have been proud of this fourth generation of potential Agros!

Dale '91C and Lesia '93 B.Ed Kushner welcomed a son, Zachary Nicholas, on November 24, 1996. Dale is a product service supervisor with Zeneca Agro based out of Brandon.

Teresa, wife of Bill Strautman '82C, gave birth to Alexander William Kahlis Strautman on February 13, 1997 - 10lb 4oz and red hair. A little brother for Hannah.

Bill's brother Ed and his wife Jean had another boy, named Benjamin Paul Langley Strautman, a brother to Jacob, on March 6, 1997. Ed farms with his father **Chuck Strautman '53S**, at Speers, SK.

Aiden Zachary Melvill arrived on January 4, 1997. He weighed 8 lb, 14.5oz (Charolais cross breeding, you know). Dad is **Lee Melvill '74C** and Mom is Sandra Haberman-Melvill (U of L Bus. Mgt. '88).

**Highway signs have a message to tell,
And most I interpret quite well.
That pottery vessel in hand
I just can't understand,
Is it 'craft shop' or 'unmodern hotel?'**

Ag grad bonspiel 1997

Thirty one rinks curled in the event held on January 10, 11 and 12, 1997. This is down from 38 entries the previous year.

The event was capably managed by Daryl Kratchmer '84C with the help of his assistant Trevor

Herzog and some volunteers.

The association thanks the Royal Bank, Cargill, Monsanto and John Deere for providing prizes for the winners and runners up in all four events.

Nybo wins 'A' event



Past president Art Delahey '52C (centre) presents the Kirk Trophy to the winning rink, (l to r) Bryan Nybo, Kim Busch, Don Nakonechny and Ron Hughes.

They defeated the rink of Trevor Herzog, Gerald Ife, Myles MacKaw and Scott Ife.

The previous year Nybo, Busch and Nakonechny were winners of the 'B' event.

Camm wins 'B' event



Past president George Wilson '63C (left) presented the Graham trophy to Darren Camm and his rink mates Todd Ehman, Brian Steckler and Giselle Bardi.

Runner-up in the very close final game was the rink of Art Delahey, Stuart Cutts, Denny Holben and Rod Delahey.

Cummins wins 'C' event



This event and the White trophy were won by the Blair Cummins rink. Ted Boychuk (left) presented the trophy to Cummins and his rink members Elton Ash, Ewald Lammerding and Milo Grimsrud.

The runner-up in this event was the rink of Kevin Dow, Andrew Coorymans, Jim Tsukishima and Karen Dow. They were tied at the end of the game and Cummin's draw caught the button, while Dow's rock was a couple of inches too long.

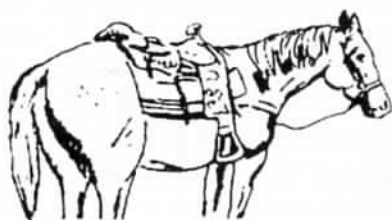
Ahrens rink wins senior event



Frank Dunlop '63C, past president of S.A.G.A., presented the Hutcheon trophy to Colin Ahrens and his rink of Gary Johnson, Ray Ryland and Glen McGlaughlin.

The rink of Alan Graham, Elwood Fleming, Ron McKinnon and Wayne Jensen was runner-up.

Empty Saddles



Olive Art, Winnipeg, died on February 24, 1997, at age 94. She was predeceased by her husband Jack in 1964, and is survived by her children **Jack Art**'54C, Edmonton; Jerry (Eleanor), Calgary; Laurie (Jack) Balmer, La Canada, California and Carolynn (Alphonse) Tetrault, Winnipeg.

Archie Kenneth Ballantyne'48C died suddenly in Saskatoon December 21, 1996. He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Mary; his children, Janet (Charles Taylor), Ken (Anne), Wendy; and his grandsons, David and Jonathan. Archie served overseas with the Canadian Air Force during WWII. Archie worked as a pedologist with the Soil Survey Branch of Agriculture Canada and contributed much to the understanding of saline and solonchic soils. Archie was a very special person to his family and the many people he worked with over the years.

The death of **Esther Bernice Billett**, Eston, occurred on December 29, 1996. She is survived by her children: Lawrence (Vi), Victoria, Alan (Barbara), Lethbridge, **John**'69C (Dentistry'74), Saskatoon and Karen (Allan) Graves, Victoria, BC.

Harold Robert Brown'46S grew up in the Readlyn district and died at Saskatoon City Hospital on February 13, 1997. He was predeceased by Joy,

his wife of 46 years, and brothers **Allan**'39S, Donald and Henry (Freida). He leaves to mourn his son Roger (Marjella) of Cranbrook, B.C., two grandchildren, sisters Margaret Brown, Assiniboia, Edythe and Dorothy (Ed), Regina. Harold began his work career as a dairy inspector and held other jobs with the Government of Saskatchewan until his retirement.

Malcolm Henry Campbell'47S, Wolseley, SK, died on October 18, 1994, following several years of declining health. Mac was predeceased by Rhoda, his first wife, and is survived by his wife Jane and five children; Larry (Jeanette) Campbell, Wolseley, Murray Campbell, Wolseley, Carol (Raymond) Churchman, Wolseley, Neil (Sharon) Campbell, Prince George, BC and **Craig (Marlene) Campbell**'81S, Regina; two step children, 10 grandchildren, four step grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Mac operated the family farm most of his life.

Roger Carlton '51S passed away in Regina November 26, 1996 after a long battle with lung cancer. He is survived by his wife Ellen, two daughters: Joyce (John) Lawson, Vivian (Rick) Gheysen, four grandchildren, brother **David Carlton**'58S, and several sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, one of whom is **Garld Malin**'48S. He was active as a 4-H leader, a Sask. Wheat Pool delegate and a local community leader. He farmed and worked for the Department of Agriculture Plant Products division for over 30 years. Honorary pallbearers, with their wives were: **Cecil Jenkins**'51S, **Clifford Eilers**'51S, **Carman Cook**'49C, **John Hoffart** '61C, **John**

Wilbraham'54S and **Walter Hanson**.

The death of **Ralph Herbert Miner**'42C occurred at Hafford, SK on December 27, 1996. He is survived by his wife and companion of 53 years, Clara; two daughters: Trudy (Gary) Steeves and Merle (Bill) Noseworthy, two sons: Grant (Kate), and Marshall (Judy), grandchildren: Tony, Debbie, Janet, Rob, Julia, Benjamin, Andrew, and three great grandchildren. Ralph's work career was spent in co-operatives, first with Federated Co-operatives Ltd., and then as manager of Atlantic Co-operatives at Moncton, NB. On retirement he returned to the family farm at Speers, SK. He won the Tommy Fraser Award at the U of S in 1942.

Kevin Roy Misfeldt, age 37, son of **Jim Misfeldt**'51C and **Doreen**, was killed in a plane crash January 24th, 1997, while surveying whitetail deer on the Sask/Alta border. He is survived by his wife Tarena and three children, Brent, Jostein and Karena, his parents, one brother and six sisters. He was dedicated to conservation work and will be remembered for his love and respect for wildlife.

Edward Samuel Molberg '34C (Minnesota), Regina, died on February 27, 1997. He is survived by Eva, his wife of 54 years, five sisters and three brothers. Ed was born in Midale, SK in 1909 and farmed for three years after graduation, then went to work at the Indian Head Experimental Farm where his first job was hoeing turnips at 25 cents per hour. In 1947 he transferred to the Agriculture Canada Research Station, Regina, where he became recognized as an excellent weed researcher. Ed

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coupled his research ability with a friendly manner, a ready smile, quick wit and willingness to help others.

Walter Mysak'39C passed away peacefully in his sleep at his home in Canora, SK on March 4, 1997. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Bernice; three children: Donna (Tony) Dagnone, David (Sonia), Marlene (Brian Goin); six grandchildren; sister Olga; brothers, Steve, Art and **Orest'48C**. Walter had a varied work career from a provincial employee to his own insurance business. He freely contributed his leadership skills to his local community and to the provincial scene where he served in many capacities, including as a member of the Senate of the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Regina. In 1992 the Governor General awarded him a Community Service Medal on the occasion of Canada's 125th Year.

Gordon J. Orchard'61C passed away peacefully at St. Paul's Hospital, Saskatoon on December 20, 1996. Predeceased by his wife Kathleen in 1984, he is survived by three children, Lorraine (Jim) Olinyk, Keith (Irene) Orchard, Pat Sekundiak, eight grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Gordon farmed near Borden, SK until 1962 where he produced registered seed, and Hereford cattle, and was an active community leader. After obtaining his degree he became a sessional lecturer in the Dept. of Agricultural Engineering and supervised the U of S irrigation project until retiring in 1976.

John Adrian Sanders'65C died suddenly at the Lakeshore General Hospital in Ashern, MB, on Novem-

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Income		Expenses	
Memberships	4350.00	Newsletter	6325.88
Hockey	4560.00	Hockey	4701.80
Curling	5366.00	Curling	3201.91
Banquet & dance	8178.00	Banquet and dance	8632.80
Mixer	4765.00	Mixer	2692.83
Bank interest	59.50	Bank charges	24.50
Investment interest	6226.05	Miscellaneous	2305.23
Total income	33504.55	Total expense	27884.95

Income over expense = \$5619.60

Trend analysis (rounded to closest \$)

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Bank Balance	687	4747	7617	4338	4350
Investments	61476	64041	64041	70893	76500
Totals	62163	68788	71658	75231	80850

ber 14, 1996. He is survived by his loving wife Sandra and their son Scott of Ashern; one sister Ine and Gerard van Kempen of Holland. John was born on March 26, 1931 at Drumheller, Alberta, but was raised in Holland, then returned in 1949 to be with his uncle and aunt, Alphonse and Wilhelmine Noy and their children Mary Jean, Helen and Bill at Rosebud, Alberta. Following graduation, John served as Ashern's agricultural representative until his passing. He enjoyed his work and was active in sports, the church, the agricultural society, Elks Club and hospital board. Among those attending the funeral were classmates **Bill Noy**, Rosebud and **Neil Jorgenson**, Lethbridge.

Audrey E. Klinck, Edmonton, widow of **John Russell Klinck'33C**,

passed away on November 23,1996.

Hugh Harry Michael'43C, died at Lethbridge, Alberta, on Feb.23, 1997. Hugh was born in Indiana in 1916 and grew up at Phippen and Unity, SK. Following graduation he served in the Canadian Army then with Alberta Agriculture. In 1957 he started Canadian Seed Processors, (later Canbra Foods) Lethbridge, and operated it until his retirement in 1978. He was inducted into the Alberta Agricultural Hall of Fame in 1994 for his remarkable contribution to the oil seed industry. Hugh was predeceased by Kathleen, his wife, in 1985, and brother Owen. He is survived by Eileen, his second wife, daughters Mary-Lee, Patricia-Anne, two grandsons, and brother William Michael, Unity.

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Commission, living in Vernon, BC, with his wife Helen, in a brand new home. Dal says he's completely recovered from his bout with cancer in 1995. A Halifax bomber crew member in WW11, Dal is thrilled to learn that the only two remaining Halifax craft have been rescued from Norwegian lakes. One has been restored and on display in England; the other is in the process of being readied for display in the air museum in Trenton, ON. A fitting tribute to those who flew Hallies in World War II.

Claude Clendening and his wife Jewel live in North Battleford and will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in July 1997.

Bill and Elsie Earl live at Norglenwold, AB in the summer and spend the five cold months in California. They miss the community work in Canada, so they have been helping the first graders with phonics and reading to the kindergarten at the Della Lindley school at 1000 Palms.

Neil Dean and his wife Grace live on the farm at Rama but do not farm now. Arthritis in the lower back have caused Neil to use a crutch.

Joe Martin and **Gladys** have retired into Siltion while son **Ron '75C** and his wife **Kathy '76C** are on the farm. Joe and Gladys were in Holland in 1995 to celebrate the 50th VE anniversary. Joe had a triple bypass in 1993 and says has been feeling so good its hard to believe he had the operation.

Following graduation **Roger Kaeding** farmed with his parents at Churchbridge until 1961 at which time he married Phyllis and they took over the farm. They dispersed the Polled Hereford herd in 1981 and have focused since on producing and processing pedigreed seed. Son **Warren '85C** is a full partner in

Wagon Wheel Seed Corporation.

Ted Kosik returned to Darwell, Alberta, at graduation to his construction, land clearing and breaking business and the business continues today along with farming that got its start in 1957. Ted married Mabel Summers in 1955; they have three sons, three daughters and 16 grandchildren. Ted and Mabel spend their winters down south.

Ralph and Irene Veikle have retired to Cut Knife and turned the farming over to sons Jim, Keith and Ken. Jim is a veterinarian and practices in Saskatoon. Ralph goes out to the farm often to see the horses and some cattle he keeps. Sort of company.

Al Stirton, a great curler for many years, has set the broom aside for now. Says the ice is getting more slippery and he's not nimble enough to handle it. He'd hoped to curl on the 50th reunion of his class with Vern Small and Jim Banting but health and other reasons nixed that notion.

Ron and Rita McKeith have retired from farming but still live on the farm one mile south of Bjorkdale, SK. They had plans to travel but Rita's illness had put that on hold, but her health has improved recently.

Frank Seidle, Medstead, says he has no appetite for winter travel, so declined to attend his class reunion in January. The June '97 date looks more promising.

Gordon Tredgett is fully retired and living in Victoria, BC, after many years of farming on the shores of Old Wives Lake. He and his wife often spend some winter months in the U.S.

Harold Smith lost his wife in August 1992 and is retired on his Plenty, SK, farm but spends part of the winter in Victoria. His health is good and he keeps happily busy with square dancing, in Masonic Lodge, Eastern

Star and as treasurer of the Plenty Senior Centre.

Lloyd Ryan continues to farm at Macklin, but took time off last May to attend a navy reunion in Ottawa and visit relations while there. He says that Macklin was a busy place last summer, with a 16 team old timer baseball tournament in early July, followed by the 4th annual Bunnock Tournament later in the month. You will have to ask Lloyd what it is - he said it attracted 220 teams (4/team) and they came from all over the province and beyond, with several from Germany. Kind of a family reunion with organized competitions for young and old!

Cliff Sheppard worked on his father's farm and for others for the first few years after graduation, then got into farming for himself in 1951. Farming at Alameda was his main activity until 1980 when he and his family moved to Florida, where he operated a landscaping business and sold real estate. He retired in 1993 and they now divide their time between Florida and Alameda. One daughter farms at Alameda with her husband, the other three children are with computer network and software companies in Florida and Washington, D.C.

Les Bews, Eatonian farmer, has had health problems and entered the Health Care Centre in July/96.

George and Olive Perry avoided the bad Sask. winter by moving to Mesa, Arizona before the snowflakes started. They report a good time but no improvement in the golf score. They'll show up around Wishart about April 15.

Glenn McEwen, Francis farmer, helped a neighbour finish harvest on November 9, a few days after completing his harvest. It was a long one, he said, "We put 428 hours on the rotor of our Case IH 2188 and another 200

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University happenings

Agriculture Students' Association

Dear Grads:

The Agros have been very busy the past few months and will continue to be until the year closes. Elections are completed and we have an exceptional executive that is very enthusiastic and looking forward to the challenges of the coming year. Ag Bag Drag (Goose), was once again extremely profitable and ensures another year of events at minimal cost.

We are very proud to have hosted the Western Association of Agricultural Councils conference. This international event attracted 89 representatives from 17 colleges and allowed us to showcase not only the college, but the university, the city of Saskatoon and the province. Faculty, students and staff participated by speaking, hosting and making everyone feel welcome. Considering that this event was 75% sponsor funded, the WAAC committee did a heck of a job!

The A.S.A. graduation ceremonies took place on January 31 for the 113 students expecting to graduate this spring. The student body will not be the same without them, but hey, who's complaining! All kidding aside, best of luck to all graduates in your future endeavours.

Agricultural Discovery days (ADD) were not held this year, however the Sask. Challenge competitions were held and the winners were as follows:

* Team challenge - Robin Laskowski, Dan Monchuk, Blaine Possberg and Colin Rush

* Paper presentation - Blaine

Possberg and Colin Rush

* Debating - Suzanne Carruthers and Heidi Dutton

Those students will represent the college at Ag Challenge on June 17 to 22, 1997. Contact the Ag Challenge line at 306 966-8890 for more information.

Communiwannalayya is scheduled for March 21 and we're looking forward to another sold out event.

The yearbook is underway and will be completed this summer. The yearbook staff offers you this opportunity to advertise your business: Submit your business card for publication and the nominal fee of \$20.

Remember to give us a call at the agro lounge if you are in Saskatoon (966-7742) or stop by for a visit during the university year.

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96/97 President 97/98 President



ASA presidents Phillip Graham (Left) and Tyler Wiens, tarred and feathered at the presidential initiation.

New Book

Hoofprints to Reprints, a 247-page history of the Department of Animal Science, has been published by the College of Agriculture.

The book was written by Milt Bell, who was with the department from 1945 until he 'retired' in 1989. It recounts the developments and changes in faculty, courses, facilities, etc and the author says that he wrote it as much for the public as for grads and professionals. It contains a list of specific research conducted and 40 references for additional reading on related topics.

The book is available for \$22 (GST included) plus \$4 for shipping from the College of Agriculture (Shipping), University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK S7N 5A8. Telephone 306 966-7765 or visit the department for more information.

Ag economics appointment

Peter Phillips, who has been assistant deputy minister of economic development, Government of Saskatchewan, has been appointed to the Van Vliet Chair in Agricultural Economics. His term is for two years and it began on January 1, 1997.

Phillips graduated in arts and science from the U of S in 1980 and studied for his MSc. and PhD at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Ninth annual SAGA hockey tournament

Brutal weather couldn't stop the ag grads from getting together for a week-end of hockey fun. Although one team cancelled because of a storm, there were enough players around for a great tournament January 10 to 12.

In the competitive division the Drake Mighty Ducks went undefeated in the regular draw, then narrowly beat the FCC Loan Sharks 4 to 3; the final score being determined by a shoot-out, because the game was tied. The defending champion Farm Credit team also played a very strong tournament.

In the consolation final, the Saskatoon Rusty Spurs were victorious over Proven Seed, with a 5 to 3 score in the final game. The rest of the competitive teams were more competitive in mind than in body.

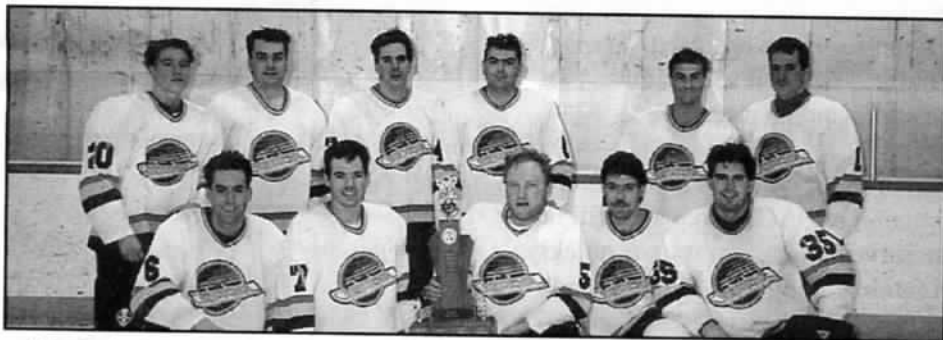
In the recreational division three teams played two games each. The Hornets won two games; the Green Giants won one and lost one; and the Ag Students, well, they had a good workout. Everyone had a fun afternoon.

The Ag Grad women and Ag Student women battled out one match on Sunday morning. Thanks to Deanna Klusa for organizing the Grad team and to Lana Oster for organizing the Student team - a job well done.

Thank you to Ellis Clayton '87C and Bill Morris '76C for your help with the tournament. Thank you also to the players for your interest and enthusiasm; and a pat on the back for the team organizers.

Corey Loessin '86C, Tournament organizer

The champs



The Drake Mighty Ducks team, winners of the Rennie trophy.

(l to r back row) Bob Gibney, Trevor Blair, Craig Blair, Greg Howat, Rob Bushman, Darren Blair. (l to r front row) Darren Johnson, Scott Blair, Jack Zenert, Bob Copeland, Trevor Menhl.

Consolation winners



The Saskatoon Rusty Spurs, received grad pins for their effort.

(l to r, back) Ellis Clayton, Glen Douglas, Lonnie Gobeil, Kevin Brost, Todd Rowen, Blair Harris. (l to r front) Lionel Redden, Trevor Mandziak, Jack Comeau, Kevin Rae, Craig Rath,

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hours on a rental unit."

Leif and Jean Jacobson live at Grand Forks, B.C.. They report a family of one daughter and two sons. Pop and Mom are plugging along in pretty good health.

Vern Small, Gull Lake, says he moves around quite spryly following a hip replacement. We were sorry to learn that his wife Nettie fell down stairs at the church in September and suffered fractures to her arms. But she has made a very good recovery and in a telephone call on March 11 Vern(the old romantic) said she looks even better than she feels.

Floyd Melsness, Saskatoon, spent the winter in Mesa, Arizona, and looks forward to a class reunion in June.

Jason Willis, Yorkton, says their travel was not possible last summer because June had a back operation. Jason was due for new knees in January.

Mel Stav, Edmonton, said his School of Ag diploma and experience helped him to get a job with Allis Chalmers-Rumley in 1949. This large company foundered and Mel was out of a job in 1972. He retrained at S.A.I.T., then had jobs with Syncrude Research Laboratories and North Alberta Dairy Pool.

Allan McGillivray lives with his wife Betty in Central Butte and spends a lot of time at the maddening game of golf. Son **Jim '70C** is established on the farm that has been in the family since 1907, Janet is with the Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association, Kathy, Saskatoon, works part-time for the Royal Bank. Youngest daughter Dona is an instructor in human resources management at the Florida Institute of Technology.

Bill Franko, Wadena, is another of

President's Pen



The Saskatchewan Agriculture Graduates Association has much to be proud of. It has close to 2000 agricultural graduates of the U of S as members. The annual reunion is the envy of other colleges on campus and all other agricultural colleges in Canada. The reason this association is so successful is due to the strong foundation laid down by the founders and the strong support of the membership.

The foundation is the constitution which the founders and subsequent executives developed. Included in the constitution is a set of objectives for SAGA, as follows:

- a. To promote the social interests of graduates of the College and School of Agriculture, University of Saskatchewan.
- b. To promote closer relationships among graduates and between graduates and the college, including both faculty and staff.
- c. To keep graduates informed of recent developments in various fields

of agriculture. (amend. 1965)

d. To co-operate with the University Alumni Association on its efforts to promote the interests of the University as a whole.

The questions I would like to raise are:

Are these objectives still meeting the needs of our members?

Is the Association striving to meet all of the objectives?

Has the Association strayed beyond these objectives and if so are the projects worthwhile?

Obviously, I don't have all the answers to these questions, but the executive has asked the officers of the association to review the objectives and suggest any changes that may be needed. As I stated previously the strength of this association is the membership and we need your input. A short survey is enclosed. Please fill it out and return it to the address on the survey no later than April 30, 1997.

Your input will help set the future direction of SAGA, so please fill out the survey and return it to us quickly. In future columns I will report back the results of the survey and any changes the Executive will suggest for the objectives.

Rod Delahey '80C
President

B.Comm. Hanmer of Govan, who were married March 8, 1996 and soon-to-be newlyweds **Greg Stokke '95C** and **Kim Crawford, RN**.

Wade Braaten '91C has finally sold enough bushels of durum to buy **Lori Lindstrom '95C** an engagement ring. They are flying to Vegas in early April to tie the knot. Wade farms near Abbey and Agrevo will miss Lori as she is quitting to move to the farm.

Bruce Marshall '94C is working in a

1998 Ag Grad Reunion

One of the S.A.G.A. traditions is the holding of class reunions, usually at ten year intervals, but some hold them more frequently. The organization works with the celebrating classes as does the Alumni office.

Corey Loessin '86C, vice president of S.A.G.A. has the job of working with classes that will hold reunions in 1988. He advises that the people listed below have agreed to serve as the reunion contact for their class. If you want information on plans, or wish to offer your help telephone your class contact (see below) or **Corey** at 966-4049 (office) or 827-2022 (farm).

Year	Contact	Telephone
1938 C	Stuart McBean	773-8988
1938 S	Frank Spigott	867-8287
1948 C	Eldon Norum	373-0148
1948 S	Barry Rugg	257-3657
1958 C	Dave Christensen	966-4152
1958 S		
1968 C	Stewart Adam	953-2782
1968 S	Lewis Reeve	554-2526
1978 C	Glenn Annand	354-7637
1978 S	Thad Trefiak	675-4436
1988 C	Mike Hoffer	446-1700
1988 S	Ewald Lammerding	477-1369
1993 C	Rod Lessmeister	477-5418
1993 S	Calla Blair	363-2115

Hitchin' post

Bill '95C and **Marni '96 BSN Hicks** were married at Biggar on December 30, 1995. Bill is employed as a sales representative with Rhone-Poulenc based out of Yorkton. Bill and Marni recently took a delayed honeymoon with a tour of Disney World and a Caribbean cruise. They were joined by **Brad '95C** and **Bonnie '95**

Food Analysis Lab in London, England. Bruce went to Europe shortly after graduation for what was intended to be a short holiday. After being there a few months, Saskatchewan's -40C weather did not appeal to him any longer so he got a work visa and moved in with a friend of a friend, who is now his fiancée. He and Alexandra will be married in London in the first weekend of July.

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Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association

Member Survey

Please circle the most appropriate response.

1.) The first objective of SAGA, as stated in the constitution is "to promote the social interests of the graduates of the College and School of Agriculture, University of Saskatchewan."

SAGA is meeting this objective.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree

2.) SAGA should continue to try and meet this objective.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree

3.) The second objective of SAGA is "to promote closer relationships among graduates and between graduates and the college including both faculty and staff."

SAGA is meeting this objective.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree

4.) SAGA should continue to try and meet this objective.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree

5.) The third objective of the association is "to keep graduates informed of recent developments in various fields of agriculture."

SAGA is meeting this objective.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree

6.) SAGA should continue to try and meet this objective.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree

7.) SAGA has traditionally held a technical information session on the Friday of Crop Production Week. SAGA should continue with these sessions.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree

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Member survey continued

8.) The fourth and final objective is "to co-operate with the University Alumni Association on its efforts to promote the University as a whole."

SAGA is meeting this objective.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree

9.) SAGA should continue to try and meet this objective.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree

10.) SAGA should be fund raising for the betterment of the University.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree

11.) SAGA should be fund raising for the betterment of the College and School.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree

12.) SAGA should be fund raising for the purpose of developing a scholarship fund.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree

13.) SAGA should NOT be fund raising.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree

14.) SAGA should be involved in the School of Agriculture review.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree

15.) SAGA should propose policy making ideas to the College and School administration.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree

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Broadway show songs. Two more discs should be in stores by late fall.

Harvey Goehring'57C, Winnipeg, gave **Daryl Kratchmer'84C**, curling organizer, a \$20 donation along with his curling entry fee. Daryl says that if Harvey figured on bribing him into an easy route to winning the Hutcheon trophy he'd have to make it at least \$50 next year!

Curtis Harren'90C, Calgary, has just spent three months in Brazil as a field biologist for Zeneca Agro. His wife **Janet Harren'90C (nee Fehr)** is busy with her career, as a surface land agent with Pan Canadian Petroleum Ltd. Curtis and Janet have been sneaking looks at poppa **Jim'65C Harren's** copy of *THE SAGA* and ye editor thinks it is time he bought the kids at least one life membership.

Marian Busch'82C is now a business systems analyst with Sierra Systems Consultants Inc, in Calgary. She and her husband **Ken Olsen'85BE** spent their Christmas vacation touring Taiwan, Thailand and Bali.

Ted'79C and **Sharon'80C Bonertz** are living in Denville, New Jersey, where Ted is marketing manager with American Cyanamid. They have bought a house because it seems they will be there for a time. So now they have room to host visitors!

Patrick Weatherald'96C is an account representative with the Canadian Wheat Board, Winnipeg.

Gene Busse'66C, Eastend, is still farming, but he's got sons who are coming back to farm.

Harold Amundson'67C, says he took retirement from Sask. Agriculture in June 1996. He is now a seed specialist for Prairie Seeds and doing some private consulting.

Warner Kabatoff'81S left his job as credit manager with Prince Albert Co-op and is now general manager of the Spiritwood and District Co-op.

Barry Olson'79C has moved to a new address in Lethbridge. He is a research scientist with Alberta Agriculture.

Larry Hayes'80C, long-time employee with FCC has found a new house to live in, but still in Regina.

After spending a ten-month term with Cyanamid, **Dave Molberg'95C** is now employed with the Scotiabank in Spiritwood, SK. Dave has some updates on his buddies as follows; **Jeff Morrow'96C** is working with BASF in Vegreville, AB, but he is living in Toefield with **Mike'94C** and **Deanne'96BSN Patterson**. Mike works for Master Feeds out of Edmonton. **Glen Pretty'96C** is currently with UGG in Yellow Grass, and will be starting a dairy farm near Weyburn this summer. **Ty Yeast'95C** and **Tanya Bruynoogh** are living in Red Deer, AB, where Ty is working for Altech. **Jody Allen'96C** is employed in Swift

Current as a sales rep for Agrevo.

Glen Hill'91C operates Greenfield Agro in Rosetown, which he purchased last year. **Dean Erickson'94S** is his field agronomist.

Cecil Stushnoff'63C is a professor of horticulture, with a joint appointment in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, at Colorado State University, Fort Collins. But that ain't all: He also serves as director of Plant Biotechnology, CSU and 20% of his time as administrator for USDA, reviewing state programs. Of course he also has to ski, golf, hike and those other things that control weight. They love Colorado but miss their friends in Sask.

Murray Flaten'83C has moved to Oakbank, MB., and is an analyst with the Manitoba Farm Mediation Board.

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Jim Rooke'51C and Holly Worrall were married in Victoria, B.C., on November 25, 1996. **Wally'51C** and Joy Doyle attended the happy couple and there were other old friends on hand to wish them well, including **Paul Turner'51C**, **Art'48C** and Phyllis Strautman. Joy Doyle is Holly's sister.



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