

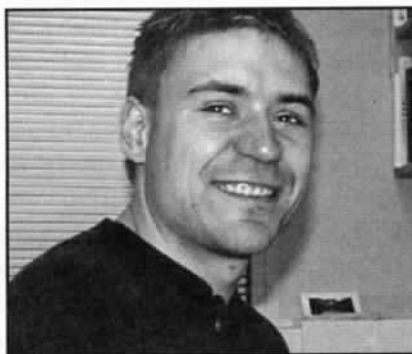
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The Robert P. Knowles Scholarship winner



Curtis Pozniak '98C (above) of Rama, SK is the first graduate student to benefit from the scholarship fund established from the estate of the late Bob Knowles. For his master's degree Curtis will study the tolerance of selected wheat strains to herbicides, in the Plant Science Department, College of Agriculture, Saskatoon. He will receive \$19,000 per year during his M.Sc. studies. Curtis knows that similar studies are underway at European research establishments and hopes to be able to spend some time there in the future.

Sask. Ag Grads Association Reunion Millennium Version

(Better attend, 'cause you are unlikely to be around at the next one)

Schedule of events

Thursday, January 13, 2000

Degree and diploma class warm-ups.

(check with your class reunion chair to locate the action)

Friday January 14, 2000

9:00 am Annual meeting: Salon B, Saskatoon Inn

10:00 Unveiling of SAGA history book.

10:30 Debate

Topic: "Should farmers continue to grow GMO products?"

12:00 Lunch

Guest speaker: Dean Ernie Spencer, College of Agriculture

4:00 First curling draws. (See schedule in Jan. 14 *StarPhoenix*)

5:00 First hockey games (Blue Line Arenas)

8:00 pm to 1:00 am SAGA Mixer at Saskatoon Inn

(Grads: \$8, Undergrads free)

Saturday, January 15, 2000

SAGA Banquet: Saskatoon Inn

5:30: cocktails

6:30 dinner

7:30 Awards and presentation

History Book Auction

9:00 pm to 1:00 am Dance

Forever Young

A History of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates' Association 1915 to 2000

Yes, that is the name of our new book. You will be able to buy your copy at the SAGA reunion in January. You will also be able to buy it through an order later, but it will cost more, because of shipping charges.

Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates' Association was born in 1935 during the depth of the Great Depression, by a bunch of young, enthusiastic grads. Guys like Gus Bell, Vic Graham, Maurice Hartnett, Red Mooney, John Mitchell, Tom Townley-Smith, Hadley Van Vliet and a score of oth-

ers, mostly graduates of ten years or less at that time. They decided it was important to perpetuate the friendships of their college youth. Those guys are old now, and sadly most of them are not with us to admire the current organization or sample its activities.

The name "Forever Young," was chosen in part because of the youthfulness of the founders, but more importantly because of the mission of the organization, that is to keep

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1954 BSA Class Reunion

Nineteen enthusiastic BSA '54 graduates and spouses returned to Saskatoon on June 24 -27, 1999 for their "best ever" reunion. Events included a BBQ, a banquet at the Faculty Club, tours of the Ag. Building and Wanuskewin, and a farewell brunch. Lots of humorous reminiscing made for a really enjoyable weekend.



L to r in picture: Hank Nickel, North Battleford; Roger Laurin, Vermilion; Wilf Cody, Spruce Grove; Glenn Gutheil, Temecula, CA; Ross Odson, Calgary; Stew Law, North Vancouver; Bob Olson, Grafton, ON; Glenn Boughton, Regina; Bob Mc Kercher, Saskatoon; Gus McKenzie, Montreal; Bill Bayda, Edmonton; Clarence Collins, Rosetown; Kim Thorson, Weyburn; Tom Powrie, Edmonton; Bob Staples, Newark, DE; Helgi Hornford, Elfros; Peter McLaren, Prince Albert; Frank Sosulski, Saskatoon. Missing from the photograph is Ed Haid, Christopher Lake.

Thundering Herd



Ted'79C and **Sharon'80 Bonertz** are on the move again, this time to 4 Burton St., Linley Point (Sydney), New South Wales, Australia, from Denville, New Jersey. Ted is still with Cyanamid Agriculture, but as Director - Australia and New Zealand. The move was delayed into the summer

because they had to wait for the birth of their third son (Details in Home Grown column). They are looking forward to visitors over the next four years, with the Bonertz B & B in business by the Summer Olympics in Sept. 2000. Reservations, gossip and greetings can be sent by email to ted_bonertz@cyanamid.com.au or telephone (011) (61) (2) 9428-1909.

Linda Gavelin'91C reports lots of change in her world. On October 2, 1999 she married Ron Hinz of Muenster, then moved out to live on the farm with him and set up her home office. In July she changed job

roles, still with Dow AgroSciences, but now as the Commercial Development Agronomist focusing on Nexera canola.

Tom Scott'86C, who toils for Novartis out Yorkton way, recalls his last year at university when he was president of ASA and his brother John was president of the engineers student society. They lived together with another agro - Guy Yeo. "What a year", says Tom.

Ken Kirkland'71C says he plans to retire from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada on March 31, 2000 and he's taken several steps to ensure a smooth transition to the happy state of retirement. We understand he has been polishing up his golf game and may even buy some of those lavishly-promoted super clubs. He and wife **Mona Lee'75C** have built and moved into a new home near Vermilion to take advantage of Alberta's lower taxes, yet close enough to the scene of his working days that some consulting work may drop by. For the present Ken continues to pound the road from Vermilion to his job as manager of the Melfort Research Station, with a stop at the Scott station where he is also manager.

Leslie Gadd'86C, married and known as Leslie Field sent along her Moose Jaw address. She is still making ruts in the TransCanada Highway to Regina, where she has a job with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. Brother **David Gadd'90C** and their mother Edna are farming and say there isn't much money in that exercise.

Ryan Usenik'70C, Langley, BC, is looking forward to a 30 years-since-graduation-party with his classmates come January. Surprisingly, classmates **Ken Rosaasen** and **Ken Wasylyshen**, party goers

from away back, have been slow to organize this time around.

Sean Dorosz'93C, after 2 1/2 years on his second job since graduation, has been promoted to team leader of the Saskatoon New Holland regional office. That makes him the leader and supervisor of the eight employees who represent the New Holland dealers in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Their children Miranda (3 years) and Natalie (1) are doing great, thanks to the efforts of **Valerie ('92 BEd)**, Sean's wife and leader of the Dorosz household.

Blair Rausch'78C, an 11-year fixture with the Royal Bank, Avenue C branch in Saskatoon, has moved, family and all to Oakville ON. He has changed from being Sr. Ag. Account Manager at the Saskatoon branch to Product Manager - Agriculture at RBC head office, Toronto, a nice promotion. He will be considering new products and services for agriculture. Blair says, "My contacts assure me that the Leafs are going all the way next year." but it is unlikely that RBC will use that rumour as collateral.

Faye Osioy'79C of Calgary AB says there's nothing new out her way except they are in a new house. Faye continues as nutritional counsellor and office manager of Springhill Chiropractic.

Melissa Wanner'99C is living in Saskatoon and working at Star Egg Company Ltd. as quality assurance manager. The company processes up to 20,000 cases or 3.6 million eggs, produced by 600,000 laying hens in Saskatchewan each week. One part of her job is conducting tests on eggs received and providing recommendations to producers. Another aspect of her work is to co-ordinate the plant's food safety program called Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points

(HACCP). Star Egg is the first egg processor in Canada to implement this program, one that it is likely to be mandatory in all plants in the future.

Phil England'68C, who toils for Sask Ag as a Farm Management Agrologist when in the Prince Albert district, has taken on a heap of honours and responsibilities.

First, the honours: Phil was presented a Recognition Award by the Sask. Institute of Agrologists for his dedication and long commitment to the Institute. In the past he has been president of SIA, chairman of the AIC honours and awards committee and Vice-president of the AIC Foundation.

Phil was recently acclaimed president-elect of the Agricultural Institute of Canada - so a big, important job lies ahead. Congratulations and best wishes Phil!

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strong the friendship links between classmates and other alumni of the College of Agriculture. It also acknowledges the success the organization has had over the years. Every year up to ten classes get together and have fun.

The book reviews the activities of the organization and its interactions with the college. It recalls some of the notable and humorous happenings along with quite a few pictures of people and events. Events such as The TEA, which used to be a highlight of the SAGA Reunion. The book contains a complete listing of all grads(1915 to 1999) with their home town, yes all 8,000 plus. Who were the Deans of Agriculture, when; when were ag buildings constructed, how much land does the College use, are among the questions that are answered in "Forever Young."

\$30 will buy you a soft-cover copy of the book. A hard cover copy is \$50. Add \$5 if buying by mail. Send your order to SAGA, Box 320, RPO, University, Saskatoon, SK S7N 4J8.

Home Grown

Owen Reid Bonertz, weighing 10 lb 14 oz, was born to **Sharon'80C** and **Ted'79C Bonertz**, on March 29, 1999. He joins older brothers Evan (9 1/2) and Aaron (3) at their new home in Australia.

Announcing Jenna Lynn, a daughter born to **Paul'83C** and **Annette Beaulieu** of Battleford on July 4, 1999. Grampa **Vic'49C** and Grandma **Margot Beaulieu** are real proud.

Another seed has sprouted at Super Seed in Yellow Grass, by the name of Kane Edward Altwasser. His parents, **Dean'96C** and **Pam '98S Altwasser** were ready and waiting on March 23/99 when their 7lb 2oz bundle of joy arrived. Their little farmer enjoyed his first year of tractor and combine rides and should be ready to run the air seeder come springtime. Proud grandparents are **Rod'66C** and **Faye Altwasser** of Yellow Grass, Andy and Jerry Rudock of Gronlid, SK.

Join SAGA and Win!

Not only will you win as you connect with friends old and new but you will have a chance to win a weekend for two at the 2001 SAGA reunion.

65th Anniversary in 2000!

2000 marks the 65th anniversary of The Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association and we want to celebrate by offering life members a chance to win two nights hotel accommodation, mixer and banquet tickets and a SAGA History Book for the 2001 SAGA reunion weekend. But, you have to be a life member to win.

To become a life member, simply fill out the membership form below and return it to us.

More than a Social Club

SAGA promotes the social interests of its members through the annual weekend but it is much more than a social club. In recent years SAGA has been involved in; the Sod Busters fundraising for the new College of Agriculture, in helping Diploma grads receive status within SIA and the Barn Raisers Committee which is raising funds to preserve the Stone Barn.

Keep in Touch with Classmates

SAGA helps you stay in touch with classmates through the SAGA, a newsletter that is published three times per year. This newsletter keeps you in touch with friends you made while in College and friends you have made since.

To become a Life Member send a cheque made out to Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association, Box 320, RPO University, Saskatoon, SK S7N 4J8.

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YEAR OF GRADUATION

ENCLOSED IS CHEQUE FOR:

- \$80 GRADUATES FROM '89 TO '99
 \$70 GRADUATES PRIOR TO '89



Pooped Deck



Tom Townley-Smith '32C and his wife Mary can now sing the following with real feeling

"This land is your land

This land is my land,

From Bonavista to Vancouver Island

From the Arctic Circle to the Great Lakes waters

This land is made for you and me."

This past summer they travelled to BC and while there they heard there was 140 miles of highway on the Queen Charlotte Island. They decided to drive that stretch of road and

boarded a ferry to the islands. Now that by itself may not be very newsworthy, but that couple had travelled east in 1998 and spent 15 days in Newfoundland. That takes care of Bonavista to Vancouver Island. And some ten years earlier Tom and Mary drove their motor home to Inuvik and flown beyond to Tuktoyaktuk. Tom says he has dipped his index finger in all three of Canada's oceans as well as the Great Lakes.

While in BC this summer the Townley-Smiths called on **Bill Shevkenek '33C** in Chilliwack. Bill is reported to be doing well at age 92, but his eyes have failed to the point where he has given up car driving but still rides his bicycle. Tom, Bill and Herb Purdy were all freshmen in 1928, but Bill did some lab instructing to help pay his way through college and didn't graduate until a year after Tom and Herb.

Harold Horner, another of those 1933 grads advises ye editor that he and Opal have abandoned their home of 25 years on Pearson Place, in

favour of a seniors residence on Heseltine Road in Regina. No more snow shovelling - Harold and Opal can live "the life of Riley." Harold mentioned that they passed on the snow shovel to **William Greuel '96C**, the new owner of their house. He is a good friend of **Scott Horner '94C**, Harold's grand nephew. Small world.

Harold noted the death of classmate Ralph Stutt last spring and a recent visit by Ralph's widow Irene to Regina where she has friends, a daughter and grandchildren.

A picture of **Malcolm "Mac" and Lucille Rondeau**, both looking very young, graced a LeaderPost page on October 9, 1999. The cutline explained they had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary the previous day. Congratulations !! Mac served as president of the School of Agriculture student body in 1944-45, then went on to get his BSA in 1948.

Gib Wesson '49C and his wife Marj spent some time in

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Malins celebrate 50 years of marriage



Garld '48S and **Beatrice Malin** at their 50th wedding anniversary celebration on Sept. 4, 1999. All members of the original wedding party were present. Garld and Beatrice have two children and three grandsons.

The Malins live in Mesa, AZ in the winter and enjoy visitors from Saskatchewan. They are in the Phoenix phone book: Give them a call.

Fellow graduates attended the anniversary celebrations. Above l to r: Frank McLeod, Fred Switzer, Iris Switzer, Elsie Henshaw, Jack Henshaw, Bill Small, Elsie Small, Clarke Lewis and Ann Lewis.

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Newfoundland in August. So did **Ross Evans'50C** and his wife Elizabeth, but they were buying screech at different bars and didn't meet until they returned to Regina.

Ossie Lakness'49C says he is now a retired Govan farmer: He and Reta have taken up a new address in Regina to make it easier to say "no" to invitations to do some work on the farm.

Keith Blackburn'60C, who chased weeds for some 35 years for the Pool and IPCO, decided to try full time chasing fish and golf balls in Alberta. Keith and Diane relocated to Red Deer in October/99.

Ron DeYong'62S, who had a Raymore, SK address, now calls Regina his home.

Denise Beaulieu'79C reports that her parents, **Vic'49C** and **Margot (Norum,BA'48) Beaulieu**, are still a pretty happy couple after 50 years of marriage. They celebrated that milestone event over the July 4,1999 weekend. In attendance were **Mark'79C** and his wife **Coralee(Beeson'80C)**, **Paul'83C**, **Karl'85C** and of course Denise as well as many non-agro Beaulieu siblings, relatives and friends. They were especially happy to welcome **Dick'42C** and **Marguerite Merryweather** to the event on Saturday evening.

George Williamson'54S has retired from farming at Rocanville and now has a new address at Pilot Mound, Manitoba.

Bob'56C and **Marie Warner** have sold their Melfort farm and invested some of the wad in a Victoria, BC house. They are moved in now and a gang of rowdy, displaced flat landers joined them for a housewarming in late October. **Art Strautman'48C**, Duncan, BC, one of the "house warmers at Warners", plays hockey with a team up-Island at Parksville and they even ventured out to a tournament at Calgary in September.

Wally'51C and **Joy Doyle** continue their globe-trotting pace. Last summer it was Ireland and in 2000 it will be SE Asia. Their tour director is none other than Melfort district farmer **Lorne McConaghy'66S**, who lines up several tours each year. His customers like 'em.

Herb Moulding'42S has retired to a 7-day work week in Kelowna. Says he has been working with the City of Kelowna to establish a lakefront park and public access along the shore - sort of putting years of experience with Ducks Unlimited to use. Herb has bought a condo in Grand Forks, BC, where he and his partner Bea will move to in December. They will also keep a condo in Kelowna and a house trailer in Edson, Alberta. Nice to have a choice,eh?

Herb sees **Keith'50C** and **Joan Best**, who live nearby in Kelowna.

Duane Bristow'58S, retiree from Sask. Wheat Pool, was elected for another three-year term to the board of Sherwood Credit Union, Regina.

President's Pen

Another century is quickly drawing to a close and the first annual ag grad reunion is just around a big corner. All the S.A.G.A. executive members are hard at it to ensure that we start it off with a bang.

The Millennium Launch committee has come up with a program that will reflect on our past and forward to our future. We are still open to ideas from ag grads for the annual meeting on the Friday, or the mixer that evening. The Saturday banquet program is set.

We would like to have more people taking part in the bonspiel and hockey tournament. Get a team together and enter soon. Remember that singles and pairs can be matched to form a curling team.

On the Stone Barn front, the committee has chosen an architect and asked them to assess the soundness of the structure - the foundation, walls, frame etc. The findings will indicate whether to proceed with further studies and plans. Your executive has also been asked to consider restoration or preservation of the Poultry Science Building and the grain elevator on the campus.

All of us know how difficult this year has been for most of our farmers. And the difficulties continue. It is frustrating to harvest a crop and then have to sell it for less than your cost of production. Our livestock producers are being pressured from every direction by countries whose policy it is to do as I say and not as I do. Through television, radio and newspaper reports our elected officials refuse to do what is right.

Traditionally, our association has not spoken up for agriculture, but I believe SAGA should consider mak-

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The BSA Class of 1949 at June 1999 Reunion



The '49ers Golden Anniversary Project

At our 30 year reunion \$5000 was raised to support agricultural student activities; Ten years later the '49ers pledged \$65,000 for the new agriculture building. In the spring of 1999 your organizing committee set an initial goal of \$20,000 to provide financial assistance to agriculture students participating in international activities such as student work conferences, taking special training or courses in world agriculture in Canada and overseas, or working for short periods with a senior agrologist in a developing country. The selection of students and the amount of financial assistance would be at the discretion of the Dean of Agriculture.

To date some \$6000 has been donated, far short of our \$20,000 goal. The Dean's office, in response to numerous requests for help in pursuing worthwhile projects, has selected the following as recipients of \$1000 each: Third -year students Jon Horsman, Fort Qu'Appelle and Terra Sazakas, Cupar, and fourth-year Nicole Jackson of Grand Prairie, Alberta. The three-some will be at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences at Upsalla, Sweden, from mid-January to May, 2000.

A Call for Donations: The '49ers Golden Anniversary project has proven to be most popular. We urgently need your contribution now. Please complete the form on the next page, attach your cheque (For \$500?) and send it in as soon as possible.

It was great seeing so many of you at the January and June reunion.

A very merry Christmas and prosperous New Year to you and your family.

Your class committee:

Steve Burkell, Scotty Campbell, Allan McLeod, Don Rennie, Betty (Murray) Riddell

Top row L to R: Doug Kent, Alan Shook, Alan Dawson, John Stephenson, Lorne Johnstone, Norm Fitl, Bill Towill, Harold Tangjerd, Allan McLeod, Bill Porter, Al Myhr, Tony Bulani, Don Buchanan, John (Scotty) Campbell, George Parker. Bottom Row: Jim Mants, Fred McKelvie, Harold Johnson, Steve Burkell, Bill Dale, Lorne Glendinning, Gib Wesson, Bill Munro, Bob Lodge, Pat Sherwin, Don Rennie.

The '49ers Golden Anniversary

(Attach this completed form to your cheque: Make it payable to the University of Saskatchewan. An income tax receipt will be mailed to you.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov. _____

Postal code _____ Phone # _____

Mail to: The '49ers Golden Anniversary Fund
Alumni and Development Office
117 Science Place
University of Saskatchewan
Saskatoon, SK S7N 5C8

Empty Saddles



Everett Phillip Dnistransky'61S, aged 59, died in a car accident on Thursday September 30, 1999. He is survived by Evelyn, his wife of 36 years; daughters Wendy (Wes) Davis of Dodsland, Tracey (Terry) Caldwell of Red Deer, AB; step-children Kasey and Mallory and his mother Jenny Dnistransky of Saskatoon. He was predeceased by his father Phillip in 1981. Everret farmed and took a very active part in Sonningdale community affairs. He was a member of the local school board, on the UGG board, chairman of the Biggar Feeder Co-op and reeve of Eagle Creek Municipality for 17 years. Recently he was employed by the Saskatoon Auction Mart and was also the campaign manager for **Randy Weekes '76S** in his successful run to the Saskatchewan legislature.

John Robert (Jack) Fenwick'50S of Balcarres, formerly of Lorlie, passed away on October 14, 1999, at the age of 76 years. He is survived by his wife Betty, their two children, Donna (Terry) and Robert; two grandchildren; brother Don (Peg), many nieces and nephews.

Jean (Garven) Gessey, passed away on October 16, 1999 at the Pasqua Hospital, Regina. She was predeceased by her husbands, Robert William Garven, in 1967, Richard Thomas Gessey in 1984. Jean is survived by her five children and nine grandchildren, **Stuart Garven'74C** (Muriel) of Saskatoon; Garnet Garven (Pam) of Regina; Grant Garven (Audrey) of Baltimore, Maryland; Ward Garven (Christine) of Calgary and Leah Garven (Al) of Saskatoon.

Wilson Arnott McIntyre'41S of Saskatoon, age 80 years, died on October 11, 1999. Wilson is survived by Ethel, his wife of 51 years; son The Honourable Mr. Justice Wayne McIntyre (Connie), Regina; daughter Carolyn (Susan) of London, ON; son Ross (Debbie) of Regina; six grandchildren; brother Don (Anh) of Fountain Valley, California. Wilson was raised on a farm in the Sovereign district and worked from graduation in 1941 to 1981 for Agriculture Canada. Wilson's lived his philosophy - "don't just belong, be involved." He was a board member of his church for 25 years, provided leadership in the Sunday School, was a charter member of the Y's Men's Club and Nutana Kiwanis Club and many other organizations. In 1986 he was recognized as a Distinguished graduate of the College of Agriculture and in 1988 he received the Canada Volunteer Award. A friendly and inspired community member.

Samuel James Mutlow passed away in the Royal University Hospital, Saskatoon on Oct. 19, 1999 at age 83. He is survived by his wife Freida (Toots), daughter Ardis (Ron) Gray of Campbell River, BC, son Don (Lois) of Calgary and son **Barry (Donna) Mutlow'72C** and seven grandchildren. The Mutlows farmed at White Bear, SK from 1955 to 1987, then retired to Saskatoon.

Magnus (Max) Olson'38S of Saskatoon, died on November 2, 1999 at age 81. He is survived by his wife Mae, their seven children, Barbara Gerry Davidson; Maxine (Ron) Peesker; Peter (Loretta) Rodney (Debbie); Mark (Linda); Hazel-Ann (Ian) Stark; Michael (Anna); nineteen grandchildren. Don and Mae founded Olson's Allied Hardware in Foam Lake and operated it for 30 years. During this period he served on town council, the Legion and Elks Lodge. They moved to Saskatoon in 1983 but kept their beloved cabin on Fishing Lake.

The following deaths have been noted in The Green & White, Fall 1999 edition.

Clyde Ernest Marean'45S, Regina, on September 7, 1998.

Clarence Thomas George Bailey'49C, Winnipeg, on May 23, 1999.

William Brian Jones'62S, Kinistino, on March 5, 1999.

From the Editor

Thank you all who sent in copy for this newsletter.

You are much appreciated.

Special thanks to **Joanne Kowalski'92C** for writing

some of the copy. I would love to hear from other willing scribblers. To all of you who read us, A Merry Christmas and the best of fortune in the new millennium.

Jack Braidek'51C

Ag Grad Bonspiel

Saskatoon: Jan.14,15,16, 2000

Draw times and locations

All rinks will have their first game on Friday, Jan.14 at 4:00 pm. (Depending on the number of teams entered in the Hutcheon Event, there may be a 2 pm draw.)

A schedule will be listed in the sport section of the Fri. Jan.14 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 10 ends.
- * In the eight end games a buzzer will be sounded 25 minutes before the hour. Teams will 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.
- * Hutcheon Event curlers must be 50 years of age or older.
- * The entry fee will be \$20 per player if paid by January 5 and \$22 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 on Friday, Jan.5,2000.
- * 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 form and forward it with payment to:

Stuart Cutts 754 Kingsmere Blvd. or Saskatoon, SK S7J 4E9 373-7131 (home) 933-7997 (fax)	Kevin Dow 1427 Brightsand Crt. Saskatoon, SK S7J 4Y1 477-7182 (home) 955-7600 (fax)
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Prizes

There will again be prizes for the two finalists in all four events, thanks to the generosity of Royal Bank, Cargill, Monsanto and John Deere.

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 _____

Dean's Message

The College of Agriculture is as old as the University itself. The founders wisely saw the value in having an Agriculture College, with its focus on practicality and economic development, intertwined with a liberal arts and science college. In 1909 there was no concise written mission statements, but it is easy to infer from what was written that the college would engage in teaching, research and extension with a heavy emphasis on things that were "practical".



Today the mission statement of the College reads, "to meet agricultural and food industry needs through teaching, research, extension and service programs. A strong emphasis is placed on practical aspects of research and education, ensuring that the college keeps in touch with the realities of sustainable production and processing, responsible resource management, and market developments." You can read more about the College and its current programs at our web site: <http://www.ag.usask.ca/>

It has been said that all large organizations eventually lose sight of their original purpose and become primarily concerned with self-preservation. We can avoid that trap by proactively reviewing what it is that we intend to be and to do. Early in the new year a group of college leaders will be setting aside some time to think imaginatively about the future, to develop a clearer picture of what the College should be doing in the year 2010. Perhaps a new Dean should ask some questions.

What specifically are the needs of the agri-food industry that we intend to meet? The Canadian Agricultural Research Council (CARC) suggested that research and technology transfer in Canada be directed to assist the agri-food industry to be globally competitive, environmentally sustainable and socially responsible. For the College of Agriculture, would we add to this list, to be profitable within all sectors of the industry, including farmers? What other goals would you add to this list? Are there ways that the College should be helping the industry to assess its needs?

How do we define the "agricultural and food industry" as it relates to our mandate? Does it include the farmers, all of the upstream service and supply industries, and all of the downstream processing, transportation and marketing sector? If land is not used to produce food, does its management still fall within the College mandate? How large a role should the college play in thinking about rural communities as distinct from farm and farm services?

Modern agriculture needs graduates and expertise from the College of Agriculture, but also from other colleges such as Veterinary Science, Engineering, Pharmacy, Medicine, Commerce, Law, Arts and Science. Professional institutes now permit graduates of those other colleges to practice agrology alongside agriculture graduates. In what ways can the College of Agriculture enable the university as a whole to meet the needs of the agricultural industry?

Research in the College of Agriculture now spans the spectrum from curiosity-driven to strategic and near-market. Are we sufficiently focussed on strategic research to be seen as "change agents"? How should the research mandate of the College

be different than, or the same as, for example, other public research institutions such as AAFC, POS, NRC? What mix of public and private research funding is appropriate? Will we be regarded as a credible source of unbiased information? What is the direct extension role of the College?

We accept students from diverse backgrounds and turn out graduates who are respected for their knowledge, ability to think creatively and solve complex problems. In future, who will be our students and how many will we have? Will we be meeting the interests and needs of aboriginal peoples or will they need a separate centre for learning and research in agriculture? What will the College do to meet the learning needs of alumni?

Who will be our competition? In many industries or businesses a few control 80 percent of the market. Is this likely to apply to university programs? Today there are eight universities in Canada with accredited agricultural programs. If we set out to be unique, what characteristics would we build into our curricula that would cause students to choose us over other locations? Or that would attract employers to look first at our grads, or cause a company to partner with us in research and development?

I am very excited to be a part of the College of Agriculture with its proud history and promising future. Your comments are invited on any of the questions posed here, or any other issues that need to be addressed to make us more effective. You can call or write to me, or send an e-mail to: lyle.elmgren@usask.ca

Sincerely,
Ernie Barber
 Dean of Agriculture

12th Annual : Ag Grad Hockey Tournament January 14,15,16, 2000 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 5, 2000. Individuals interested in playing should contact Larry Hayes by mail, telephone or e-mail.

Larry Hayes, 218 Blackshire Place
Saskatoon, SK S7V 1B3
Telephone Home 373-2235
Work 975-4248
E-mail: hayeda@sk.sympatico.ca

Entry fee:

Competitive: \$450 /team - 3 games minimum

Recreational: \$300 /team - 2 games minimum

\$100 per team deposit required by January 5, 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).

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ing its voice heard. We are a diverse group which represent a broad spectrum of agriculture across the prairies. Our annual reunion offers the opportunity to mingle and exchange ideas - ideas ranging from genetic engineering to organic farming.

My year of running the show is coming to an end, and as usual the last few weeks will be the busiest. My thanks to the executive members for their help, with a special thank you to secretary **Tom Burwell'64C** for keeping me on track at our meetings.

Trent Bobinski'85C will be your president next year and I wish him good luck. And I wish each of you the very best in the first and succeeding years of the new millennium.

Ewald Lammerding'88S
President

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 Larry Hayes.

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Paul Douglas, B.S.A.'66C
General manager

A.S.A. Update

The Agriculture Students Association has had a very busy and successful year so far. Our membership drive in September resulted in some 450 degree students, which is on a par with previous years. The executive of the student council has been working feverishly to orient new students and to plan the academic, social and athletic events for the term.

The A.S.A. is very pleased to welcome Mr. Ernie Barber as the new Dean of Agriculture. He comes to us from the College of Engineering and we are all quite satisfied with the moral victory Agriculture has won in having him switch over to the greatest college on campus. Seriously though, the student body is excited to have such a worthy faculty member as Dean of Agriculture.

To date the A.S.A. has hosted some spectacular student events. At the start of the term we welcomed back our members at the annual Fall Mixer & BBQ. More recently we hosted the 42nd annual Ag Bag Drag (Goose) and as usual it was a great success! The tickets sold out and no one went to jail.... what more can we say! Outstanding academic achievement was recognized at the College of Agriculture Bean Feed and Awards Night on October 7. Worthy students were presented with scholarships and recognized for their scholastic achievements. Congratulations to all!

As we do every year, the Agros canvassed for the Saskatoon United Way with a blitz on October 6 and raised over \$4200 for the charity. Also in October we participated in the Canadian Blood Services blood drive, competing against the engineering students. Of course we



Agros Clint Ringdal(left) and Steve Schmidt took their turn at collecting cash for the Saskatoon United Way. This is the 40th annual Agro blitz for United Way, with a total raised at over \$50,000, from students and staff on campus.

kicked their little girly butts around the block by having more of our members donating.

Once finals for the term are completed and everyone gets a visit from Santa, the A.S.A. has a full calendar of events planned for the new year. The Sask.-Challenge competition is slated for the end of January, when student delegates will go to the WAAC conference at San Luis Obispo, California. We will once again be pushing a bed to Regina for TELEMIRACLE. Something new is a Professional Development Day, planned for the second term, to be hosted jointly with the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists, with students attending to improve their professional understanding and skills. The A.S.A. graduation dinner will be at the Saskatoon Inn on February 4, 2000 and some 130 new

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S.V.A.A. Report

We're back! The Voc Ags are back again for the 1999/2000 school year and in full force. We have 85 first year students this year to give us a college total of 204 registered students.

Extracurricular activities are flying high and we seem to have a good crew of students this year.

Our annual Chicken Feed and Awards Dinner was a complete success. We were pleased to have Dean Barber in attendance as well as 12 other faculty members. The awards were handed out and a dance followed, with about 160 students attending. Congratulations to the award winners - keep up the good work!

We started a new event this fall - the annual Agros vs Voc Ags Slow Pitch Challenge, held on November 6. We are pleased to report that we smoked the Agros. The score - well let's just say it was a lot to a little.

We are already organizing our Voc Ag hockey team for the annual S.A.G.A. tournament in January, with plans of maybe winning it this year. We're stacking our team- so look out everybody.

We have 22 members on our executive and are confident our college will have a good year. Events are being planned and it is going to be a fun time.

If you want to know what is going on with the Voc Ags stop by the lounge in the Agriculture Building or phone us at 966-7751.

Jay Dixon
President, S.V.A.A.

News from the College

Profs replaced and added

Due to recent and upcoming retirements of many faculty in the College of Agriculture and at the University of Saskatchewan in general (a factor of the baby boomers "coming of age"), many changes are happening at the college. Retiring from the Department of Soil Science in June was **Eltje de Jong** and from Plant Sciences was **Graham Simpson**.

Recent appointments in the College include **Louise Nelson**, formerly of Agrium, appointed the AFIF Chair in Agricultural Biotechnology. **Peter Phillips**, who has been the Van Vliet Chair in Agricultural Economics for the last two years has been appointed the NSERC/SHERC Chair in Managing Technological Change.

Appointments in the Department of Agricultural Economics include **Ken Belcher** and **Jill Hobbs** as assistant professors and **Bill Kerr** to the Van Vliet Chair. New research associates include **Anne Cooney** who will be looking at specialised livestock marketing projects and **Derek Stovin** will be assisting **Peter Phillips**. **James Rude** has joined the department from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) to work with the trade research consortium.

Changes are afoot in the Department of Plant Sciences too. **Gordon Rowland** has stepped down as director of the Crop Development Centre to concentrate on research and **Rick Holm**, formerly the extension appointee has taken over as director. **Deneen Duncan'86C** has been hired as the extension person. **Tom Warkentin** is the new pulse crop breeder.

AIC Honours

John Stewart, former dean of the College of Agriculture, was inducted as a Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada (FAIC), at its annual meeting at Charlottetown, PEI in August.

Adrian Johnson, a Ph.D. graduate from Plant Sciences was named Outstanding Young Agrologist by AIC. Adrian is with the Potash and Phosphate Institute of Canada and is a former employee of AAFC at Melfort.

At the meeting of AIC, **Gary Kachanoski**, Dean of Graduate Studies, U of S, was made a Fellow of the Canadian Society of Soil Science (CSSS). Also named as a Fellow of CSSS was **Ahmet Mermut**, adjunct professor in the Department of Soil Science at the U of S. Graduate Student **Alex Jokic** of soil science won an award for his presentation at the CSSS meeting.

John McKinnon of the Department of Animal and Poultry Science was named president of the Canadian Society of Animal Science (CSAS) at the society annual meeting in Charlottetown. He also received the Canadian Animal Industries Award for excellence in extension and public service.

Brian Rossnagel, Crop Development Centre, is a winner of the Prairie Oat Growers Association's Kirylchuk Award, given to individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the oat industry. Brian has been in charge of the University oat breeding program since 1977 and many milling quality varieties now grown stem from his work.

Jack McFaull'44S remembered

On September 9, 1999 the POS Pilot Plant unveiled a cast bronze plaque and portrait in memory of Dr. Jack Y. McFaull, who served on its board of directors from organization in 1977 to his death in 1999.



He will further be remembered through the Dr. Jack Y. McFaull Memorial Award also sponsored by POS. Each year the winner of the life sciences category at the Saskatchewan Central Region High School science fair will receive a certificate and a cash prize, and the student's school will receive a matching cash sum to buy books or equipment that can be used in the sciences.

The plaque below Jack's picture reads:

In Memorium

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Member of
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1977 - 1999
Visionary, Educator, and
Champion of
Agricultural Diversification,
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"We are trustees of the pioneering vision that settled this province."

Jack was a popular and keen member of S.A.G.A.: He worked hard in establishing the archives and was made an Honorary Life Member in 1964.

Special Notice

Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association Inc. Annual meeting

Take notice that the annual meeting will be held in Salon B, Saskatoon Inn, beginning at 9:00 hours, on January 17, 2000.

In addition to conducting the regular business of the association members will be asked to approve amendments to the Constitution.

The proposed amendments are:

To reflect the fact that there is no longer a School of Agriculture, but a College of Agriculture with Degree and Diploma programs, the following amendments will be proposed at the annual general meeting in January, 2000. The changes are in italics.

Article 2. Objectives

Was:

a. To promote the social interests of graduates of the *College and school* of Agriculture, University of Saskatchewan.

Proposed:

a. To promote the social interests of *Degree and Diploma graduates* of the *College of Agriculture*, University of Saskatchewan. (amen.2000)

Was:

c. To keep graduates informed of *recent developments in various fields of agriculture* (amend.1965)

Proposed:

c. To keep graduates informed of *recent developments at the College of Agriculture* (amend.1965, 2000)

Article 3 Membership

Was:

There shall be four classes of membership:

1. Graduates of the Saskatchewan *College and School* of Agriculture, regular or ad eundem, Degree or Diploma, and any persons who have discontinued either Degree or Diploma course after two years without receiving a degree or diploma, and whose class has since graduated, and

graduates of the Saskatchewan College of Graduate Studies with specialization in Agriculture Science, shall be eligible to become regular members of the Association (amend. 1942, 1965, 1966)

Proposed: There shall be four classes of membership: 1) graduates of the *Saskatchewan College of Agriculture*, regular and ad eundem, Degree or Diploma, and any persons who have discontinued either the Degree or Diploma course after two years without receiving a degree or diploma, and whose class has since graduated, and Graduates of the Saskatchewan College of Graduate Studies with specialization in Agricultural Science, shall be eligible to become regular members of the Association (amend.1942,1965,1966, 2000)

Article 4. Officers

Was:

d. The executive of the association shall further include

1. A representative of the undergraduate membership of the College of Agriculture, to be named the Agricultural Student's Association and to hold office for for a term of one year. (amend. 1948)

2. A representative of the undergraduate membership of the *School of Agriculture*, to be named by the Saskatchewan Vocational Agriculturist's Association and to hold office for a term of one year. (amend 1948)

Proposed:

d. The executive of the association shall further include:

1. A representative of the undergraduate membership of the College of Agriculture *Degree program*, to be named by the Agricultural Students' Association and to hold office for a term of one year. (amen. 1948,2000)

2. A representative of the undergraduate membership of the *College of Agriculture Diploma program*, to be named by the Saskatchewan Vocational Agriculturist' Association and to hold office for a term of one year. (amend. 1948, 2000)

Was:

e. Any vacancy on the executive, other than for those positions representing the College of Agriculture and the School of Agriculture, may be filled by the executive, such members to hold office until the next general meeting of the Association. Unexpired term on the executive may be filled at the annual meeting, the members so elected to hold office for one year. (amen. 1948)

Proposed:

e. Any vacancy on the executive, other than for those positions representing the College of Agriculture, may be filled by the executive, such members to hold office until the next general meeting of the Association. Unexpired terms on the executive may be filled at the annual meeting, the member so elected to hold office for one year. (amend. 148, 2000)

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ag students will attend.

The face of the College is constantly changing. We are seeing more students from urban backgrounds, more international students and more transfers into Ag from other colleges. The changing student demographics is challenging the A.S.A. to accommodate all interests while still maintaining all of the traditions that make our student group distinct. We are committed to meeting this challenge head on.

Jean Lundquist

A.S.A. President, 1999/2000.



Crop Production Week 2000 January 10 - 14, 2000 Saskatoon Inn

Mon. Jan. 10, 2000

Focus on Flax

Flax Growers Western Canada
& Sask. Flax Development Commission

- 8:00 Registration
- 9:00 Welcome and business meeting of SFDC.
- 10:30 Developing a strategic R & D plan to support flax fibre-based industries - A. Ulrich.
- 11:00 Study of agronomic practices at Indian Head - Dr. Guy Lafond
- 11:30 Lunch (provided)
- 1:00 Stubble burning pilot project - Barry Rapp
- 1:45 Flax in nutraceuticals - K. Fitzpatrick & L. Braun
- 2:45 Marketing opportunities & direction
Dr. W.W. Riley, Excan Grain
- 3:30 Flax varieties for Sask. - Dr. Gordon Rowland
- 4:00 Update from Flax Council of Canada - Garvin Hanley

PULSE DAYS 2000: Sask. Pulse Growers

Mon. January 10, 2000

- 12:00 Registration
- 1:00 Welcome
- 1:10 to 3:30 Chickpea and bean production
- 1:10 Australia's chickpea production experiences -
- 1:40 Managing ascochyta in chickpeas - Penny Pearse
- 2:00 Saskatchewan's 1999 chickpea experience:
What worked and what didn't - Gary Noble
- 2:20 Managing weeds in chickpeas & beans - Rick Holm
- 2:40 Dryland bean production on thin black soils
Larry Janzen, Rosthern
- 3:00 Bean production in Manitoba - Ken Tjaden, MB
- 4:00 Annual general meeting

7:30 to 10:30 pm

Beer and bean bash at Prairieland Exhibition

Pulse Days 2000

Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2000

Market Outlook

- 9:00 The Asia factor - Bruce Hogart, consultant
- 9:30 India: Pulse consumption and trade prospects
Gordon Bacon, Pulse Canada
- 9:50 Export opportunities for Canadian peas
Francois Catelier, Canadian Specialty Crops Association
- 10:55 How we market our pulse crops - Jeff Hoiness, Allan
- 11:15 SPG Market Development Program
John Serhienko, Sask. Pulse Growers
- 11:30 Edible pulse market outlook survey, Kevin Hursh
- 12:10 Lunch and awards presentation

Program - Lentil Production and Markets

- 1:30 Managing diseases in lentils, Lorne Buchwold
- 1:50 Green and red lentil production on our farm
Don Baxter, Beechy
- 2:10 SPG extension and communications program
Don Meier, Sask. Pulse Growers
- 2:25 Overview of world lentil markets, Greg Simpson
- 2:45 SPG R & D program, Glenn Annand, SPG Program - Pulse Variety Development
- 3:45 CDC chickpea and bean breeding program
- 4:05 SPG variety release program, Bert Vandenberg
- 4:20 CDC pea and lentil breeding program, Garry Meier



**Visit the Crop Production Show
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Jan. 11, 12, 13, 14 - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

**Sask. Seed Growers Association
71st Annual General Meeting
Tuesday January 11, 2000**

- 12:30 Registration and coffee
1:15 Business meeting
3:30 Panel: 'GMO's: It's time to deal with reality'
Panelists: Jim Bole, AAFC, Earl Geddes, CWB,
Margaret Gadsby, AgrEvo, Mike Groom,
Brandon
6:00 cocktails 7:00 Banquet and awards

**Sask. Seed Growers Association
Wed. January 12, 2000**

- 8:15 to 12:30 - annual general meeting

**Mustard Growers Assoc (SMGA)
Wednesday January 12, 2000**

- 8:30 Registration
9:00 Mustard information session to lunch
1:00 SMGA general meeting
2:00 Mustard market outlook
General Session
7:00 Cocktails/networking
8:30 David Broadfoot (comedian)
(Tickets \$10 available in media room (234)
S'toon Inn)

**Canola Days
Saskatchewan Canola Dev't Commission
Saskatchewan Canola Growers Assoc.**

Wed. January 12, 2000

- 1:00 SCDC business meeting
Presentations during the afternoon:
* The impact of GMSs on the canola industry
Dale Adolphe, Pres. Canola Council of Canada

- * Flea beetle resistance, vigour and agronomic performance of Canola and mustard, Dr. Bob Eliot, Ag and AgriFood Canada
* Canola production and the check-off system in Australia, Mick McGinnis, Grains Research and Development Corporation, Australia.

Canola Days

Thur. January 13, 2000

- 8:30 SCGA annual meeting
Presentations before lunch:
* Canola markets and outlook, Don Bousquet
* 1999 Canola production site results -Canola agronomists
Presentations after lunch
* Sclerotinia management in canola, Penny Pearse
* Transportation system, Hon. David Collenette
* Title TBA, Gary Benneweis, Agri-Food Division, Angus Reid Group
6:00 SCGA Cocktails, banquet and fun auction

Sask. Herb and Spice Assoc.

Friday January 14, 2000

- Session title:
"The herb and spice marketplace in the new millennium"
8:15 Annual general meeting
10:00 Keynote address
11:00 Concurrent sessions
(1) Production research info
(2) Consumer trends
1:30 Concurrent sessions
(1) More production research information
(2) Overview of industry regulations
(3) Success stories of local processors and manufacturers.
3:00 Presentation of proposed marketing body.

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