

President's Pen

Another year is quickly drawing to a close and the annual grad reunion is on the near horizon. Preparations are well in hand, thanks to the capable event chairs and executive.

The College of Agriculture is nearly filled to capacity with new students this fall. The Degree program admitted some 283 first years', the Diploma program started with over 80 new people and the Certificates program is enjoying a record enrolment of over 230. These are indeed good times for students and graduates in agriculture, and it appears that career opportunities are still promising at this point. The slowdown (probably an understatement) in the primary sector will undoubtedly affect the whole industry, but we have to hope that farmers will survive and the situation is short-lived.

I attended the annual Bean Feed to present the SAGA Communications Award to Clarice Springford and Stephanie Dumonceaux. Both were winners of speak-offs held in the various sections of the AGRIC 291 class. The equivalent prize for the Diploma program was awarded to Pamela Altwasser.

A Dean of Agriculture search committee has been established because our current dean, Dr. John Stewart is retiring at the end of June 1999. SAGA was asked to contribute to the terms of reference for the committee, and following discussion by the executive, responded with a letter to

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Reunion '99 Shenanigans



You'all come out to the last blast of the century

Things are shaping up for the '99 reunion in the usual fantastic fashion, with ample provision for fun and frolic on January 15, 16 and 17, 1999.

As usual, the official honour years for both the School and College, are those multiples of ten years since graduation. The 1929, 1939, 1949, 1959, 1969, 1979 and 1989 classes will be recognized and honoured at the banquet on Saturday, January 16.

Of course there are likely to be other celebrations, such as those enjoyed by five-year grads and those who celebrate class reunions every year.

Following are notes on some of the reunion activities. Information on the curling, hockey, Production Week and related activities are on pages 10 to 15.

Mixer: This popular event will be at the Saskatoon Inn, beginning at 8:00 pm on Friday, Jan. 15, 1999 and ending when everyone decides to go home. \$8/grad and partner; No charge for ag students or their partners.

Banquet and Dance: At the Saskatoon Inn, with the reception beginning at 5:30 pm on Saturday January 16, 1999. \$25/ grad, \$20 for students, \$5 dance only.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
to You and yours

The Thundering Herd



Donald Fontaine'79C dropped his crown lands job and residence at North Battleford, and is now the rangeland specialist, located in Saskatoon. He didn't say how he was going to travel on the new job. A horse may be appropriate because he will be providing management ideas for 56 provincial community pastures, scattered all over Saskatchewan; but a plane, helicopter or even an ultra light might be more useful.

Darold Niwa'78C has gone country too - well sort of, by moving from Calgary to Medicine Hat and changing from regional administration to direct contact with "real people" out in the district. (Strange! **Jim Harren'65C**, Darold's boss at Cyanamid seems like a real person.) Anyway, Darold is looking forward to seeing wife Lynn, daughter Kendra(14) and son TJ(5) more often. He has also been buying some good quarter horses from his father-in-law and raising them out at Empress. He also says that Medicine Hat is a good vantage point from which to observe marriage discussions between Monsanto and Cyanamid - if they start coming after him he can see them from a long ways off.

Glen McGlaughlin'65C and wife Frances are all moved into their new home at Cochrane, Alberta. Glen plans to do a bit of consulting but that may interfere with golf, curling or visiting with friends. Call ahead and warn them you are about.

Perry Miller'84C has decided to burden the U.S.A. taxpayer for a while by taking an assistant professor position at Montana State University at Bozeman, Montana. In preparation he has traded his walleye gear for a trout fishing outfit, retired the curling broom and bought a new pair of skis. "Change is tough", he says.

Perry bumped in to **Joe Denomie'84C** on the Carrot River Golf Course, back in July, and reports that Joe shoots a pretty good game for a cowboy!

Mark Odegard'78C, wife **Pat'78C**, children Alana (15) and Eric (11), have been persuaded by his employer to return to Saskatchewan from Toronto. Mark is now regional vice president (Sask.), Royal Bank, headquartered at Regina.

Bart Lardner'91C, Saskatoon, completed his PhD last spring and has been appointed research technology transfer coordinator for the Western Beef Development Centre.

Murray Westby'53S, despite advancing years, is still President and G.M. of Westby Tractor, the long green line dealer at Watrous, but admits to allowing the younger generation to do most of the work. But he's still involved in all kinds of other interesting things. He retired as mayor of Watrous and president of SUMA in the fall of 1997 to gain more family and golf time but other



Professor Larry Fowke (left) and friend **Al McDougald'65** were in good humour at the fall convocation luncheon - with good reason. Larry, a plant cell biologist, had received the Distinguished Researcher Award, for developing new tools in both forest regeneration and crop biotechnology. His research is recognized world wide. He is a second generation professor at the U of S: His father Vernon Fowke, taught agricultural economics.

jobs happened along. He was appointed to Sask. Transportation Corp. board in January, 1998 and chairman in July. He has also been named to the "Task Force on Municipal Legislative Renewal" (whatever that is) in August and is also president of the Watrous Rotary Club. Wife Delilah, the grandchildren and the golf clubs wait in line for attention during his "retirement."

Westby keeps in touch with **Bob Young'53S**, who has retired from farming at Alameda. He built a new home at Kenosee to be closer to the golf course, but only uses it April to October and the rest of the year is at his pad in Mesa.

35 Year class reunion



1963 grads in attendance

Back row l to r: Richard Needham, Stan Barber, Don Westlund, Barry Raymond, Doug Mitchell, Andy Schmitz, Wilson Blair.
Front row l to r: John Singer, Dave Rutledge, Gary Storey, Bob Linnell, Ron McKinnon, Jack Ellis, Bob Stewart. (Keith Price, Gerald Dennison and Paul Shukin attended but missed the photo session)



1963 roundup crew

(l to r above) Frank Dunlop, George Wilson, Andy Schmitz

Members of the degree class of 1963 gathered at Moose Jaw on Saturday, June 20 and Sunday, June 21, 1998, to celebrate. The event was held in the Schmitz barn, located one mile north east of the city.

Nineteen grads and 16 spouses arrived on the scene on Saturday afternoon, toured the barn and enjoyed a barbecue. Visiting, reminiscing, swapping stories and the telling of tall tales, flowed freely late into the night, lubricated by a welcome rain and bottled refreshments.

On Sunday morning a pancake and sausage breakfast was followed by good byes and eager anticipation of the 40 year reunion five years hence.

A special thank you was extended to the hosts, Andy and Carole Schmitz. The huge dairy barn, a long-time district landmark, has been restored and is now used for a variety of special events.

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the search consultants. We've enjoyed an excellent relationship with Dean Stewart and wish him all the best in retirement.

The beginning efforts for the Barn Raiser's Fund continue. At this point in time about one-third of the funds have been raised for a feasibility

study. With a goal of \$30,000, additional donors are certainly welcome. You can contact the College of agriculture or the Development Office at the university.

This is my last opportunity to write this column, and it has indeed been a pleasure to serve as SAGA president

and work with our excellent executive. **Ewald Lammerding '88S** will take over the reins in January and I wish him well.

See you all at the reunion in January - the last reunion of the century!!

Corey Loessin '86C
President

Honours and Awards



Jenny and Dave Christensen at the convocation luncheon.

Professor Doug Waterer, of Plant Sciences, is the recipient of two recent awards: the Macoun-Hill Award for the best horticultural paper in the Canadian Journal of Plant Science for 1997 and the Ontario Fruit and Vegetables Association award, for the best paper on vegetable production in the CIPS in 1997.

Dr. Gordon Rowland, director of the Crop Development Centre, U of S, is the recipient of AgWest Biotech's first Distinguished Scientist Award. It recognizes "his outstanding career in crop research and new variety development, also his tireless work in creating public awareness about the significance of crop development.

Glen Hass'60C, received the U of S Alumni Service Award, presented to the alumni member who has provided outstanding service to the community. Glen is widely recognized for his work with rural youth, in agricultural extension with agricultural producers and organizations. He

Dave Christensen'58C, professor in Animal and Poultry Science, is the winner of the first J.W. George Ivany Internationalization Award.

The award, has been established by the University of Saskatchewan to recognize outstanding contributions by a member of the academic or administrative staff in furthering the process of internationalization.

Dave first served internationally in Uganda in 1970 to 1972 and in more than 20 other countries since then.

served as president of the U of S Alumni Association in 1990-1. Glen is now the SIA registrar.



Wendy Bates received the President's Service Award at fall convocation in October. The award recognizes exceptional contributions by non-academic staff and includes a cash award of \$1000. Wendy is in charge of co-ordinating alumni reunions at the U of S and anyone who has worked with her would agree that she deserves the recognition. Wendy does a great job and is a wonderful ambassador for the university.



Dr. Gwenna Moss received the Alumni Award of Achievement at the fall graduation exercises at Saskatoon. A native of Saskatoon and daughter of Harold Moss'24C, Gwenna has helped shape the policies and practices of teaching adults for more than 30 years. She began her career with the Extension Department and 4-H work and after graduate studies at Madison, Wisconsin, completed in 1970, she has taken on many challenging jobs at the university. These include serving as dean of Home Economics, associate vice-president (academic) and acting vice-president (academic). She now develops and co-ordinates programs for instructors at the U of S, and is administrator of the masters program in the agricultural extension program.

The University of Saskatchewan has bestowed emeritus status on the following retiring college of agriculture faculty members: **Rattan (Ron) Bhatti**, Crop Development Centre, 1971 to 1998; **Bob Mc Kercher**, Soils Department 1966 to 1998 and **Al Slinkard**, Crop Development Centre, 1972 to 1998.

Pooped Deck



Wilson'41S and **Ethel McIntyre**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a party at Kenosee Lake on July 3. Some 60 relatives and 7 or 8 from as far back as United Church Young People days attended the event. Two of Ethel's cousins were there from England: their first trip to Canada. Also present were cousin **Don McLaren'53C**, now happily retired in Yorkton, Ethel's brother **Bill Edwards**, who served as best man way back in 1948 and his wife **Noreen** from Regina, and their children from Regina and London, ON.

Wilson sees many agro friends at Golden K (Senior Kiwanis) meetings every Tuesday at 12 noon at the Nutana Legion, a block east of the Nutana Curling Club, Saskatoon. The members include **Jock Blacklock'43C**, **Doug Wilkinson'40C**, **John Kunkel'46C**, **Cliff Mathews'52C**, **Cliff Larson'50C**, **Lorne Paul'30C**, **Maurice Taylor'40S**, '50C, **Gerry Zoerb'48BE**, **Bill Lampman'49 Ag Eng**, **Ray Nicholson BSA Uof M** and **Art Sawatsky'47S**.

Wilson also sees some of the guys who worked with him at Agriculture Canada. They include **Ken Reid'48C** and **Wayne Oscvirk'68C**.

Ken Reid'48C and **Fred Langley'50C**, who grew up in neighbouring pastures can be seen punishing the turf on the Greenbryre golf course on occasion.

Eldon'50C and **Jean Anderson** left their native Saskatchewan and took up residence in Kelowna, BC in August 1998. "Our roots run pretty deep, so it wasn't easy," said Eldon. To date they have survived 40 degree heat, forest fires and political smoke but maybe things will improve. The fruit and people are great. (**Alan'49C** and **Margaret Dawson** live in the same neighbourhood.)

Gordon Bowman'52C and wife **Jean** have abandoned their home of many years in the Guelph, ON area and are now living in Calgary.

Frank Mcleod'48S, Regina, enjoyed his class reunions in January and June. He sees classmates **Fred Switzer** and **Ted Turner** now and again and had a visit on the street corner with **Ron Gallaway'48S** in early October. Frank has several projects on the go, including proof reading and data entry for the Saskatchewan Genealogy Society and teaching gun safety /hunter education for S.A.F.E.

Pete Petersen'52C sent in money to cover a couple of years membership. Says he is enjoying retirement and keeping very busy, also he's going south again this winter despite the devalued loonie.

Elmer Sandercock, Southey, who attended the School of Ag 50 years ago, sent in his membership and some news. Says that business commitments prevented him from completing the course. Elmer married **Esther McKenzie** in 1951 and they had two

S.A.G.A. Annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association will be held on Friday, January 15 at 9:30 am in the Saskatoon Inn.

All members are urged to attend.

boys and two girls, with all of them earning one or more degrees from the U of S or U of R. One of the boys is **Lyle Sandercock'83C**, who has taken over the farm but who finds ways to keep Dad busy. **Esther**, a rural municipal administrator has also retired.

Roland Brassard'58C, Lloydminster resident and world traveller, paused long enough to write a cheque covering the S.A.G.A. life membership of son **Michael Brassard'95C**, an appraisal agrologist with SAMA, in Regina.

John Peters, director of the School of Agriculture 1974 to 1994, has been appointed by the Mennonite Bible College, Winnipeg, as director of administration. John recently returned from a four-year stint with MCC in Bolivia.

The Alumni reunion weekend in June was a popular gathering occasion for ag grads. The 1943 college grads reunion attracted 21 members; the 1948 diploma group was featured in the August issue, and 21 members of the 1948 college also attended the Alumni reunion.

Empty saddles



Robert Lindsay Carr'47C, Saskatoon, passed away on September 11, 1998, after a brief stay in hospital. He would have been 88 years old on October 22. Following service in the armed forces and graduation, Lin was employed with the Saskatchewan Department of Cooperation and Cooperative Affairs, working with production and fur marketing coops, then from 1963 to retirement in 1975 with Agriculture Canada Research at Scott, SK. He is survived by his wife Marjorie.

John Ernest Dehm'48C, Regina, died in the Pasqua hospital, on November 8, 1998, after a courageous fight with cancer. He was 83 years old. Ernie served in executive positions with Saskatchewan Agriculture during his work career. He was predeceased by his parents; brothers Frederick and William; sisters Annie and Margaret. He leaves to mourn his wife of 55 years Evelyn, daughter Hazel (Bernie) Zaharik; sons Fred (Linda) and Barry (Chris), six grandchildren and his sister Louise.

Jane Turnbull Evans of Regina, died in a traffic accident enroute to Lac La Ronge on July 18, 1998. She leaves to mourn her husband, Richard Spafford, three children, Jed Evans (Serena Rieck), Kristin Evans and Leah Spafford, two grandchildren, her parents **Olaf'43C** and **Alice Turnbull**; her sister Karen

Richardson, Calgary; brother Bill (Debbie)Turnbull of Saskatoon; sisters Joni (Jim) MacDonald and Kate (Murray) Foster of Saskatoon. Jane was an artist and a tireless advocate for the arts, who was able to initiate changes to the position of arts in the province.

Margaret Given passed away peacefully on May 13, 1998 at the Westside Care Centre, Westbank, BC. Predeceased by her husband Eric in 1993, four sisters and four brothers, she is survived by sons **Stewart'50C** (May), Nepean, ON, **Tait'49BE** (Louise) of Vancouver, six grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. Margaret taught school many years in the Prince Albert district. She and Eric farmed near P.A. until 1972 when they retired to Kelowna, BC. She was very active in her community and was also president of the Homemaker Clubs of Saskatchewan 1944 to 1946. A memorial award has been established in her name for annual presentation to a Prince Albert East Central Public School graduate for achievement in language arts.

Anna Louise Keay was born on June 22, 1911, to Charles and Irene Clark, in a sod house near Unity, SK. She passed away peacefully in Unity on Nov. 6, 1998, a victim of Alzheimer's disease. Anna was a horticulturist and grew a huge garden, fruit trees, flowers and shrubs. She and her friends were always swapping slips, roots and cuttings. In later years she became interested in cactus varieties and had a table full of them in the living room. She led the 4-H garden club and was always taking courses - a firm believer in continuing education. Left to mourn are Alex, her devoted husband of 58

years; her daughters, **Irene'65C** (**Derald'65C**) **Ahner**, Maple Creek and Sheila (Allan) Carey, Kamloops, BC; four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Leila Nellie Logan passed away at the Gull Lake and District Special Care Home on October 30, 1998 at the age of 99 years. She is survived by sons **Don'49C** (**June**) **Rennie**, Saskatoon, Ken (Faye) Logan, Gull Lake; daughter Carole (Wilf) Haberman, Cranbrook, BC, daughters-in-law Helen Rennie, Saskatoon, Lucille Rennie, Humboldt; son-in-law Art Anderson, Creston, BC; siblings Gerald Andrews, Victoria, BC, Mary Bonnycastle, Toronto, Betty Richard, Winnipeg, Gertrude (Rae) Moar, Cochrane, AB, Emily (Ken)Moar, Winter Park, Florida; sisters-in-law Joyce Andrews, Ottawa, Laura Logan, Gull Lake and Alleen Logan, Maple Creek; 24 grandchildren and 58 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her first husband Edward McKenzie Rennie in 1934 and her second husband Clifford Roy Logan; sons Robert, Gerald and Jack Rennie and daughter Nora Anderson.

Beryl McLeod, Regina, wife of **Frank McLeod'48S** for 45 years, died on September 7, 1998 after several years of deteriorating health. She is survived by Frank, daughter Brenda (Eric) Anderson, Regina and son Ian (Dori) McLeod of Surrey, BC.

Constance May McRobbie of Saskatoon, died on September 15, 1998. Connie was predeceased by her husband **Cal'49C** on October 14, 1997. She is survived by her sisters, Jean Atto, Winnipeg and Sheila (Charles) Jacobs, Riverside,

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California; sister-in-law Myra Bailey, Saskatoon, niece Jennifer Bailey, Saskatoon, nephew Jim (Gloria) Bailey, Medicine Hat, and cousin Keith (Joyce) Douglas, Saskatoon.

William Murray Riddell '49C

died suddenly in Saskatoon on September 19, 1998. He was 73 years old. Murray served with the R.C.N.V.R. on the HMCS Huron, a tribal class destroyer on the Murmansk run and other other naval escort duties before entering the College of Agriculture in 1945. He continued his education with a Certificate in Business Administration from the U of S in 1962 and in Advanced Management from the Banff School in 1971. After graduation from the College Murray worked briefly for the Dominion Economics Division, Agriculture Canada, then until 1967 with Chipman Chemicals before being appointed administrative assistant to the dean of Western College of Veterinary Medicine, a position he held until retirement in 1989. Murray was a great friend to all who knew him and a devoted supporter of the university. He was president of the Sask. Ag Grad Association in 1964 and was named an Honorary Life Member in 1970. He served as president of the U of S Alumni Association and of the Saskatoon Exhibition Association. Murray was predeceased by his parents, Alma and George Riddell; sisters Muriel McDonald and Elta Farnsworth and brother Hugh Riddell. He is survived by his loving wife **Betty C. Riddell** (nee Welcher) '49BSP, sister-in-law Irene Riddell, nieces and nephews.

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Comments from the combine

by Corey Loessin '86C

Corey's message for the August issue of THE SAGA, arrived late, but in good time for this issue. So here it is. Editor.

On behalf of all SAGA members - congratulations to those inducted into the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame on August 9, and to those inducted in previous years. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

The agricultural fair in Radisson, our home town, is held in early August each year. Although it coincided with some early harvesting this year, it was again quite an event for the community and area.

Teams of slo-pitch players came from all over. There were horse trailers from as far as Alberta for the gymkhana. Of course there were exhibits, a dance, food and beer gardens.

A vintage tractor pull on Sunday afternoon brings old tractors and their owners from some distance too. My volunteer job for the day was to pull the sled back to the starting position after each pre-1960 workhorse put in it's effort. It was 37 degrees that day so the air conditioned cab of the pull-back tractor was a good place to watch the action.

There were W6s, W9s, some Cases, a "D" and many others. A few puffed blue or black smoke, some wore a rusty coat where once was paint, others were totally restored and polished. There was an old IH on steel wheels that pulled really well; the solid shaking it gave the driver revived my



respect for the pioneer farmers who rode those things over acres of breaking and rocks to put land into farmable condition. The agricultural industry owes much to those tough enough to stick with it and improve things for all of us.

It was interesting to see the reactions of retired farmers as they admired the various tractors, no doubt recalling some of the time spent on those unyielding metal seats; identifying the good features of this model and the weak spots on that one. They knew someone that had one like this, and could tell you what they cost new.

Overall it was a great event to bring younger and older farmers together. One younger farmer from Speers brought four tractors for the day. A few guys were seen running around with wrenches getting their entries running properly before the big pull. The heart and spirit of agriculture in rural Saskatchewan is alive and this nostalgic day exemplified that. I think this same ray of optimism for agriculture is captured every year as the Agricultural Hall of Fame inducts new members. Congratulations again.

Greetings from the Undergrads

From the Voc Ags

Hello and greetings from the Voc Ags. I will bring you up to speed on our accomplishments this year to date.

To start things off we had our big brother/sister, little brother/sister night and it was a huge hit. It allowed the first years to be paired up with an upper year for a night on the town. Chicken Feed, our awards night was held on October 29. We had a supper, the awards were handed out to the elite students, then we danced.

We are preparing for our THRASHER dance, which will be held on November 27, and hoping for a good turn out. We are also gearing up for some of our charity work, such as Secret Santa. For this we go out and purchase toys for underprivileged children and give them to City Hall for distribution. Last year we had huge news coverage of this event, which was great for Voc Ags and I hope we can have a repeat performance.

This year we have a sizable crew with a total of 193 students enrolled in the diploma program. As most of you know, major changes are being made in the diploma program and I hope the enrolment stays around that 190 students per year. The program is being changed back to a two year program that will start and finish the same time as the other colleges on campus. A curriculum review is also being done which will update the course content and hopefully

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From the College

Once again the ASA is in the middle of a busy and fulfilling year. On September 8 the A.S.A. hosted its annual first year orientation - and it was a huge success. We explained what being an Agro was all about, and had a lot of fun doing so. Following the large group orientation we conducted a tour to familiarize first year students with the campus. Since then first year participation has been spirited and proud. We feel this is extremely important because these are the people who will be continuing the proud Agro tradition.

As an organization we continue fund raising activities such as United Way Blitz, Telemiracle and Blood Drives. Up to November 12 our United Way Blitz had raised almost \$4000. We also had great success with the Blood Drive; Once again the Agro spirit showed through, as we beat the Engineers 121 to 93. As for Telemiracle, we have not decided how we will attack fund raising, but members are already bringing forward ideas. We would love to meet, or beat, our achievement from Bed Push which raised \$10,350 last year. Giving back to the community is as important as the efforts we put into social activities.

In the past summer the A.S.A. was forced to look for an alternate bar because of a change in ownership. After numerous meetings with other bars and the King George, it was decided that in the best interests of the A.S.A. we should move to the Club Lux. It has opened us with open arms and by observing participation by our members it is easy to conclude that the feeling is mutual..

This year the A.S.A. experienced great difficulty in getting a liquor license for Ag Bag Drag (goose). We received a letter from the president of Sask. Liquor and Gaming stating that we would not receive a permit for the Ag Bag Drag this year. Through numerous letters, meetings and telephone conversations we were able to negotiate a maximum of 1500 people and 12,000 beer. We were also warned by Sask. Liquor and Gaming, along with City Police that if A.S.A. did not deliver on its promises for this year that we would not be granted another liquor permit for Ag Bag Drag. So we had to adopt a number of

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Agro students at the annual Ag Bag Drag (goose) ticket kickoff.

College of Agriculture Happenings

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Enrolment

In his October, 1998 report to the University Senate, Dean John Stewart presented the following enrolment figures.

Year	1995/6	96/7	97/8	98/9
Programs				
Certificates in Agriculture*	234	265	230	250
Prairie Horticulture Certificate	98	125	140	145
Diploma in Agriculture	153	172	192	180
B.S.A. degree	668	705	729	760
Postgraduate(M.Sc., Ph.D.)	207	206	203	200

* These now include curricula in crop production and farm business management. A Pork Production Certificate Program is being developed. Certificate programs are delivered by distance education and demand fewer staff and space resources than the Diploma and BSA programs.

If one adds up the student numbers in all of the programs one sees a steady growth in student numbers, from 1360 in 1995/96 to 1535 in the current year. The increase is fairly evenly distributed between the certificate/diploma students and those taking a BSA degree.

Student entry marks

The high school marks of students entering the BSA program have been edging upward over the years, with the average mark as follows:

1992 - 76.3	1996 - 81.0
1993 - 78.0	1997 - 80.2
1994 - 79.7	1998 - 82.1
1995 - 80.2	

The trend raises some questions, such as: Is the college attracting higher-achieving students than in the past? Is our school system cranking up marks to enhance the prospects of their graduates? Are the higher entry marks reflected in fewer dropouts and higher achievement levels in the BSA student body?

The 80-plus average may strike fear in recent entrants, who's marks are closer to the 75 percent minimum, and awe in those alumni who never did reach that lofty plateau - in high school or at university!

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add more options. It is our hope that all the changes will improve it for future farmers. If you have any suggestions to offer do not hesitate to send them along. I will gladly take them to meetings with those responsible for developing the new program. Call me at the Voc Ag office at (306) 966-7751 or drop around to our lounge in the Agriculture Building.

Sincerely,
Trevor Scherman
 President SVAA

new rules. The good news is that all of our efforts did not go unnoticed and both the City Police and Sask. Liquor and Gaming were happy with our efforts. We thank all grads who were in attendance for understanding our position and for complying with the new rules. The end result is - the Tradition of Drag lives on!!

Our memberships for the year is roughly 420 strong: we are looking forward to the end of the first term, then to the end of April so we can start earning that much needed money.

Ryan Russell
 President and senior stick

The A.S.A. executive members for 1998/9 are:

President/senior stick	Ryan Russell
Internal vice president	Brent Kosior
External vice president	Rob Stone
Public relations officer	Lee Nordheim
Academic vice president	Caroline Crickett
Treasurer	Michelle Hagele
Secretary	Rebecca Holden
External social	Jean Laing
Internal social	Gaylene Leggett
Councillor	Kris Bryan
Female sports rep.	Susan Heather
Male sports rep.	Wade McNeil
Internal communications	Jean Lundquist
External communications	Trevor Middlekoop
Morale booster	Kris Kotzer
Second year rep	Robyn Morley
Lit. photo	Maureen Doepker
Employment officer	Shanna Shroeder
Inventory director	Aretha Parkin
Lounge chair	Aaron Ivey

Feel free to contact any of the above at the A.S.A. office at (306)966-7742.

10th Annual Ag Grad Hockey Tournament

January 15,16 &17,1999

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 3,1999. Individuals interested in playing should contact William Hill or Larry Hayes.

William Hill Home 668-2030

Larry Hayes Home 373-2235

Work 975-4248

Fax 975-4846

Entry fee:

Competitive: \$450/team - 3 games minimum

Recreational: \$300 /team- 2 games minimum

\$100 per team deposit required by January 3,1999.

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.

Grad participants must be S.A.G.A. members(\$10/year or life membership).

Rules:

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

* 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: 8:00 am to 6:15 pm

* Sunday: Consolation final - 10:30 am
Championship final - 10:45 am

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 or Larry.

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James Duncan Scott'56S of Scott, SK, died suddenly on April 24,1998 due to heart failure. He was 62 years old. He took a very active part in the community, serving in the NFU, as a Pool committee member for over 30 years, in the curling club, on the Wilkie Co-op board of directors, on the NDP constituency committee and the United Church board. A bachelor, he operated the farm which had been in the family since 1906. He is survived by his cousin **Donald Scott'46S** of Wilkie.

Norma V. Watson of Islington, ON,

born on July 3,1924, died suddenly at the Etobicoke General Hospital on September 6,1998. She is survived by her husband, **Doug Watson'48C**, daughters Diane (Gregg) Sweeney, Karen (Mike) Hoare, Lynn (Andy) Bunker and seven grandchildren.

Vernon Arthur Wildfong'44S of Craik, SK, aged 74 years, passed away suddenly on Friday October 9,1998. In 1947 Vern and his brother Bert began custom combining in the United States and continued to do so until his death, with two wonderful celebrations recognizing his 50 years of custom combining in 1996. He married Hazel Measner in 1949 and they moved to

Alva, Oklahoma the next year and except for a few years of farming south of Regina in the 1950's, lived at Alva until 1963, when they returned to farm in Saskatchewan. Vern was one of the 12 founding members of the Palliser Wheat Growers Association in 1970 and was politically active, behind the scenes. Vern was predeceased by his wife Hazel in 1984, brother Bert in 1996, sister Mary in 1930. He is survived by his daughter **Karen (Gerry'68S) Payant**, Rouleau, two grandchildren, sister **Gladys (Joe'47S) Martin**, Sifton, brothers Jim (Elaine) of Wetaskiwin, AB and Ray (Doris) of Athabasca, AB, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ag Grad Bonspiel

Saskatoon: Jan. 15, Jan. 16, and Jan 17, 1999.

Draw times and locations

All rinks will have their first game on Friday, Jan. 15 at 4:00 p.m. (Depending on the number of teams entered in the Hutcheon Event, there may be a 2 p.m. draw.)

A schedule will be listed in the Friday, Jan. 15th issue of the StarPhoenix.

Rules

- Every rink will play at least three games.
- All games will be eight ends, except for the finals, which will be ten ends.
- In the eight end games a buzzer will be sounded 25 minutes before the hour. This will be the signal for the teams to complete the end they are on plus one more.
- 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 5th, and \$20 if paid later.
- Graduates must have paid 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, January 5th, 1999**
- Entries from individuals are welcome; you will be assigned to a team. Please indicate the position you prefer to play.
- Please complete all parts of the entry form and forward it with payment to:

Judy MacMillan
Box 460
Asquith, SK
S0K 0J0
329-4414 (home)
329-4647 (fax)

or **Stuart Cutts**
754 Kingsmere Blvd.
Saskatoon, SK
S7J 4E9
373-7131 (home)
933-7997 (fax)

Prizes

There will again be prizes for the two finalists in all four events.

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 _____

College of Agriculture

Class of 1949: 50 Year Reunion

There are two reunions
Why not attend both ?

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Reunion A: January 15 & 16, 1999 at the Saskatoon Inn

The Saskatchewan Agriculture Graduates Association (SAGA) will offer a full set of activities including: a Mixer, Curling, Hockey, Banquet and Dance. Also a special Class of '49 dinner on Friday evening, Jan. 15.

Reunion B: June 25-27, 1999: With the U of S Alumni Reunion.

The U of S Alumni has invited us to join them and if you sign up details of the program will be sent to you. To that program the Class of '49 has added a dinner at the Faculty Club on Friday, June 25, and a lunch and tour of the Seager Wheeler Historical Farm at Rosthern on Saturday, June 26.

Please complete the questionnaire below and send it (by Dec. 20) with a brief "Sketch of your life", including family statistics and a picture of you in 1949 and a recent photo of yourself to:

Wendy Bates
C/O Alumni and Development
University of Saskatchewan
236 - 117 Science Place
Saskatoon, SK S7N 5C8

Home Grown



Scott '87C and Teresa '90C

Sahulka of Swift Current, proudly announce the birth of their second child, daughter **Ashley Elizabeth**. She was born on August 2, 1998 and weighed a healthy 7lb. 14 oz. Older sister **Courtney**, then 19 1/2 months old, has willingly given up her spot as the baby in the family and taken on the more important role of big sister and helper to Mom and Dad. Scott has recovered from the birth and is busy at his job with Farm Credit Corp; Teresa is on leave from SAMA.

Melody Howlett '93DVM gave birth to **Kai**, a baby boy, on October 3, 1998. She and poppa **Percy Howlett '84C, '88DVM** were surprised because the scan had indicated a girl - not an 8lb, 2oz, 20 inch tall boy. The Howletts operate **Tumbleweed Veterinarian Services** at Fort QuAppelle.

Celeste and Rod '80C Delahey, Saskatoon, are proud parents of **Cameron Lewis**, born on October 19 and weighing 7lb 15oz. He is competition on the home front with sister **Marissa** and brother **Graeme** and a delight to grandparents **Sylvain and Anne Dumonceaux**, Langbank, **Art '52C and Liz Delahey**, Riverside Estates, SK.

College of Agriculture 50 year reunion

Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

Phone _____

A. SAGA reunion: January 15 & 16, 1999

I/we plan to attend Yes___ No___

Fri. Class of '49 dinner Yes___ No___

Fri. SAGA mixer Yes___ No___

Sat. SAGA banquet/dance Yes___ No___

I wish to curl on a '49 rink Yes___ No___

Position preferred _____

(Make your own room reservations.)

Call the Saskatoon Inn at 1-800-667-8789)

B: U of S Alumni Reunion, June 25-27

I/We plan to attend Yes___ No___

University Happenings

University buys building for \$1

The PFRA-Peterson building at 105 North Road on the campus has been sold to the university for \$1.

The building was the scene of much pioneering work on large-earth structures, such as the Gardiner Dam, completed in 1967. At its height of activity up to 100 engineers, technicians and administrators worked out of the building. In more recent times only a couple of dozen staff members of the northern Saskatchewan PFRA regional group had been housed in the building and they had relocated to Innovation Place.

Long term plans for the use of the building are being developed: It may be put to good use if the synchrotron comes to the campus.

(Source: on Campus NEWS, Sept. 4/98)

Generous gift to U of S

Ted and Margaret Newall, Calgary, 1958 grads from the U of S in Commerce and Arts have contributed \$1 million to their alma mater. Nova Corporation, the company Ted had served as CEO before retiring, is matching the donation. Similar donations have been made to the University of Calgary.

The money will be used to provide undergraduate bursaries for students who are in need, whose permanent address is outside Saskatoon, and who obtain at least a 75% average in high school. Newall says he and his wife decided on this form of gift "because we would like people like ourselves, who come from small towns, to have the chance to obtain a university education."

The donations will be used as a bursary fund, with some of the interest earned each year used for awards and the rest recapitalized, allowing the fund to grow in perpetuity.

Beginning this fall, 18 students each year will receive \$5000 each to support them in their studies.

(Source: on campus NEWS, Sept. 4/98)

Noted physicist dies

Dr. Harold Johns, OC, who in 1951 led a U of S physics team in developing and manufacturing the world's first, non-commercial cobalt-60 therapy unit to treat cancers, died in Kingston, ON on August 23, 1998.

A device modelled after the U of S cobalt-60 unit eventually was used in some 2500 cancer treatment centres around the world.

(Source: on campus NEWS)

New university president

Peter MacKinnon, a P.E.I. native, has been named the president of the U of S effective July 1, 1999. He attended university at Dalhousie and studied law at Saskatoon and Queens University, Kingston. In 1978 he was appointed associate professor in the College of Law and served as dean from 1988 to 1998.

Notes about Crop Production Week

* Cooking With Pulses, a special new program, will be held on the afternoon of Jan. 12. It will include cooking demonstrations, taste tests and helpful hints. (\$10 registration before Jan. 7, \$15 after)

* The Crop Production Show will be on January 12 to 15 at the Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition.



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Monday January 11

8:00 a.m.
 9:00 a.m.
 10:15 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

2:15 p.m.

Flax Growers Western Canada/Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission

- Registration (\$10.00 advance, \$15.00 at the door)
- Welcome and Business Portion of the SFDC - C. Hale
- Update from Flax Council - G. Hanley; Solin Markets and Uses - P. Dribnenki, UGG
- Variety Development and Establishment of Flax Testing in Eastern Sask. - Dr. G. Rowland; Technological Potential - B. Stefanson, AIMS
- Canada Thistle and Flax - Dr. T. Wolf; Flax in Health Research - Dr. K. Prasad; Precision Farming - D. Hildebrandt, Ramboc Enterprises
- Marketing - SWP; Flax Straw Potential - Durafibre

Monday January 11

12:00 Noon
 1:10 p.m.

3:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

Saskatchewan Pulse Growers

- Registration (\$10.00 advance, \$15.00 at the door)
- Pulse Crop Agronomy: Pea and Lentil Agronomics - G. Lafond, AAFC; Pulses in Rotations - V. Johnson; Research and Development Program - G. Annand, SPG; Supplemental Fertilizer - F. Walley, U of S; Chickpea Agronomics - R. McVicar, SAF
- Annual General Meeting
- Beer and Bean Bash Reception at Prairieland Exhibition

Tuesday, January 12

8:00 a.m.
 9:00 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

1:30 p.m.

Saskatchewan Pulse Growers

- Registration
- Maximizing Your Net Returns: Global Outlook for Animal Feed - M. Makowsky, SAF; Pulse Marketing - K. Langmaier; Market Outlook - K. Hursh, Saskatoon; Managing Costs of Production - L. Gramiak; Extension Program - G. Cresswell, SPG; Pulse Production Prospects - L. Stevens, Eagle Creek Processing
- Lunch and Awards
- International Market Opportunities: Food Trends in Latin America - G. Silva, Walker Seeds; Market Development - J. Serhienko, SPG; International Pulse Opportunities G. Bacon, Pulse Canada; New Developments in Pulse Agronomy: Pulse Varieties - B. Vandenberg, CDC; Variety Release Program - G. Meier, SPG; New Herbicides - K. Kirkland, AAFC

Tuesday, January 12

12:30 p.m.
 3:15 p.m.
 3:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association

- Annual Meeting Registration and Coffee
- Seed Standards Review - B. Reisner, CSGA National Director
- Plant Patenting: Protection or Restriction? Panel: G. Bauman, Limagrains Canada; Dr. B. Harvey, CDC, U of S; Dr. B. Innes, Mycogen, L. White, ScCan; Moderator: R. Anderson, Germination Magazine
- Cocktails; Banquet and Awards Presentation

Wednesday January 13

8:30 a.m.

Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association

- Canadian Seed Growers Association Report - L. Johnston, W.K. Robertson
- Transporting Dangerous Goods - B. Reisner CSGA, Canadian Seed Institute - J. McCullagh
- Canadian Wheat Board IP Programs - B. Fedak, CWB Market Development; New Varieties Update - B. Rossnagel, CDC, U of S; D. Gehl, Ag Canada, Indian Head

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Wednesday January 13 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Saskatchewan Mustard Growers Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Annual Business Meeting - Election of Directors • Market Opportunities for Mustard • Agronomic Information • Mustard Research Results
Wednesday January 13 1:30 p.m. 2:15 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Saskatchewan Canola Development Commission/Saskatchewan Canola Growers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCDC Business Meeting • Oilseed Markets - T. Mielke, OilWorld Newsletter Editor, Hamburg, Germany • Variable Rate Fertilization in Canola Production - Dr. D. Pennock, U of S • Global Weather Patterns - B. Abrahamson/T. O'Brien, PFRA
Wednesday January 13 7:30 p.m.	General Session (EVERYONE WELCOME) <i>Precision Farming - Tool and Techniques into the 21st Century</i> Dr. C. Johannsen, Purdue University; R. Hobbs, Assiniboia, V. Walker, Brooksby
Thursday January 14 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 2:45 p.m. 3:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Saskatchewan Canola Development Commission/Saskatchewan Canola Growers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Export Markets in Jeopardy - T. Zatylny, Canola Council of Canada • Integrated Canola Management - Dr. N. Harker; Dr. G. Clayton, AAFC • SCGA Annual Meeting • Canola Markets - D. Reimann, Growers Marketing Service • '98 Canola Production Site Results - CCC Agronomists • Global Financial Turmoil - Dr. D. Bond, CBC Radio • SCGA Cocktails; Banquet and Fun Auction
Thursday January 14 8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 3:50 p.m.	Saskatchewan Forage Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration and Coffee • Management of Tame Forages - M. Tremblay; Fertilizing Forages - K. Panchuk, SAF; Alfalfa Hay Production - D. Sauder, Gull Lake; Grazing Alfalfa - B. Fritze, SAF; Feed Requirements of the Beef Industry - M. Chubb, Assiniboia; Feed Requirements of the Sheep Industry - TBA; Forage Species and Variety Selection - R. Pastl, SFC • Direct Seeding Forages - R. McBride, Ducks Unlimited Canada; Western Beef Development Center Update - G. Lee, Executive Director; Southwest Forage Association Grazing project - R. Jensen, South West Forage Association; Conservation Reserve Program - M. Tremblay, SAF; Installation of Flushing Bars on Hay Cutting Equipment - N. Wohlberg, SFC • Minutes, Financial Statement; Committee Reports; Election of Officers
Friday January 15 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Saskatchewan Herb and Spice Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration and Coffee (\$30.00 members; \$35.00 non-members) • General Membership Annual Meeting • Spice Research Update - Dr. A. Slinkard • Speakers Panel - Saskatchewan Irrigation Diversification Center, SAF; Saskatchewan Herb Research Center; Dr. G. Lafond; Spoke Program • Producer Panel
Friday January 15 9:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association Reunion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Meeting • Hockey/Curling • Mixer
Saturday January 16 5:30 p.m.	Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association Reunion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banquet and Dance

For information contact: (306) 652-2691. All Crop Production Week Events at the Saskatoon Inn unless

