

University of Saskatchewan gets Nobel Plaza

The Nobel Plaza honoring the two Nobel laureates with U of S connections was officially opened on October 24.

The \$200,000 Plaza was sponsored by the Meewasin Authority and Meewasin Foundation and presented as a gift to recognize the university's 90th birthday. It also honors Henry Taube, who graduated from the U of S in chemistry in 1935 and was a Nobel Prize winner in 1983 when affiliated with Stanford University, California and Gerhard Herzberg, who won the Nobel Prize in chemistry in 1971. He had an illustrious career with the National Research Council, Ottawa.

The Plaza is attached to the main exit from the building and includes a speakers stand, steps and ramps to ground level, low walls for sitting on or leaning against and a large tiled area between the building and the Bowl. A great spot for lively, outdoor, student gatherings, but appropriate for more formal events too.

Ironically, a week earlier the doors to Convocation Hall were locked to permit strengthening of sulphate-weakened support pillars in the 86 year old building. Strengthening those support pillars will take a few weeks and a few thousand dollars.

But there are bigger concerns. The main structure, of which Convocation Hall is a part, was originally named the Agriculture Building, then renamed the College Building and later as the (now old)



Chancellor Peggy Mc Kercher and President Ivany were among the speakers at the official opening of the Nobel Plaza. The Greystone Singers, in dark gowns are on our left of the speaker stand, the College Building is on the right and the Agriculture building is in the background.

Administration Building, predated discovery of sulphate-resistant concrete by U of S chemistry professor Thorbergur Thorvoldson. Convocation Hall is about the only part of the building in recent use, the balance being shut down in 1987. Rebuilding, at a cost of several million dollars will be needed if it is to be used again. If rebuilding is not done it is possible that the entire building will remain closed with the new plaza the only functional part.

Have a Merry Christmas!!

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The Thundering Herd



Gary Kruger'81C, has forsaken the soil test job he had at Saskatoon and is now the sales agronomist with Cargill at Rosetown. Wife Roberta and their two sons are there too.

Robert Sharanowski'87C has been promoted to professional sales representative by AgrEvo, his employer. During his ten-year career he has advanced from technical sales rep to senior sales rep and now to the top rung of the sales ladder.

Bill Sherk'82C, his wife **Wendy'81BEd** and children John, Clare, Greg and Ben have moved from the land of the vanquished Calgary Stampeders, to Regina. It is a transfer to be near a winning ball team as he continues to toil for AgrEvo as customer relations manager in the cereal and oilseed business unit.

Bob'64C and Joan Bens were taking a break from combining flax when they learned they had won a house in Saskatoon in the Children's Wish Home Lottery. Bob, a farmer and economist, will probably admit that is the best return he ever got for a \$100 investment. The timing is very good too, as they were seriously thinking of easing out of farming near Biggar into living in Saskatoon.

Kent Fraser'84C has pulled up stakes and moved from Calgary to Greensboro, North Carolina. He has

Class of '62 celebrate #35

U of S grads scatter far and wide. But isn't it great that many see fit to get together occasionally. And isn't it fun to attend and see who got bald, who got grey, who got fat, or combinations of these and other changes.

The class of '62, one of the best to come out of the College of Agriculture, gathered at Waskesiu July 8,9,10. Bernie Sonntag and his planning committee worked hard, attracting 13 class members and 271 million mosquitoes! Keen folks from Vancouver to Quebec enjoyed the informal agenda - golfing, hiking, story telling, singing, dancing, resting

and fine dining - even a dinner theatre. Too bad some of our great gang couldn't make it.

After reviewing and evaluating the past 35 years, our crew then focussed on The next reunion. The consensus was that we do up our 40th in fine style in 2002. With any luck few will still be working - so we go for 100% attendance. Preferably somewhere that is warm, during the winter. Bob Bradley and Carol Mitchell were unofficially appointed as the start of the 40th anniversary planning committee. See you all there.

- **Bob Bradley, class scribbler**



Grads attending the Class of '62 reunion at Waskesiu. (Back l to r) Bob Mitchell, Glen Nelson, Al Graham, Terry Church, Bernie Sonntag, Arnold Tremere, Ray Harmel. (Front l to r) Peter Kirychuk, Terry Veeman, Gilbert Belzile, Bob Bradley, Jim Hart. (Not in photo, Eldon Ell.)

been with Novartis Crop Protection launching Horizon herbicide in Canada and must have done a pretty good job because he will be manager of cereal herbicides in the U.S.A. Kent's wife Leanne, David (7) and Danielle (9), are all looking forward to warm winters and watching the Carolina Hurricanes.

Randy Pistawka'81C continues to live at Okotoks, AB, and is now the sales and accounts manager for

Novartis Alberta.

Gordon Larson'78C has a new address, but still in Regina. He works for SAMA.

Denise Phipps'97C, Rodney Webber'97C and Brian Wormald'96C have all registered in WCVM.

Arnold Cornea'89C continues the family farming tradition at Drinkwater, SK. Says he tries to retain his sanity and some brain function by

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Home grown



Evan Victor was born to **Paul '83C** and **Annette Beaulieu** of Battleford, SK, at the Royal University Hospital, Saskatoon, on June 17, 1997. The proud grandparents are **Margot and Vic '49C Beaulieu**, Indian Head; Maria and Lawrence Meir, Maidstone. Paul left ACS and now is the regional manager for SAMA at North Battleford.

Darrell '83S and **Shelley (Berg) Morvik** welcomed their second child in April. He's a strapping big boy they named Tor. His sister Cleo thinks he's the best thing going. Darrell says they are busy farming and ranching side by side with the old boy, Lester Morvik '61S, in Eastend country.

Taras '86C and **Leann 'BE'86, BA '94 Borowetz** welcomed Kobe Raines, their second child, on September 1, 1997. He weighed 10lb, 1/2oz at birth. Proud grandparents are Peter Borowetz of Hudson Bay, **Gerald '59C** and **Maryann Ife** of Steep Creek, SK.

Rick '91C and **Rhonda Kawa**, Vermilion, AB, now have two children. The newest one is Cassandra Lyne, born on August 8, 1997 - a

husky 8lb, 14 ozs. and 21 inches long. Her 21-month old brother Garrett thinks she is a visitor and has been very good to her.

On July 5, 1997, **Cam '89C** and **Cyndi Seidle** welcomed their third child. She is McKenzie Morgan, sister to Scott(2) and Dane(6). The boys are quite fond of her but the three of them keep Mom busy. Cam and Cyndi are partners in the family seed farm and are currently expanding their herd of purebred Gelbvieh cattle - kind of in step with their expanding family.

Laura Catherine, weighing 7lb, 8oz, was born to **Paul '75C** and **Diana '80C Kneeshaw** on May 7, 1997. The Kneeshaws now live on Calder Court in Saskatoon.

Rob '91C and **Allison Eichorst** are pleased to announce the birth of William Robert Michael, their first child, on April 30, 1997. A big lad at 8 lb 12oz and 22 inches long.

The Eichorsts live in Swift Current where Rob is agronomist with Legault Holdings, the Esso agent.

Rod '80C and **Celeste Delahey** welcomed Marissa in January 1997, a sister for big brother Graeme, born in October 1995. Rod runs Heyday Communications in Saskatoon and is president of S.A.G.A.

Pat Beaujot and **Judy Woof, '81C** classmates, were blessed with the arrival of Max in May 1997. Pat reports that Max isn't real tall but he packs a lot of weight. Pat and Judy are both involved with Seed Hawk, the no-till seed planter, at Langbank, SK.

The president's pen

Recently I attended the College of Agriculture bean feed to present the Communications Award on behalf of S.A.G.A. Martin (Marty) Seymour won the award and for his efforts received \$150 from SAGA plus a framed certificate. I was surprised to learn that 58% of the 184 first year class members are women. I wasn't surprised at all when the majority of scholarships, regardless of year, went to women! Some things never change.

This year there are an unusually high number of fourth year students (161) who hope to graduate come spring. They report that the job market is good, with many firms interviewing for full-time and summer positions now.

SAGA has always had a hard time getting recent grads to buy memberships. This year **Jill Turner '82C**, membership chair, met with student representatives and developed a plan to give SAGA a higher profile with diploma and degree students. Preliminary ideas include a debate between SAGA executive members and a team from ASA/SVAA and a pub night for prospective who are SAGA members to meet students in a social atmosphere.

Currently, the SAGA executive is looking into the possibility of converting the little-used university barn into a university meeting and conference centre. If this looks feasible and attractive that project could become the focus of a fund raising activity by agriculture alumni and others. If it is decided to proceed, watch your mailbox. If you want to get involved at the ground level in this possible development give me, Jack Braidek or Bob Tyler a call.

Rod Delahey '81C
President

There's a man outside who says you owe him money.
What does he look like?
He looks like you better pay him.

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brokering mutual funds during the winter RRSP season. He must be doing all right because he sent along \$10 for a one year SAGA membership for his sister Michelle but payment for future years or life membership is up to her.

Rick Kawa'91C sent along some news and made ye editor's day by saying he enjoys reading The SAGA. He suggests we consider going on line and the idea has special appeal right now because the posties are settin' instead of sortin'. And e-mail could probably save us money. But there are still members who are without computers or "connections." But the idea is still worth pursuing because a dual delivery system might be feasible. The logical first step is for the editor to get onto e.mail, use it to gather news, then consider electronic delivery.

Taras Borowetz'86C still farms with his father and brother at Hudson Bay and enjoys water skiing at Ruby Lake in the summer. He has to be nice to his wife Leann because she controls the boat when he is skiing.

Lindsay Hanson'83C has moved across the river to Osgoode, Ontario, after living in the province of Quebec for five years and doing his bit for Canadian unity. He continues to work as a toxicologist, responsible for registration of pesticides in Canada's pest management regulatory agency in Ottawa. Their new home, for Lindsay, wife Elaine, Britt(5) and Kristjan(3), is about 25 km south of Ottawa.

Craig Halvorson'84C has left John Deere after 12 years of employment and assumed the job of General Manager Brandt Industries, Industrial Turf Division, in Regina. So he will be involved with Jacobsen turf equipment, Ditch Witch Trenchers and the like in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. He and his family are pleased.

Marry Morris'86C and husband Guy Yeo moved back to the farm at Gray, SK in July. Mary's new job is that of general manager of Mauga N.A Inc, in Regina, where she is trading special crops. Looking after their two daughters, Emma(3) and Sarah(7) makes it extra busy but they all enjoy being on the farm.

Glenn Gutheil'54C should really be retired, but Case people keep offering him new jobs. On Oct.2/97 he moved to a job as ag. equipment sales rep with Contractors Equipment Co., selling into Riverside and San Bernardino counties, California. They live on a golf course but are too busy to enjoy it. Snowbirds are invited - phone ahead to 909-506-5251.

Blaine Canitz'80C and **Jackie Frovarp'81C** sold Sutherland Agro back to Esso. Blaine is now assistant manager of Humboldt Flour Mills (HFM) ag services in Saskatoon.

Darryl Reynolds'81C married Janice Peake last summer and their son Sydney was born this July. Darryl is splitting his time between the farm at Nokomis and the Royal Bank in Saskatoon.

Bill Strautman'81C and family recently moved to Rouleau from Winnipeg, where Bill continues to write for Canola Guide and Grainews. Bill followed Teresa Vandenburghe, the primary family wage earner, to Regina, as she received a promotion with FCC. Hannah and Alexander decided to move along with Mom and Dad.

Jill Turner'80C and **Murray Walker'79C** have moved out to the farm, again! They are building a new house and tearing down the old one. Their three children moved with them but under protest.

Paul Gumprich'81C is in Chilliwack, BC, teaching at a local agricultural college, farming and con-

sulting. In his spare time he plans on how to make his second million.

Trish Meyers (nee Bardak)'94C began work as agronomist with Westco Fertilizers at north Battleford in August. Hubby **Shannon Meyers'95C**, a rep with Elanco Animal Health, decided to relocate to North Battleford too.

Congratulations to **Colin Steen'95C** and Angie Slater on their recent engagement. Both live in Rosetown, where Colin works for Zeneca Agro.

Jennifer Nitschelm'94C completed her MSc in soil science last spring and then headed west. She is now the agronomist for Rogers Sugar at Taber, AB.

Con Campbell'65C, outstanding soil research scientist and popular community member at Swift Current, was feted by a very large hall full of well-wishers on Sept.14. He and his family are moving to Ottawa. Friends and associates between Winnipeg and Calgary were on hand to wish them well.

Lynn Bryngelson'69S, Saskatoon, has two jobs and loves them both. As a pilot for Air Canada he flies B747-400s to Europe or across the Pacific. But he is only permitted to fly four international trips each month, leaving him plenty of time to farm at Elrose. Lynn's wife Heather and their two sons live in Saskatoon. Lynn is in his 25 the year with Air Canada. His father was a pilot and their oldest son has completed his flight training and is now in the Canadian Air Force, hoping to be chosen for F18 training. (Editor's note: Our sympathies are with the Bryngelson family on the death of Lynn's father Ernie, on September 27, 1997.)

Larry'80C and **Rhonda Hayes** have moved themselves and there two sons to Saskatoon. An FCC transfer.

Pooped deck



Gunnar'52C and Alice Pedersen, long-time Regina residents, are building a new home on the bank of the North Thompson River in Kamloops, BC. Gunnar says the new Dunes Golf Club pro shop is less than a block away and Sun Peaks ski hill is a 45 minute drive. Between the golf and skiing seasons Gunnar planned to do some landscaping and as usual take on any other projects that happen along. Friends and golfers invited.

Charlie'51C and Marion Thompson and their family hosted a barbecue dinner at their home on Chapel Road, Martintown, ON, on August 9, 1997. Sharing in the celebration of Marion and Charlie's fiftieth wedding anniversary were guests from Juneau, Alaska; White Rock and Alexis Creek, BC; Edmonton, Winnipeg, Milton, Toronto, Kingston, and many from Montreal who joined with local friends for the occasion. The weather was perfect for an outdoor event. Kimberley Havard, 16, of Hudson, Quebec added to the trib-

1940 Agro grad reunion

Seven of the 57-year grads and their spouses enjoyed a get together in Victoria, B.C. on June 15 to 18, 1997. They were hosted by Bruce and Grace Martin and May Campbell, widow of the late Ted Campbell. The group was joined by Gwen Barr, widow of Doug

Barr, Wally Clarke'42C, Joe Campbell'41C and their wives.

Another six members of the class sent along greetings and regrets. Ed and Christine Hudek will entertain the grads at Winnipeg in 1998.



1940 grads at the June reunion (l to r) Harvey Dunn, Arizona; Maurice Brounstein, Regina; Norman Scharf, Saskatoon; Walter Brice, Saskatoon; Ed Hudek, Winnipeg; Bill Thode, Saskatoon;

utes by the family as she graciously proposed the toast to "Gran and Gramp". A happy, memorable event.

Keith Downey'50C has found that canola seeds that spent some time in space germinate a bit better than seeds kept on earth. He had sent some seeds with Canadian astronaut Robert Thirsk on his 1995 flight on the space shuttle Columbia. Two thousand classrooms across Canada have agreed to grow the seeds and 500 have already done so. The project has shown the differences in germination and stimulated a great deal of enthusi-

asm in the students. Keith probably would have liked to accompany the seed into space but he's been so busy on low-level flights to places like China that he couldn't work the space shot into his schedule.

Joe Campbell'41C, Victoria, enjoyed being a guest at the 1940 class reunion. (His late brother Ted was a member of that class.) Joe would like his class members to hold a reunion and is willing to help get it organized. You can reach him at 503-777 Blanshard St., Victoria BC V8W 2G9 or by e-mail at jcampbell@pine.com

Greetings from the A.S.A.

Hello Ag Grads:

December is here and the Agros are still kicking. The college has 730 students and for the first time ever there are more females than males enrolled in first year.

October was a busy, yet extremely fun month. Ag Bag Drag(Goose) was successful yet again. We would like to express our sincere thanks to the grads who dropped hundreds of dollars and behaved so well at this event. Your support is what makes the dance so much fun to work at. This was the first time it was held at the Wheatland 'A' building and our organizers never missed a beat. With the usual activities of Ag Bag Drag week, like bat and ski races, we were also fortunate to have Kevin Hursh speak in the lounge to 150 students. And on Nov.5th the ASA hosted the Employment Fair with 31 companies in attendance, almost twice as many as last year. We were happy to see many agriculture grads representing those companies.

The college has been doing some high school visitations and would like to do more. If you know of anyone interested in this program, please contact the A.S.A. at 966-7742 or 966-7758.

If you are ever in the area feel free to stop by the lounge and maybe help pants an engineer.

Blue and proud,

Tyler Wiens
A.S.A. president and senior stick



Employment Fair

(l to r above) Murray Newton and Lauren Linell, Alberta Wheat Pool, chat with agro student Laird Wightman at the Employment Fair in the Dr. Leo Kristjanson Atrium, Agriculture Building, on November 5. Employers and students were keen.

College of Agriculture a large operation

The college has 350 employees, including professors, research scientists, research assistants, secretarial and technical support staff. Presently there are 1086 students enrolled in on-campus programs offered by the college.

The operating resources for the current year include \$13.0 million in research grants from external agencies and \$7.5 million in teaching grants from the provincial government. The college has approximately 3200 hectares of land.

The college has six academic departments, agricultural economics, animal and poultry science, applied microbiology & food science, crop science & plant ecology, horticulture science and soil science.

and from SVAA

Dear Ag Grads:

Greetings from the diploma program. It is off to a fantastic start, with enrolment way up. There are 91 students registered in first year, and together with the second and third years we have 192 enrolled in the program, up from 172 a year ago.

Chicken Feed, the annual awards night, was held at the Parktown Hotel on October 23. Thirty-five students received bursaries and scholarships valued at \$31,187.

Several minor social events have been held - all successful. And the first major function - the Thrasher Dance, held in the Sutherland Hall on November 14, went really well.

The debt that was incurred by the SVAA in 1994 has been paid off and the association now has a modest surplus. We have a very active executive in place and it has been busy planning several events for later in the school year.

The year has started on a very positive note and we look forward to continuing the momentum.

Yours truly,

Jim Wickett
VP, SVAA

Definitions:

Microwave: a small greeting

Clothesline: a solar dryer

Screen door: something the kids get a bang out of

Sausage: a hamburger in tights

Fat cat: a flabby tabby

Campus news

New Ag profs

Dean John Stewart, in his September message, listed a number of recent staff appointments. They include the following:

Phyllis Shand has been appointed associate professor, Applied Microbiology and Food Science. She is a BHEc(Foods and Nutrition) Manitoba grad with an MSc in foods from the University of Alberta and a PhD in Food Science from Colorado State.

Pauline Molder, who gained her MSc in 1987, was a professional research associate in Agricultural Economics before being appointed coordinator of the Co-operative Education Program. There are some 50,000 Canadian degree students in co-operative education and the number is growing quickly. The U of S Agricultural Co-operative Program, started in January 1996, has been well accepted by employers. In May 1997 there were 50 BSA students in the program. You can learn more about the program by visiting the college home page at

<http://www.ag.usask.ca/cofa/pace>

Ron Clarke'70VM, has been appointed president of the newly-formed Western Beef Development Centre. It is a strategic partnership of the beef industry, university and government, that will focus on enhanced profitability by the industry.

Vern Racz'68C is director of the newly created Prairie Feed Resource Centre(Canada) Inc.(PFRC), the only one of its kind in Canada. It's mission is to enhance the value and utilization of Western Canadian feedstuffs.

Bryan Harvey'60C has been appointed as University Coordinator of Agricultural

Research, a position held by **George Lee'60C** for the past nine years. George will resume his position as a faculty member in agricultural economics.

Bob McKercher'54C did such a great job of coordinating the construction of the first five stories of the Agriculture Building, he has been persuaded to do the same for the sixth floor. That will probably keep him busy until his retirement a year or so hence.

Bob says the 2,000 square meter of sixth floor space will be shared by the departments of animal and poultry science, microbiology and food science. He hopes construction bids will be called in 1998.

Jim Germida(BSA,U of Maryland, MSc and PhD,Penn State) was appointed Head of the Department of Soil Science on July 1, 1997. He succeeds **Darwin Anderson'72C**, who has held the position the last seven years.

Honors and awards

Pan Ming Huang, professor of Soil Science, University of Saskatchewan, has been selected as the autumn 1997 recipient of the Distinguished Researcher Award. The award recognizes a faculty member's contribution to scholarship. Dr. Wang joined the university after completing his PhD at Wisconsin in 1965 and is internationally recognized for his research in soil chemistry and environmental toxicology.

Al Slinkard, professor at Crop Science received Honorary Life Membership in the Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association and the Scientific Achievement Award from the Canadian Seed Trade Association.

Heidi Fuhr'97S has won the 1997 Canadian Association of Diploma in Agriculture Programs Public Speaking Award, valued at \$500. U of S diploma students have won this award three of the last four years.

Diploma Review Committee

Bob McKercher'54C co-chair of this university-appointed committee, advises that it submitted a report to the Vice-President(Academic) on September 3, 1997.

The next step, that of an external review, is now being organized. Once the external review is in hand the University Diploma Review Committee will prepare a final report and the university and college will then decide on how to react to it.

Other university notes

* Distance education is expanding in Saskatchewan. Students can now take the entire first year of the BSA program away from Saskatoon.

* 58% of the 265 students new to the College of Agriculture in the fall of 1997, are women. Students who have transferred from other colleges account for 41% of the newcomers. Students continue to be attracted to the BSA program because of its diversity of offerings and the prospect of careers in the agriculture industry.

* Students must have a minimum high school average of 70% to gain admission to the BSA program. Those admitted this year had marks ranging from 70 to 97% and the class average was 80.24%.

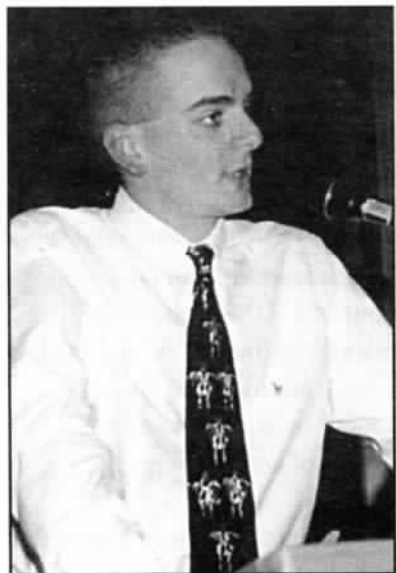
Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists Dedicates Wall of Honor

A Wall of Honor, bearing the names of 164 SIA members has been installed on the second floor of the Agriculture Building. It is located in an alcove on the left as you leave the atrium going toward the Engineering Building. Listed are the agrologists who have been named Distinguished Agrologists, given Recognition Awards or been named Honorary Life Members. Also those who have been named Fellows of the Agricultural Institute of Canada.

Nearly 500 agrologists, family members and friends from across Canada attended the dedication of the Wall of Honor on Nov.8.



Don Sutherland'52C added some class to the event by piping the crowd from the dedication ceremony to a reception in the Biology Building, then to dinner in Marquis Hall. It was good to see that Don has taken up the pipes again after many 'musically silent' years. As a college student he tormented (and occasionally amused) the neighborhood with his amateurish attempts at music-making. Then disaster struck. A truck bearing Don, his beloved pipes and a load of scrap iron overturned, destroying the bagpipes.



Lee Norheim, vice president of Agricultural Students Association, brought greetings to the agrologists and others at the SIA Wall of Honor dedication dinner.

The editor says

Join me for a few paragraphs of editorial rambling.

You should be aware that if more items had been sent in this space would have been used up with good stuff: Instead you now have to read this. Yes we need more items, and of course the best kind comes from our members.

Ross Evans'50C and Bob Mc Kercher'54C are two members who sent stuff in for this issue, as they usually do. Fred Fulton'50C also helped with writing.

Family names keep repeating themselves in the history of SAGA. For example A.A.(Spike) Smith, was in of the first Diploma graduating class in 1915 and president of SAGA in 1952, then ten years later his son A.G.(Bud) Smith '48C, took his turn. Art Delahey'52C was president in 1974 and his son Rod'81C, is our current president. Jock Blacklock'43C was president in 1958 a was his brother Ben'46C in 1965.

Much has been said recently about public financial support, and lack thereof, for universities. Many are turning to their alumni and other private donors to meet operating and capital needs. The recent MacLean's university survey noted that only 12 percent of the University of Saskatchewan alumni made gifts to their alma mater over the last five years - the fourth lowest donation rate among 15 Canadian universities with medical and doctoral programs. The widely-held belief that it's up to the government to fund universities, is probably responsible for the Saskatchewan situation.

Jack Braidek, editor

The hitchin' post

Kieran (aka Toby) Doetzel '83S, Bowden, Alberta, was married to Deb Boese, a good school marm with the same address, in July 1997. Reports from the '83 school "Green Slime" squad in attendance, say the big fellow never looked happier. It was a great western wedding and a fine opportunity to rekindle old school friendships.

Michelle Cornea '93C was married to **Raymond LeHeiget '93WCV**M at Winnipeg on July 5, 1997. They make their home in Winnipeg where Michelle works in computer services at United Grain Growers. Raymond is keeping the pigs alive and healthy for a large Manitoba producer, in addition to helping keep the family PMU operation going.

Iain Christison, a faculty member in animal science since 1970, married **Nadia Cymbaluk (WCV M '74)** in July 1997. Nadia did research on horses for many years and now works for a pharmaceutical company.

Brian Zwaan '80C and **Trish Dowling DVM** eloped to Banff and were married on June 15, 1996. They had a great honeymoon - riding their horses, getting chased by a bear —



Agriculture Canada Research has invested close to \$50 million expanding its research capability, located on the university campus at Saskatoon. The photograph above shows the current building - the old part is the centre, with a multi-story addition on your right and new greenhouses and headerhouse on the left. New functions and staff to carry them out have been added. Among them are seven oilseed scientists from the UK and a plant gene resources team from Ottawa. Preserving gene stocks is one of the new functions, especially in oilseeds, cereals and pulses. The molecular genetics scientists will use genetic markers to determine such things as seed color or disease resistance of a plant as soon as three days after it germinates. Development of new varieties should be speeded up considerably. The staff complement numbers 350.

They now live on a farm at St. Denis, surrounded by horses and other critters. Brian left his job with Rampart in Saskatoon and pursues his new job as Saskatchewan sales manager for Prairie Seeds. Trish continues her vocation as a professor in physiological sciences at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCV M), University of Saskatchewan.

Greg Fedusiak '81C '85WCVM married Katherine Nicol, a 1994 graduate of the Atlantic Veterinary College, this summer. They operate veterinary clinics at Foam Lake and Wynyard.

Michael Edwards '96C and **Cynthia Henderson '97C** were married on June 14, 1997 at the farm that was Mike's but which now has two owners. Near Nokomis.

Reunion years organize

The Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association was organized in 1935 and helping class reunions to happen, has been one of its main activities. The grads listed below have agreed to organize their classmates for a reunion on January 15, 16 and 17, 1998 in Saskatoon. If you are a member of one of those classes and have not been contacted, or lost your notice, or want more information, give your contact a shout.

Class	Contact	Telephone
1938C	Stuart McBean	773-8988
1938S	Frank Spiggott	667-8287

1948C	Gordon Wilson	373-1854
1948S	Barry Rugg	257-3657
1958C	Dave Christensen	966-4152
1958S	Jack Clark	463-3263
1968C	Stewart Adam	953-2782
1968S	Lewis Reeve	554-2526
1978C	Glenn Annand	354-7637
1978S	Thad Trefiak	675-4436
1988C	Mike Hoffort	446-1700
1988S	Ewald Lammerding	477-1369
1993C	Rod Lessmeister	477-5418
1993S	Calla Blair	363-2115

Empty Saddles



Mary Mildred Bens died peacefully at The Parkridge Centre, Saskatoon, on October 4, 1997 at the age of 84 years. She was predeceased by her husband, Russell; sister Florence Mahood; brothers, Jim Ireland and George Ireland. She is survived by her sons, Allan (Lesley) and **Bob (Joan) Bens'64C**; and four grandchildren, Susan, Marlis, Sarah and Katie.

Ernest Raymond Bryngelson, 84, of Elrose, died as a result of a traffic accident on September 26, 1997. He is survived by son Lynn (Heather) Bryngelson '69S, six grandchildren and his sister Gladys. He was predeceased by his wife Amy, daughter Karen, his parents, a sister and a two brothers.

Richard George Cannon'79C of Regina, died at the Vancouver General Hospital on August 17, 1997. He was 42. Following graduation Rick farmed with his family in summer and skied in the winter, becoming a very good skier and a member of the ski patrol. He also took part in a farm exchange program, spending a term on a New Zealand sheep farm. Rick was always taking one class or another and went to Quebec to learn French. There he met Nancy Yeo who became his partner for the rest of his days. They moved to Toronto where he was employed by Canada Agriculture, then to Saskatchewan in 1993. Rick loved farming and was usually around helping during seeding and harvest. He is survived by his

partner, Nancy Yeo; mother Winnie; sister Janice (Mac Shabsavar); brothers John (Anne), Gordon (Joanne), Allan (Debbie), Ron (Cora) and their families.

Rodney Daryn Dobson'96S left us suddenly and tragically August 1, 1997 while swimming at the family cottage at Jeannette Lake. Upon graduation from University he had joined his parents in their grain farm operation in the Herschel area. He is survived by his father and mother Terry and Dona; his brother Chad; and his sister Missy; as well as grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Brent Frank Ganzer'93C, Rosetown, died in a highway accident that also took the life of his friend Regan Crossman, on August 4, 1997. Brent was raised in west-central Saskatchewan, completing his high school at Unity. Following graduation he worked in turn at a seed plant in Nipawin, Copeland Seed Farm, Rosetown, Xcan Grain in Winnipeg, then with Sask. Wheat Pool at Wynyard and Rosetown. He had a wide circle of friends and was known for his motivation, dedication, honesty and loyalty to those around him. Brent leaves to mourn his parents Perry and Jeanette Ganzer; his brother Dylan, grandparents Frank and Francis Ganzer, Reward, Jane Rundell, Unity; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives. A scholarship fund has been established in Brent's name. Donations to the fund can be sent to the Unity Funeral Chapel, Unity, SK.

V.B. (Viv) Holmes'31BSP died in Regina on October 29, in his ninetieth year. In 1935 he joined the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture and retired in 1970 after 35 years of service. Viv had major responsibility for recurring grasshopper control programs - from the days of bait-mixing

stations to the later chemical sprays. He was, for many years, secretary of the Saskatchewan branch of the Canadian Seed Growers Association. Among the duties of that job was publication of addresses of Farm and Home Week, which included the annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Seed Growers. Viv was a charter member of SIA and received the Distinguished Agrologist Award in 1973. He received his 50-year membership pin in the Agricultural Institute of Canada in 1988.

Glenn LeRoy Levee, Radville passed away September 18, 1997 at the age of 91 years. Glenn truly lived to farm: Planting and harvest were his art forms. He worked closely with Agriculture Canada Research and many farmers visited to learn better how to manage 'burnout' soils. His ultimate pride was the fact that his son and grandson are "on the farm". Glenn leaves to mourn his loving wife Ella, daughter Wendy of Edmonton, son **Roy (Beth) Levee'57C** of Radville and his grandchildren Pam (Lorne) Bohay of Saskatoon, **Kim Levee'81S** of Radville, Shawna (Murray) Mandryk of Regina, and his great grandchildren Matthew and Kayla Bohay of Saskatoon. Glenn was made an honorary life member of the S.A.G.A. in 1984.

Calvin Alexander (Cal) McRobbie'49C, Saskatoon, died October 14, 1997, after a short illness. His first employment was with the Assessment Dept. for the Provincial Government from which he moved to Canada Permanent Trust Co. (now Canada Trust) until he retired in 1984. Cal is survived by his wife Connie; sister Myra Bailey, Saskatoon; a niece, a nephew and several cousins.

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Dora Maude Mitchell, Saskatoon, passed away at the Lutheran Special Care Home on October 7, 1997. She was predeceased by her husband, **John Mitchell**'24C in 1955; her sister, Beatrice O'Donnell in 1972; and her son, Donald John in 1995. Left to mourn her passing are her daughters, Dorothy (Alan) Fothergill, Saskatoon, their children, John and Moreah and great granddaughter, Jordanna, Vancouver, and Kay (Bob) Davidson, Saskatoon. Dora graduated with a BA from the U of S, then attended Teachers College and taught high school in the mid 1920's. In 1927 she married John Mitchell and over the next several years combined her many interests with raising their family and supporting John in his academic career in Soil Science at the University of Saskatchewan. After John's death she attended Business College and subsequently became secretary to the chief librarian at Murray Memorial Library until her retirement. (Note: John Mitchell was the first president of S.A.G.A., in 1935-36.)

Gregory Michael Mitschke'89C, 32, died on July 15, 1997. Greg grew up in the Langenburg community and worked for ACS following graduation. He was predeceased by his parents Margaret and Fred Mitschke, Langenburg and is survived by his wife Sherry; her family: Greg's siblings, **Ken**'72C, Marilyn, Bill, Tim, Al and **Bruce**'83C.

The death of **Allan Keith Moar** age 87 years of North Battleford and Semans, occurred on April 11, 1997 at the Battlefords Union Hospital, North Battleford. Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 64 years, Lillian, North Battleford, his son, **Ranald 'Bud'** (Muriel) **Moar**'56S, North Battleford, seven grandchildren and great grandchildren; sisters, Margaret Fellows, Lethbridge, and Muriel Woodsworth, Abbotsford, BC; brother, **Allister** (Rose) **Moar**'48S, Semans, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

John Andrew Reid'49S passed away peacefully at City Hospital, Saskatoon on August 5, 1997 at the age of 69 years. John is survived by his wife Jewel (Kernen) and family Doug (Joanne), Rod (Heather), Ken (Kris); grandchildren, Jonathon and Breann. Also survived by brothers, Jim (Marilyn) and Norman (Carol) and sister, Margaret Kylo. John's career was with the Treasury Department of the City of Saskatoon. He had versatile musical talents which he displayed throughout his life.

Hugh Robinson'29C, age 89 years of Swift Current,

and formerly of the Eastend - Shaunavon districts, died peacefully in his sleep at home on September 21, 1997. After serving with the Canadian Army in the Second World War, he was involved with agriculture in southwestern Sask. for the rest of his life, first as an enthusiastic Ag. Rep. at Eastend and Elbow, then as a full time farmer growing pedigreed seed and Simmental cattle. He was active in a great many organizations including SAGA. He is survived by his wife Gloria, and two sisters, Janet Lein, Estevan, and Barbara Neil, Regina.

Clifford Henry Whiting'29S, died August 18, 1997 at the age of 89 years. Cliff grew up and farmed in the Pleasant Valley area until 1987 when he retired and moved to Melfort. Many years spent in public service earned him numerous awards and recognitions, including an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from the U of S in 1963 and induction into the Sask. Agricultural Hall of Fame in 1977. He is survived by his wife Winnifred; brother Herman; daughters, Byrnee (George) Pellegrini, Marjorie Whiting; son, **Dale** (Marilyn) **Whiting**'63S; six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.



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Ag Grad Bonspiel

Saskatoon: Jan.16,17 & 18, 1998

Draw times and locations

All rinks will have their first game on Friday, Jan.10 at 4 pm. (Depending on the number of teams entered in the Hutcheon Event, there may be a 2 pm draw.)

A schedule will be in the sport section of the Fri. Jan. 16 issue of The StarPhoenix.

Rules

- * Every rink will play at least three games.
- * All games, including the finals, will be eight ends.
- * A buzzer will be sounded 25 minutes before the hour. This will be the signal for the teams to complete the end and play one more end only.
- * Ties will be decided by skip rocks with sweepers.
- * Each rink will have at least three SAGA members.
- * Non-members can play lead only.
- * The entry fee will be \$18 per player if paid by January 9, and \$20 if paid later.
- * Graduates must pay their annual or life membership in S.A.G.A. before curling.

Bonspiel Entries

- * Limit of 32 rinks in the regular draw and 16 in the Hutcheon event.

- * Entries close at midnight on Friday, Jan.9,1998.
- * Entries from individuals are welcome: you will be assigned to a team. Please indicate the position you prefer to play.
- * Entry forms must be sent in: Please complete all parts of the form and forward it with payment to:

Trevor Herzog
1606 Thompson Avenue
Saskatoon, SK S7H 2P9
(306) 955-2546(res)

Judy McMillan
Box 460
Asquith, SK S0K 0J0
(306) 329-4414(res)

Prizes

There will again be prizes for the two finalists in all four events. The Don Nakonechny rink, winners of the 'A' event IN 1997, helped arrange for these with the Royal Bank, Regina; Cargill, Saskatoon; Monsanto, Saskatoon and John Deere, Regina. The Sask. Agricultural Graduates Association thanks those firms for their support of this event.

Trevor Herzog'93S, drawmaster
Judy McMillan'79C, assistant drawmaster

AG. GRAD BONSPIEL ENTRY FORM

Position	Name	Mailing Address of all team members. (for newsletter) Street or Box No., City or Town, Postal Code	Grad Year		Life Member	
			COLL	Sch	YES	NO
SKIP						
THIRD						
SECOND						
LEAD						

Team Name _____

Hutcheon Event Yes No

Phone number where you're staying in Saskatoon _____

10th Annual Ag Grad Hockey Tournament

January 16,17 &18,1998
Agri-Place Twin Arenas, Saskatoon

Teams

* There will be two divisions, with a maximum of eight teams in the competitive division, and four teams in the recreational division.

* The first 12 teams will be accepted, including one student team from the degree and one student team from the diploma program.

* Due to limited ice time, only the first 12 teams submitting a \$100 deposit will be confirmed for the tournament.

* A minimum roster of 10 players per team is to be registered by January 2, 1998. Individuals interested in playing should contact William Hill by mail, phone, or e-mail.

William Hill, Box 26, Vanscoy, SK S0L 3J0

Telephone 668-2030

e-mail hillw@sk.sympatico.ca

Entry fee:

Competitive: \$450/team - 3 games minimum

Recreational: \$300 /team- 2 games minimum

\$100 per team deposit required by January 2, 1998

Grad participants must be S.A.G.A. members (\$10/yr or life membership). Since we must pay for ice time in

advance, receiving a deposit in advance, and the balance of the entry and membership fees before the first game begins is imperative.

Rules:

* Each team roster must have at least 75% School or College grads or undergrads.

* Teams may be organized on a regional, grad year or other basis. Student teams are to be a mixture of talent.

* Non contact, no slapshot rules will apply. S.A.H.A officiating.

Game Schedule

* Friday: 4:00 pm to 7.00 pm

* Saturday: 8:15 am to 6:15 pm

* Sunday: 10:30 am to 1:15

Consolation final - 10:30 am

Championship final -12:00 pm

Girls Hockey

If there is enough interest, a game between agro student girls and ag grad girls can be organized for Saturday. Interested players should contact Bill.



The University barn, a landmark since it was built early in the century, still stands proudly, but it is of limited value to the University farm or research programs.

Annual Meeting Notice

The annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association will be held in the Red Deer room at the Saskatoon Inn, 2002 Airport Drive, Saskatoon, Sask., beginning at 9:30am on Friday, January 16, 1998.

At 10:30am, the meeting will suspend other business to discuss the University Barn and possible involvement of SAGA in it's conversion to a centre for use by students and visitors to the University.

Members are urged to attend.

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Mon. Jan.12:

Flax Growers Western Canada, and Sask. Flax Development Commission

8:30 a.m. Registration(\$10 fee)
9:30 Annual general meeting.
Flax Council of Canada update
Flax agronomy & practices
Variety development
1:15 p.m. Biotechnology and flax
The Solin future
Market opportunities for Linola

Mon. Jan.12:

Saskatchewan Winter Cereal Growers

9:00 a.m. Annual meeting
1997, a review
Winter wheat market report
Financial report
KVD and new variety registration
Getting a winter crop into rotation - panel
1:00 p.m. Election of SWCG directors
What's in the future for rye?
Blending: who profits and what are the con-
cerns?
Market report for rye
New variety development in fall rye
Rye Council report
4:15 p.m. Second annual Bread and Booze cocktail
hour

Mon. Jan.12:

Saskatchewan Pulse Growers

1:30 p.m. Annual meeting
7:30 p.m. Wine and cheese reception - Prairieland
Exhibition

Tues. Jan. 13:

Saskatchewan Pulse Growers

8:00 a.m. Registration (\$10 advance, \$15 at door)
9:00 a.m. Pulse Canada: Taking on the world -

L.Minogue, Pulse Canada

Special crop demonstrations(SPOKE) sites
Biotechnology and pulse crops

CDC funding and variety release
Pea and lentil variety update
Bean and chickpea variety update
1:15 p.m. Concurrent session 1 - pulse agronomy
Concurrent session 2 - pulse marketing

Tues. Jan.13:

Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association

12:30 p.m. Annual meeting
Panel: Future of the seed industry. Is there room for
independents?
6:00 p.m. Banquet and awards presentations

Wed. Jan. 14

Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association

8:30 a.m. CSGA update
Seed standards review
New varieties update

General session (everyone welcome) Wed. Jan. 14 7:30 p.m

Subject: Ag-Biotech Insight '98

Chair: Kevin Hursh

Speakers:

Wilfred A. Keller *NRC*

Graham Scoles *U of S*

Margaret Kenny *Agriculture and Agri-Food
Canada*

Chris Mitchler *Consumers Association of
Canada*



Crop Production Week

January 12 to 17, 1998

Saskatoon Inn

Wed. Jan. 14

Sask. Canola Growers Association, and Sask. Canola Development Com. Canola Days

- 1:30 p.m. Systems approach to canola growing
Herbicide tolerant canolas
Sask. Canola Dev. Com. annual meeting
Canola/pea meal blend: The possibilities

Thur. Jan. 15

Sask. Canola Growers Assoc and Sask. Canola Dev. Com. Canola days

- 9:00 a.m. Canola market update
'97 Canola Production Centre results
Sask. Canola Growers Assoc. annual meeting
Transportation panel: Speakers from
Transport Canada;
CP Rail;
BC Terminal Elevator Operators;
and a farmer.
- 6:00 p.m. Sask. Canola Growers Assoc. banquet

Thur. Jan. 15

Saskatchewan Forage Council

- 8:30 a.m. Registration
9:00 a.m. Forage needs of the cubing industry
Contracting and growing alfalfa for the dehy industry
Double compressing hay in Manitoba
Feed requirement of the PMU industry,
Irrigated timothy production
- 1:00 p.m. President's report
Gapt program update
Aberta beef forage network update
Disease and management of forage legumes
Annual ryegrass project
Injection of hog manure into grassland
Committee reports and election of officers

Fri. Jan. 16 Saskatchewan Herb and Spice Association

- 9:00 a.m. Registration(\$25 fee)
9:30 a.m. General membership annual meeting
Update on CDC spice research
Update on SIDC herb research
- 1:00 p.m. C. Scheske, VP, Marketing Services, STEP

Fri. Jan. 16

Sask. Agricultural Graduates Assoc.(SAGA)

- 9:30 a.m. Annual meeting, Red Deer room, Saskatoon Inn
4:00 p.m. Hockey and curling begin
8:00 p.m. Mixer, Saskatoon Inn. Grads \$7, Ag students free

Sat. Jan. 17 SAGA.

- 8:00 a.m. Hockey and curling
5:30 p.m. Reception, dinner, dance at Saskatoon Inn
\$25/grad, \$20/ag student. Dance only, \$5

Sun. Jan. 17 SAGA

- Hockey and curling finals

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