

MILLENNIUM LAUNCH

The directors of S.A.G.A. want the organization to do something pretty significant - to welcome the new millennium and launch activities that will bear fruit in the future. They want your ideas and involvement!

A good start

A new book has been commissioned and writing has begun. The book will be a history of S.A.G.A. covering the period from the start of the College of Agriculture in 1912 to the present. It will be quite a lot different than the 1980 Historical Review and Register of Graduates. A team of Les Henry, Bob Mc Kercher, Lorence Peterson and Jack Braidek will develop the book and have it ready for launching at the grad reunion in January 2000.

They promise a book that will capture some of the more interesting, even notorious ag grad activities. They have enlisted the help of past presidents in gathering information suitable for the book and will welcome additional information from anyone who has a good story to tell. Send it to one of the guys noted above, their address is on page 14.

Other possible activities

A committee of President Ewald Lammerding, VP Trent Bobinski and Fred Fulton is casting about for other possible additions to the Millennium Launch. Here are a few of their thoughts.

* Perhaps a Special Luncheon to recognize past presidents and others.

* A couple of insightful but light hearted lectures, one that would



examine the significant moments of the past; the other to peer around the curves of the fast approaching future.

* Maclean's magazine says grads of the U of S have been reluctant contributors to our university. Could we, should we, use the enthusiasm of a new millennium to foster stronger support for the college, the university and its future scholars?

* Good things happen when people get together, especially when the people are ag grads and their mates. Send your thoughts along to and plan to be there when the Millennium Launch happens come January 2000.

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Yes, you can now use e-mail to deliver copy for future issues of THE SAGA.

We hope this new communications link will encourage a stronger flow of news items, especially from those working grads who have lots of interesting things to report and little time to report it.

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New president



Ewald Lammerding'88S (left) receives congratulations from retiring president Corey Loessin'86C at the reunion dinner in January. Ewald's message is on page 3.

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Pooped deck

Agro class of '49 celebrates graduation

+ 50



Nineteen members of the class of '49, many of them also veterans of World War II, gathered at Saskatoon during the reunion weekend January 15,16,17. They report a lot of visiting, a dinner on the 15th, and even a bit of curling. They look forward to another

reunion in Saskatoon, June 25 to 27,1999.

Members of the '49 class above (l to r): Back row: Don Rennie, Norm Fitl, Doug Kent, Harold Johnson, Jim Webster, Don Forsberg, John

Stephenson, Bob Ferguson, Jim Cinnamon, Cam Wright.

Front row: Doug Grant, Bob May, Gib Wesson, Al Martin, John Stoyko, Steve Burkell, Allan McLeod, Bill Dale, Scotty Campbell.

Tom Pringle'61C sent along a note from Victoria, BC, where he and Myrna now live in their recently-bought, new, retirement home. The journey to get there is interesting. After graduation Tom worked for Manitoba Agriculture for more than 30 years. Then they moved to Victoria where he worked for the BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food for 5 years +, retiring in 1997. They are enjoying retirement in Victoria, and their cottage at Clear Lake, Manitoba and farm at Weldon, which they visit each summer.

Jens Stangeland'50C ducked out of the Arizona sun to pen some greet-

ings to fellow grads. He and **Pete Peterson'52C** neighbour down there for five months each year and inflict themselves on Winnipeg and Yorkton neighbours the balance of the year. Jens did a bit of travelling last summer: They joined up with a majority of the Clan Stangeland for a weekend at brother **Ole'49S** Stangeland's cottage at Vermilion, AB.

George Price'46S, the silenced voice of CBC's ag news program, has done a bit of copy writing for this issue. Says he has down sized their house by moving upscale from Ottawa to Kanata. Yep, they have given up hope of having more family to fill the

two story X 4 bedroom place and bought a bungalow with finished rec room in what the realtors call an "adult style community". George thinks it may take time to adjust 'cause he is still a boy at heart. Anyway, the new place accommodated three returning offspring and their issue at Thanksgiving, but thankfully they all departed when the turkey was destroyed. Price recalled being encouraged by **Joe Zeman'44C** to part with \$20 to buy a life membership in SAGA. It seemed a king's ransom at the time, but he's glad it happened!

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The president's pen

Greetings to all of this century's graduates. Hey, who was the last president who could utter those famous words? Well, no one comes to mind!

The 1999 Ag Grad Reunion was well attended, especially by the 30-year grads and older, so we have the challenge of getting the younger crowd attending in the year ahead. The 400 who attended the dinner came for delicious food, to visit, buy and sell curling teams and some had their class pictures taken. It was a happy occasion, thanks to conveners **Jim Bessel**'88S and **Rod Lessmeister**'89S.

The mixer was well organized by **Ken Sapsford**'79C and **Bev Rosher**'76S, while the bonspiel run by **Judy MacMillan**'79C and **Stu Cutts**'80C attracted more entries. Though our team lost by a 'hair', we had a great time. I've received complements on the work of **Bill Hill**'76C and **Larry Hayes**'87C in organizing the hockey tournament. I know that Jill Turner and Blair Cummins put in much time and effort into increasing S.A.G.A. membership and we expect to see positive results in the future.

To Judy, Jill, Bill and Ken, thanks for everything! To new executive members Brian Zwaan, Jim Vancha, Kevin Dow, Sherrilyn Phelps and Teri Ife - welcome aboard. This is going to be a fun and exciting year. You will be running the show during the first year of the century, so you had better pay attention.

My special thanks to Corey Loessin for showing me the ropes and lending a helping hand. Trent Bobinski is taking over my vp job, but just by looking at him I can tell he is a very well organized fellow and will not need to lean on me as I did on Corey.

My first job as president was to be a

judge at the speak off in Agriculture 291. Fine speeches were given on aspects of farming and the place of farmers in the world. The winner was Krista Ivey, who was presented a \$100 cheque from S.A.G.A. She will be presented the S.A.G.A. Communications Award at the Bean Feed this fall.

Next on my agenda was the Agro graduation banquet. I spoke on the importance of S.A.G.A. as an organization and presented the Tommy Fraser Award to Neil Abrahamson for his sportsmanship and leadership talents.

At its February meeting the executive appointed a committee to plan a celebration to begin the new century. If you have ideas send them along.

Rod Delahey continues to work on the Barn Raisers Project. S.A.G.A. is very interested in ensuring that the Stone barn gets refurbished rather than removed. Donations are needed to pay for a feasibility study.

Time for me to go check the cows. I hope 1999 has started well for you and yours. Nineteen ninety-nine! I like how that rolls off my tongue. And I'm the last one in charge for this century. I like how that rolls off my tongue too!

Ewald Lammerding'88S President

Jim Webster'48C was also made an Honorary Life Member of S.A.G.A. He is shown (centre, right) with his wife Jean and **Don Rennie**'48C, who presented them to the reunion dinner audience.

Jim had a distinguished career in extension and administration with Saskatchewan Agriculture; served as



Grads honored

Art Sawatsky'47S (left above) received his Honorary Life Member plaque from President **Corey Loessin**'85C at the annual reunion dinner on January 16, 1999. Art has been a strong supporter of S.A.G.A., being chief organizer of his class reunions over the years. He played an important part in gathering funds for the new Agriculture Building.

president of the Agricultural Institute of Canada and operates his consulting company. He and his family contributed much to speed skating.



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Bill Hamilton'50C has earned this editor's eternal gratitude for gathering news from the Ottawa/ National Capital Region. (NCR for short, despite loud protest from National Cash Register)

Frank'47C and **Elsie Payne** report that, aside from some 'physio' here and there, they are in quite good fettle. Frank's newest hobby is memoir writing, but he keeps a keen eye on the progress of his privately-developed Lanark Red cattle. Frank developed this new breed during 35 years of a breeding program at his Perth, ON farm. with the breed now established and registered he is active in a program of multiplying the numbers. . They have sold the farm and look forward to a little red harvest in spring and free time for the cottage and golf.

Bill Porteous'49C and **Fran** keep an eye on the Ottawa scene and west coast weather, to ensure good travel to family in Vancouver and Salt Spring Island. Bill says that brother **George Porteous'50C** has remarried and now lives in Brampton, ON.

Mike Fitzgerald'50C, (with a recent clean bill of health) and **Theresa**, are looking forward to a number of special events in 1999, highlighted by a midsummer family gathering in Calgary to mark Mike's 80th birthday. Mike will also be feted by the O.I.A. as one of its Charter Members when it celebrates its 40th anniversary at this year's annual meeting. Mike has been associated with AIC continuously since 1946, first as a student rep for ASA and since graduation as a full member. Congratulations Mike on your dedication to the profession.

Bill Miner'52C continues a fast pace in the Ottawa-based Centre for Trade Policy and Law, and as a private consultant on international trade, attending meetings of organizations, associations or academics. Bill and Hazel spend some time on the ski trails and runs and stay involved with the farm and family at Carleton place. They expected to place 300 -350 taps in the sugar bush this spring; The trees damaged by the '98 ice storm are not yet being harvested.

Hugh Hopkins'67C, lives next door to the Miner property and works with a local systems audit firm.

Dick Lane'56C, three years retired from Industry Canada, has been the chief domestic and responsible for arranging the cultural calendar. His responsibilities have changed little since Kathy's retirement a year ago. In 1997 they spent six months at various communities in southern France, Spain and Portugal. They will repeat that experience this year. Visits to family at Winnipeg, Regina and San Francisco and the odd curling game fill out the agenda.

Orrin Clayton'58C, a career man with the Canadian Seed Growers Association, is currently responsible for management of computerized recording of seed pedigrees in Canada. He is a barbershop singer, operates his own calligraphic company called Letter It and is planning for retirement come year 2000 and more time to pursue his hobbies.

Stewart Given'50C and **May** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last year with a nine-day tour of Iceland, the first home of her parents. Their trip was a most interesting and enlightening experience, notably by

the availability of abundant thermal heat and its central role in the overall culture as well as agriculture and national industries. On the home front, Stew and May are much involved when not with gardening, golfing or curling, then with grandchildren who live nearby. Stew's path sometimes crosses that of Peter Balon'50C, who is enjoying good health, the odd golf or curling game and trips abroad.

Russ Charanduk'50C retired in 1981, having worked in the private chemical industry for several years, then in the public service as Chief of Standards of Petroleum and Chemicals, Department of National Defence. Some medical problems have curtailed Russ' activities but he plans to be on hand at the class 50th reunion in AD2000.

Glenn Flaten'50S, '56C and **Shirley** continue their residence in Ottawa, with Glenn a partner in Flaten Associates, a small international development consulting company which has been involved in projects in Russia, Jamaica and Zimbabwe. Glenn's Rotary work in the assembly and shipment of containers of books to developing countries has been a time consuming but eminently satisfying project. As chairman of the World Community Service Committee of the Rotary district, Glenn has visited Guyana and several African countries to see first hand how these gifts and the program are working, and how they may be improved. A most laudable Rotary program.

Bill'50C and **Esther Hamilton** returned recently from a two-month testing of the B.C. weather, a sojourn highlighted by visits with relatives and friends, including **Ted McCannel**

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1999 Ag Grad Reunion Weekend

Review of activities

The Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates' Association was formed in 1935 and it has met in January every year since.

The annual meeting and dinner of the association were the main events for the first few years, then other activities were added. For example, at the 1939 meeting an expression of sympathy was expressed on the death of Arthur John Fahl, a 1915 graduate. This tradition of remembering fellow grads, has continued throughout succeeding years. At the 64th annual meeting held on January 15, 1999, a moment of silence was observed for the 39 grads who had died since the last annual meeting.

Also in 1939 it was decided to hold a graduate lecture program alongside the annual meeting. The first one was held in 1940 and the lectures became a part of Farm and Home Week the following year. The newsletter had been started earlier and Issue #18 was mailed in 1939 to all grads, whether or not they were paid up members. The first six years of the association when John Mitchell'24C, Maurice Hartnett'25S and E.E. Brockelbank'22C each took two-year turns as president set a sound course for the succeeding years.

The current executive reported success to the 1999 annual meeting.

* Advice provided to the diploma review committee by S.A.G.A. had influenced the final report.

* Membership stands at 1954, down a few from previous years, but still strong. Life membership is 1789.

* Attendance of 400 at the annual banquet, a similar number were at the Mixer and participation in the sporting events was good.

* Plans are underway on putting the Stone Barn into useful service.

* A committee is hard at work preparing an update of the history of the association.

* Another committee is looking at what we should do to celebrate the start of the new century.

* The finances of the association are in good shape. (See p. 15).



Dean John Stewart enjoyed the ag grad dinner, especially when Jim Bessel'88S slipped him a piece of cake with a sparkler on it and everyone sang happy birthday!



Marty Cey'79S spoke on behalf of his classmates



Lloyd Redick'49S (above) and his rink members gave it a good shot but came out second best in the Hutcheon Event.



Jim Vancha(left) and Ken Sapsford, both BSA grads 20 years ago, provided light hearted comments, mainly about their honor year classmates. Jim claims his jacket has shrunk.

The 1999 bonspiel

The first ag grad bonspiel was held during the eleventh reunion weekend of the association in January 1946, 54 years ago. The winning skip that year was **Bill Ewert'43C**.

In January 1999 the annual bonspiel attracted 33 rinks, 23 to the regular draw and 10 in the Hutcheon (seniors) event. That's two more rinks than in 1998, but away below the numbers that entered in years gone by and much below capacity. Yes, there will be room for a lot more rinks at the AD 2000 bonspiel. **Judy MacMillan'79C** and **Stu Cutts'80C**, who did such a good job organizing this year's bon-

"A" event



The Wayne Kish rink won the "A" event this year and will be able to show off the White trophy to friends and competitors. In the picture above are (l to r) past president **Rod Delahey, Kish'89S**, **Don Mitchell'89S**, **Carl Cason** and **Brad Howland**.

Second place in this event went to the rink skipped by **Bryan Nybo'86C**, with team mates **Kim Busch'83C**, **Craig Smith'83C** and **Don Nakonechny'84C**.

"B" event



The Turner rink won this event and claimed the Kirk trophy. The happy people in the picture above are (l to r), **Les Henry**, past president, presenting the trophy, **Jim Turner'70C**, **Ken Gillies'70C**, **Bob Norman'70C** and **Wayne Thompson**.

Runners up in this event were the rink of **Jason Skinner'89S, 92C**, **Andy Schmitz'63C**, **Richard Gray'79C** and **Ken Rosaasen'70C**.

spiel, have already booked the ice for the shootout next year. (Yes, some heavy duty organizing is already underway!)

A couple of features brightened up this year's bonspiel: The Calcutta, organized by the ag econ brain trust, encouraged some to part with money and others to make money. They say this is what is supposed to happen. Also, Monsanto, John Deere, Cargill and the Royal Bank presented prizes for the winners and runners up in the four events. The S.A.G.A. thanks those firms for their support.

"C" event



The Sonntag rink won this event and the Graham trophy. They are (l to r) **Bernie Sonntag'62C**, **Adrian Johnston'81C**, **Gordon Bacon'81C** and **Brad Hansen'81C**.

Second place in this event went to the rink made up of **Michael Minto**, **Stephanie Minto**, **Wade Fleck** and **Suzanne Carruthers**. Stephanie is a recent grad of the college and the others hope to be grads come spring.

Hutcheon event



(above l to r) Past president Frank Dunlop presents the trophy to winning 1959 college rink comprised of skip Leonard Fisher, Lorne Fisher and Gerald Iffe. Lead and classmate Ted Youck had hurried back to his home in Edmonton and missed the photo session.

The second place team of **Ivor Thomas'49S**, **Thomas Ede'49S**, **Lloyd Redick'49S** and **John Stoyko'49C**, lost on a very close measure.

1999 hockey tournament



Rennie trophy winners

The championship game was won by the FCC Loan Sharks over the Drake Mighty Ducks by a close score of 3 to 2. Members of the team are: Kevin Hartley, Mark Folk, Kevin Bloski, Tim Hammond, Todd Treslan, Rick Forst, George Beauchesne, Gord Morrison, Vaughn Minogue, Grant Hesje and Tom Reynolds.

The players on the Diploma team were Bryce Thom, Shawn Nyholt, Paul Toney, Colin Pattison, Mike Sefton, Jay Dixon, Doug Bedard, Ryan Melsted, Kevin Lefsrud, Darcy Odermatt, Jeff Watson, Mike Borechailo, Trevor Scherman, Neal Banbury.

The Consolation final was won by the Diploma students by a lopsided score of 9 to 3 over the Bender-Busters. The Hornets were the recreational division winners.

The hockey tournament ran very well this year with a full slate of eight competitive teams, but only three in the recreational division. Two ladies teams played a game.

The tournament was ably managed by Bill Hill '76C with the help of Larry Hayes '80C. Larry will be in charge next year and he is already looking for another team and considering innovations for Tournament 2000.

At its February/99 meeting the S.A.G.A. executive thanked Bill Hill for doing a good job and for donating a new trophy, named the Stewart Trophy, to be awarded annually to the winners of the "B" side of the hockey tournament.

Home grown



Jack '91C and Brenda '92C Zenert have a new addition to their family. Logan Dakota Zenert was born on December 3, 1998, a brother to three year old Jackson.

Kevin '88C and Tracy Feist proudly announce the arrival of their first son, Tyler Hamilton. He was born on November 19, 1998 in Calgary and weighed in at 7 lb, 15 1/2 oz.

Tom '78S and Julie Abrametz of Meadow View Farm, Yorkton, announce the birth of their second child, son Julian Thomas on December 1, 1998. The birth took place at the Yorkton Regional Health Centre and the recorded weight is 6lb. 2 1/2oz. He is described as another farm-hand and little brother for Stephen, age 4 1/2 years.

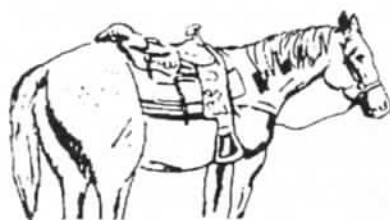
Michele (Cornea) '93C and Raymond '93DVM Le Heiget announce the safe arrival of Jean Denis, their first child. He was born on November 24, 1998, weighed in at 7lb 4oz and was 22 inches long. Mom is on maternity leave from UGG and Dad takes as much time off as possible from his hog veterinary practice.

Trent Bobinski '85C and Heather Finch '85C are very proud to announce the birth of Emily Taylor, their first child. Their little girl weighed 8lb and measured 21 1/2 inches. She is taller and has more hair than her dad.

Animal diagnostic services

Farmers, other animal owners and veterinarians will benefit from the opening of Prairie Diagnostic Services (PDS), located at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine. PDS is a partnership between the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture and Food, which put up \$2 million, and the University which will contribute space and \$300,000 to \$400,000 worth of case costs each year.

Empty Saddles



Hazel Irene Anderson, 87, passed away at Lutheran Sunset Home, Saskatoon, on December 4, 1998. She was predeceased by her husband Adam (Ad) and is survived by her children, **Barry '84C** (Georgine) Anderson of Saskatoon, Joan Stirling of Regina and Dee (Dale) Milton of Edmonton; nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Doreen Alice Bradshaw died in her home on their Milden farm on January 14, 1999. She was 71. She is survived by her husband Hugh; three sons, **Alan '76C** (Margaret) of Tisdale, Lyle (Edna) of Calgary, AB, and Gordon (Judith) of Thunder Bay, ON; daughters Donna (Ried) Lonsberry of Bonneville, AB, Sandra (Brent) Moen of Elrose; 12 grandchildren and brother Morris Barber of Conquest, SK.

Loma Faye Donald, 64, passed away on February 17, 1999 at Wilkie, SK. She is survived by her husband **Dale Donald '55S**, Rockhaven, SK; daughter Lynn (Reg) Roth of Landis; sons, Glen (Judy) of Minneapolis, MN, Scott of Saskatoon and **Ross '80S** (Brenda) of Rockhaven; seven grandchildren.

Lucienne Dubois passed away in the Rosetown Nursing Wing on December 25, 1998. She was born in 1911, married Emile Dubois in 1935, farmed in the Rosetown community

and raised a family of five. Surviving Lucy are sons Albert (Darlene Machart) of Rosetown; Leo (Deanne LeBlanc) of Sturgeon falls, ON; Rene (Gail Fabick) of Salmon Arm, BC; **Marcel Dubois '61S, '65C** (**Lynda Johnson**) of Rosetown, and daughter Rosemarie (Conrac Roy) of Ottawa, ON.

Elizabeth C. (Bessie) Larson, 82, passed away on November 28, 1998, after a lengthy illness. She is survived by **Clifford Larson '50C**, her husband of 58 years, their daughter Cheryl and her husband Dave Harrison of Calgary; their son Don and his wife Heather Dickman of Victoria, BC, two grandchildren; her sister Barbara Aldridge, Eatonia and brother Stan Wilke (Anne) of Victoria, BC.

Mary Loyns, age 74, passed away on November 3, 1998, at Naicam. She is survived by **Archie Loyns '42S**, her husband of 50 years and their five children June (Pierre), Prince Albert; Clayton (Kathy), Stoney Plain, AB; **Ron '77S (Colette)** of Naicam; Ray (Renee) of Lanigan; Glen (Karen) of Saskatoon; fifteen grandchildren; brothers Jack (Irene) and Jim (Rita) Archibald; sisters-in-law Edna Archibald and Stanis Loyns.

Jack Young McFaul '44S, LLD '81, age 82, died suddenly on January 27, 1999. He is survived by Muriel, his wife of 52 years, sons Dan (Judy) and Terry; daughter Eldeen (Neil), son Herb (Tony) and four grandchildren. Jack grew up at Zealandia, farmed there and taught farm mechanics at the university for a time before beginning a long successful career with Manufacturers Life Insurance. But his greatest achievement was in encouraging the development of agriculture-related organiza-

tions, the university and Innovation Place, now one of the leading research parks in Canada. He was a founding member, board member, instructor or advisor to the University of Saskatchewan, University Senate and Board of Governors, the Crop Development Centre, SED Systems, VIDO and POS. Jack will long be remembered for causing good things to happen and as a great friend to the many people he met during his very active life.

Paul Walter Rausch '46S passed away on December 22, 1998 at the Melfort Union Hospital, following a second stroke in two years. Paul and his spouse Marion had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July, 1998, at their Naicam home. Paul farmed and enjoyed meeting his lifelong friends at the annual Farm and Home Week. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his eldest son J. Brenton Rausch of Yellowknife, NWT; his second son **Blair Robert Rausch '78C** of Saskatoon; third son Douglas Paul of Wabasca, AB and daughter Valerie Lynne Asselin of Saskatoon.

Maxine May 'Mackie' Richardt (nee McCurdy) passed away at Saskatoon City Hospital after a brief illness, on December 7, 1998. She is lovingly remembered by her husband **G.A. 'Bud' Richardt '49S**; daughter Bev, two sons, Brent (Shannon), Bill (Gloria) and four grandchildren. The Richardt's were married in 1962 and farmed at Floral until 1968 when they moved to the present farm in the Clavet district. Mackie used her artistic talent in designing farm houses, landscaping and a wide range of crafts. She was also involved in 4H and was treasurer of the Saskatchewan

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Changes happen over time Associate - School - Diploma

The School of Agriculture was established in 1937 as an administrative unit of the College of Agriculture. Its mandate was to administer the Diploma in Agriculture program, although the program itself had been in existence as the Associate Course since 1912.

Reporting to the Dean of Agriculture, the first full-time School Director was appointed in 1947. In 1949 Kirk Hall was officially opened to house the School, providing not only classrooms, laboratories, offices and an auditorium and lounge, but student dormitories and food facilities as well. The resulting administrative and geographical separation of the School from the mainstream of the College led to a very clear cultural distinction between the diploma and degree programs. The provision of residences in Kirk Hall was discontinued in 1965, but other functions of the School were housed in the building until 1991, when they were transferred to the new Agriculture Building.

In 1990 home study Certificates in Agriculture program was introduced through collaboration between the School and the Extension Division, and in 1994 the Prairie Horticulture Certificate program was established.

The Agriculture Building had been designed to provide administrative offices for the School in the Dean's suite, but the offices of Diploma faculty, instead of being grouped together, were largely dispersed among departments. Classrooms, laboratories and computer facilities were designed to be shared by diploma and degree students. Thus the opportunity was available for closer integration of the diploma program into the college's academic and administrative structure, and for enhanced academic and social interaction among all faculty and students.

In 1993 the position of Director of the School of agriculture was abolished and responsibility for the diploma and certificate programs was assigned to the Associate Dean of Agriculture. In addition, a part-time position of coordinator of the diploma program was established. Use of the name "School of Agriculture" was then progressively discontinued, until finally it became clear that retention of the unit no longer served a useful purpose. Accordingly a recommendation for disbandment of the School as an administrative unit of the college was presented to University Council and approved on November 19, 1998. The result of this action is that the diploma and certificate programs now have the same administrative status in the College as the degree and postgraduate programs. Following a recent review the diploma curriculum is under revision.

The School of Agriculture had a long and illustrious history, with 3,031 graduands between 1947 and 1991, and the graduates will no doubt retain an emotional attachment to the name. The integration of diploma students into the College as a whole has already had a number of benefits and these are likely to grow in the future as the diploma program is revised and becomes established.

Graham A. Jones
Associate Dean

College news

The Dean reports

In the March 12, 1999 issue of AG NEWS Dean John Stewart reported tenders for the sixth floor are in and within budget. The project should be completed and the space in use by the fall of 2000. This is good news for the college, but especially Animal and Poultry Science, Applied Microbiology and Food Science, who have been waiting patiently for their turn.

The University has accepted the College's Academic Renewal Plan and some people are now being hired. Details on the plan will become available soon on the Web.

Eco-Agriculture Enhancement Chair

Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) will provide \$500,000 over five years to establish this new chair. The position will expand the Crop Development Centre's research into improved winter wheat varieties and sustainable, conservation-based farming.

Brian Fowler, senior research scientist, is the holder of the chair and will lead the research team in this project.

Recent Appointments

James Nolan has been appointed to the Transportation Chair, Department of Agricultural Economics. He was born in Ontario, educated at Concordia University, Montreal; York University, Toronto and the University of California. He has taught and done research on transportation in New Brunswick for two years.

Bob Bors, assistant professor of Plant Sciences, took his undergraduate training at the University of Maryland and his PhD at Guelph. He will teach propagation and other subjects and his research will focus on the development of horticultural crops for Saskatchewan.

Steven Shirliffe, assistant professor of Plant Sciences, a native of Elie, MB, has undergrad and graduate degrees from the University of Manitoba and studies at Montana State University. He also farmed for five years.

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Charolais Assoc. for the first three years after it was formed.

Gilbert Norman 'Gib' Robbins'31S, 87 years, died on January 9, 1999. Gib had been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 1982, just two years after retiring from their Laura farm to Saskatoon, and he spent the last seven years in Sherbrooke Community Centre. He is survived by Georgina, his wife of 58 years; son Neil (Carolyn) of Laura and Waterton, AB; daughter Phyllis Norrie of Calgary, AB; son Dr. Ross Robbins (Reggie) of Westmount, PQ and four grandchildren. Gib spent his life farming, raising good cattle and Clydesdale horses that he exhibited at the Toronto Royal Winter Fair and many prairie fairs. He also served his community well as reeve and councillor for 17 years, chairman of Pionera, director of Prairieland Exhibition, as a delegate to Federated Co-op and Sask. Wheat Pool and other organizations.

George Earl Rouatt'34C MBE, was born at Moose Jaw in 1911 and died on February 9, 1999 in Saskatoon. Surviving is Avelin, his wife of 49 years, daughter Joan (Mark) Addison, son Ted (Marie) Rouatt, two granddaughters and his brother Dr. James W. Rouatt. Earl served with the Royal Regina Rifles in World War II, following which he worked for the Veterans Land Act before moving into private real estate appraisal. He coupled that activity with lecturing at the College of Agriculture. Earl was active in the development of the Appraisal Institute of Canada and was made a Fellow of AACI. He received the Long Service Medal for service on the board of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires.

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'50C and Denny in Victoria; **Gavin'45S** and **Wilma Hamilton** in Kelowna and Bill's brother Gavin Hamilton DVM, former head of the Western College of Veterinary Medicine and his wife Jean.

Ann'47C and **Bill Saville**, Ravenscrag, SK, can set up a second home and live in style, now that they won a Saskatoon show home in a lottery.

Paul Turner'51, Victoria, BC, paused briefly in his travels to get a part replacement for his leg. He and Joan will join **Wally'51** and **Joy Doyle** in a trip to Ireland this summer.

Walter Joseph (Joe) Saelhof, age 87, of Watrous and previously Simpson, died at Manitou Lodge, Watrous, on January 11, 1999. He is survived by his wife Thelma and ten children, Francis (Blanche), Jerry (Betty), Marilyn (John) McRae, Linda (Gordon) Kingston, Howard (Judy), **Don'72C (Connie)**, Terrance (Barth), Carol (Brian) Mudry, Judy (David) McLaren, Mel (Shaun); 27 grandchildren(including **Leslie Robert Saelhof'85C**, **Paul Donovan Saelhof'91S** and **Sandra Marie (Saelhof) Baldwin'89C**; nine grandchildren.

Joseph Schmitt'43S passed away peacefully on March 8, 1999 at the Carrot River Hospital at the age of 76 years. Following graduation in 1943 Joe married Helen Meyer and they proceeded to develop a farm in the Jordon river community north and east of Arborfield. He took a very active part in the community, helping organize the North East Hereford Association and Jordan River 4H Grain Club. He was a director of the Carrot River Credit Union, UGG secretary and a member of the NFU and Masonic Lodge. Joe was an enthusiastic curler and hosted friends on a moose hunt for 30 years. Joe also loved music and was a member of a local quartet for many years. He is survived by his wife Helen; son Reg(Christine); daughter JoAnne (Frank) Ellingsen, three grandchildren and one great grandchild; brothers William (Penny) and Hank (Bertha); sisters Mary Bradshaw and Helen (Clarence) Penner.

Nadia Strilchuk, 76, passed away at Stensrud Lodge, Saskatoon, on February 24, 1999, following a lengthy illness. She is survived by **Bohdan 'Bob' Strilchuk'45C**, her husband of 53 years; sons Myron (Wendy) of Lloydminster; David (Delores) of Regina; five grandchildren and one brother Nestor Shevchuk of Saskatoon.

Four years ago **Muriel (Fredeen) Welling'47C** returned to the Coteau Hills at Macrorie, the community in which she grew up and enjoyed as a youngster. In her letter, Muriel noted that their five children were raised under the glare of city lights in a then-new area of Edmonton soon teeming with countless children and how those children brought the community together to create a thoroughly satisfying period of her life. She notes how the computer era has made inroads into the thinking of both generations and theirs is a much different world than the one she knew. Muriel, who still loves the prairie, concluded by saying, "I am resolute in my determination to inculcate in our children and their children, an enthusiasm for the wide open spaces I call Home."

Thundering herd



Rob Eichorst'91C began working as agronomist for Greenland Fertilizers in April 1998, then Agricore bought the company in August, but the job continues. Rob is focussing on the GPS system and finds the technology very exciting. His wife Allison is employed with Ducks Unlimited, also in Melfort, where **Renny Grilz'97C** is the agronomist. Renny has just moved to Melfort from Minnedosa, MB, and is now closer to home (St. Benedict). He has bought a duplex and is the newest "slum lord" in Melfort. Eichorst and Grilz curl together in the men's league and were looking forward to the Ag Grad Bonspiel at the time Rob sent the letter.

Bernie Sonntag'62C, Regina, sent along news and a suggestion to ye editor - "Your first resolution for 1999 should be to get an e mail for SAGA." We listened : the address is <thesaga@home.com>

Bernie went on to say that Sask. ag grads who went to Manitoba in bunches in the '60s are all throwing in the towel. These include **Bob Bradley'62C**, who has retired from PFRA in Brandon after a 35 year career with Manitoba Agriculture and Agriculture Canada. But he is still in the dirt business, as executive secretary for the Manitoba North Dakota Zero Tillage Farmers Assoc.

Norm Hemstad'64C has retired as

a livestock specialist with Man. Ag in Brandon. He is probably doing some contract work peddling Manitoba critters to other countries - sounds like international tourism at someone else's expense. Wonder if he takes his golf clubs and curling shoes along?

Jerry Gramiak'65C has also retired from Manitoba Agriculture, Brandon.

Closer to home, **Eldon Ell'62C** has packed it in with FCC, Regina. He moved around quite a lot during his long career with that organization - North Battleford-Regina-Ottawa-back to Regina.

Julian Dumanski'62C says he is going to call it quits at the World Bank in Washington this spring. He's been there for two or three years after being a dirt scientist with Agriculture Canada for 30 or so years.

Some ag grads are moving up the ranks at PFRA: **Gerry Lucuik'67C** is now the director, Land Management and Diversification, at Regina. **Bernie Ward'72C** is the director, Analytical and Communications. **Dean Smith'89C** has left Swift Current as the district office manager and is now the soil conservation coordinator at headquarters in Regina.

The **Altwassers of Yellowgrass**, **Allen'92C**, **Dean'96C** and **Rod'66C** were busy building a new seed cleaning plant in December and along with the new building comes a new name: Beautiful Plain Farm will henceforth be called SUPER SEED. They invite you to stop and see the renovations when passing by on Highway #39.

With all the new Altwassers around the business simply had to grow. On October 25, 1997, Dean married **Pam**

Rudock'97S and they are expecting there first child at the end of March, 1999. **Justin Watson'92C** and **Shawndra**, also of Yellowgrass, are expecting a child this spring, so this generation of grads is doing its part to keep the rural schools open for a few more years.

Patty Townsend'80C is manager of national affairs for Agricore, continuing much the same role she had for a number of years as manager of communications with Prairie Pools Inc., before its dissolution in 1998. In her work she is associated with **Rich White'97C**, who is manager of policy research and information with Agricore in Winnipeg. Rich reports that a couple of recent grads are now with Agriculture Canada in the grains policy area. They are **Mitch Wensley'95C**, in the Grains and Oilseeds Branch and **John Wheeler'96C** on transportation issues.

Mike Edwards'98C has chosen to move from Greenfield Agro Services Ltd. at Rosetown to Zeneca Agro at Winnipeg. His wife **Cynthia Edwards'93BA** will be working toward a PhD in agricultural economics at the U of M.

Shawn Buhr'88C of Lucky Lake and **Lyle Minogue'67C** of Lacadena were elected to three-year terms as directors of the Saskatchewan Pulse Growers. (The election was managed by **Garth Patterson'80C**, executive Director of the pulse growers, so we are assured that no guns or bottles were allowed in the polling hall.) Shawn had worked in the grain and banking businesses before turning to farming full time in 1997. Lyle, while farming a sizable acreage since 1974, has been on the boards of SPC, Prairie

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Malt and Sask. Crop Insurance. He and wife Carol have been involved in the (CIDA) Tanzania-Canada Wheat Project. He has served as vice-chair of Sask. Pulse Growers and is currently chairman of Pulse Canada.

The Agricultural Development and Diversification Board (A.D.D.) #40 recently awarded its first annual scholarship to Heather Nelson of Beechy. She is enrolled in the College of Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan. #40 A.D.D. board is made up of representatives from rural municipality numbers 226, 228, 256, 257, 286, 287 and 288, with the agricultural extension office located at Rosetown in RM 287. **Don Sanderson '63S**, the board chairman, had the pleasure of handing the \$1000 award to Heather Nelson.

Lesley McCallum '76C, Aylsham farmer and president of Winter Cereals Canada, is perplexed about a Canadian wheat board prediction that winter wheat production will go down dramatically. She thinks production will increase for a number of reasons, including early maturity that allows it to escape insects, disease and weeds. It also fits nicely into zero till systems, while producing grain of a quality that is increasingly attractive to buyers.

The heading on the lead article of "NEWSREYNOLDS" read "Reynolds family returns to roots, Nokomis pop. up three." It went on to say that the move had been thought about for some time, but it finally happened in July. It took just two grain truck loads to transfer **Darryl Reynolds '81C**, his wife Janice and daughter Sydney from their Saskatoon condominium to a cozy, 800 sq.ft. "heritage" house in Nokomis, com-

plete with dirt basement. "I will do until they feel comfortable about building or buying something more appropriate, they say.

After 14 years with the Royal Bank, Darryl was packaged off - then recycled. His part-time agrolgist position had been eliminated and then he was enticed to retrain as an Investment Retirement Planner, to work with four branches around Nokomis. Passing his first exam qualified him to sell mutual funds, but there is more. Darryl says "all this studying-it's just like being back in college- minus the beer and the girls, and add the studying." While he is hitting the books, Janice accompanied by breast-feeding Sydney was hitting the sales trail, taking text orders from schools all over the place. Even attending an August sales meeting in Toronto. No sales report was filed with SAGA but Sydney was a hit around the circuit.

Meanwhile, back at Lanigan, father **Ross Reynolds '53C** and his wife Irene, both of whom bear some responsibility for the dilemma of the young'uns, are enjoying a somewhat slower pace, good health and farming with Darryl.

Alan Daku '72C, formerly of Parkside, SK, moved to Edmonton, AB at the end of the year. At the time he had no job but was expecting to find one in the horticulture area.

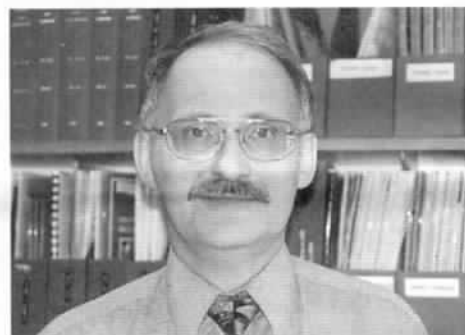
Trent Bobinski '85C, Saskatoon, in addition to being a new Dad, is director of investments for Sask. Opportunities Corp. and vice president of the outfit that publishes this newsletter, S.A.G.A.

Congratulations and best wishes to **Carrie Rogers '96C**, who married Warren Butterwick on October 24, 1998 at Foremost, AB.

Deans Old and new



The message to retiring Dean John Stewart (above left) recognized his leadership as Dean and his co-operation with the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates' Assoc. The plaque was presented by past president Rod Delahey.



Ernie Barber '72BSA, B.Eng., U of Alberta (above), will become Dean of Agriculture at Saskatoon on July 1, 1999. He has been a professor in the Department of Agricultural and Bioresource Engineering since 1981 and head of that department since 1994.

Ernie was farm raised at Innisfree, AB. He completed a masters degree in 1974, worked for BC Agriculture in waste management and farmstead planning, then took his PhD at Guelph (1978), with building ventilation his major subject. He has worked closely with the Centre for Agricultural Medicine, the Swine Centre, VIDO and WCVM in seeking ways to make intensive operations healthy places for man and beast.



Building a book

On February 24 a bunch of Agros met at the Willows Golf Club, in Saskatoon: The purpose was not the usual one of golf, but rather to fill the pages of a book. It will be a special history of S.A.G.A. and the past presidents who gathered on that occasion brought words and ideas for its pages. Of course, most had a drop or two for inspiration and a bite for sustenance. Most of those attending are in the pictures (l to r).

Top pic: Walter Brice, Eldon Norum, Rod Delahey, Joe Zeman, Corey Loessin, Fred Fulton, Bob Rugg.

Mid pic: Les Henry, George Wilson, Eiler Humbert, Bob Brack, Bob Dodds.

Bottom pic: Bud Smith, Bob McKercher.

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Income		Expense	
Memberships	2115.00	Newsletter	6064.08
Hockey	4800.00	Hockey	4714.08
Curling	2560.25	Curling	2285.93
Banquet & dance	7675.00	Banquet & dance	8300.40
Mixer	9315.34	Mixer	7685.12
Bank interest	11.73	Bank charges	32.70
Investment interest	<u>4332.00</u>	Miscellaneous	<u>2268.04</u>
Total income	30809.32	Total expense	31350.35

Expense over income = \$541.03

Trend analysis	1995	1996	1997	1998
Bank balance	\$4337.74	4350.34	4029.97	1488.94
Investments	<u>\$70893.00</u>	<u>76500.00</u>	<u>78500.00</u>	<u>81483.58</u>
Total	\$75230.74	80850.34	82529.97	82972.52

GICs	Interest %	Mat. date	Amount	Annual income
Laurentian(B)	5.1	02/03/2001	7000.00	357.00
Laurentian(B)	8.7	02/20/2000	15000.00	1305.00
Pacific Western	5.3	08/25/1999	10000.00	530.00
Laurentian(B)	7.8	04/18/1999	20000.00	1560.00
Pacific Western	5.1	04/01/1999	<u>10000.00</u>	<u>510.00</u>
		Totals	<u>62000.00</u>	<u>4262.00</u>

Mutual Funds	Issue date	Initial Value	Current value
Templeton Group	06/20/97	\$10000.00	9806.58
Mackenzie Ivy	10/06/97	<u>8500.00</u>	<u>9677.00</u>
	Totals	18500.00	19483.58

(Increase in value of the mutual funds (\$983.58) is not shown in the totals of investment income. Taking this into account, we have shown an increase in total equity of \$442.55 instead of a loss of \$541.03)

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