

Millennium Reunion A great success

The 65th annual ag grad reunion, held January 14,15,16, 2000, was a resounding success, attracting over 1000 participants to the athletic, social and informational activities on offer. Most of those activities are discussed in articles on the 2000 Reunion pages further along in this newsletter.

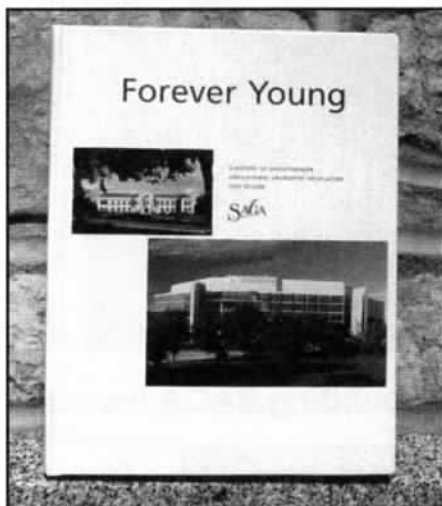
Reports from the reunion show 31 rinks in the bonspiel; eleven hockey teams, nine of which were men's teams and two women's. The (approximate) numbers at the mixer and banquet were 450 and 340 respectively and a couple hundred at the annual meeting, debate and Friday luncheon.

Attendance, while substantial, was down from previous years and that issue is being addressed by the new executive.

The new activities, initiated this year show promise and will probably receive more attention at future reunions.. These include the debate and noon luncheon with a guest speaker. The debate on the GMO issue was deemed very timely and successful, with both sides of the issue being well represented. Dean Ernie Barber's address at the Friday luncheon was well received.

The next ag grad reunion will be held Jan. 12, 13, 14, 2001. See you there!

Forever Young a popular book



Forever Young, a history of S.A.G.A., released on January 14, 2000, has been examined and bought by a bunch of grads. They like it.

It is a good looking book with full colour pictures of the old College and new Agriculture buildings on the cover and 104 pages inside filled with facts and memories. There are photographs and lists by graduating classes, of the 8000+ graduates of the diploma and degree programs since 1913. It is a book of record to be enjoyed by you now and by your descendants in the future

The soft cover book is \$30; hard cover \$50. (Add \$5 for shipping)

Forever Young can be bought at the North 40 book store in the Agriculture Building or by ordering it from: Larry Wong, Bookstore, University of Sask., 97 Campus Drive, Saskatoon, SK, S7N 4L3. Or order & pay for your copy by e-mail at: <Larry.Wong@usask.ca>

Brands for Ag Grads

We are not advocating that all ag grads be branded, but we would like to continue to identify their scholarly connection. Recent changes at the U of S has complicated matters.

In the past THE SAGA has (usually) indicated what year the person in a story has graduated and whether with a diploma or degree. For example '60C has indicated that person got his or her BSA in 1960. Similarly, '60S has indicated that person graduated from the School of Agriculture with a Diploma in Agriculture in 1960. It seemed to be a useful thing to do without using much space.

But the SCHOOL has vanished, having simply become a part of the College which carries diploma and degree programs. The former designations of 'S' or 'C' are not appropriate, neither would 'D' work for both program grads.

My suggestion is that in future issues Diploma grads get a 'D' designation, and Degree grads a 'B' designation - a shortened BSA. But you may have an objection or a better idea. Let's hear it! Our address(es) is on the back cover.

Editor

Looking Good

SAGA now has photographs of all of its presidents, nicely framed for display. Our thanks to past president **George Wilson'63C** for arranging completion of this project. A suitable place to display the photos is being arranged.

2000 Reunion Activities

Agro Class of 1950 singers



Singing is a tradition at each reunion of the 1950 degree class. And each time the words of the song are updated. This group sang the 2000 version of their class song after the banquet on Jan. 15. (The words are in your copy of *Forever Young*.) In the group were: pianist Margaret Crowle, Fred Langley, Wilbur Moats, Leigh Crowle, Fred Fulton (hiding behind Bill Pope), Eiler Humbert, Maurice Taylor, Stan Campbell, Keith Downey, Ross Evans, Hulme Henley and Wayne Hanna.

The 1950 agro grads plan to hold another class reunion at Saskatoon during the annual Alumni Reunion weekend, June 23,24,25, 2000. Big attendance expected.

Berg buys book



SAGA President **Ewald Lammerding '88S** (left above) hands a leather bound copy of *Forever Young* to the buyer, **Carman Berg '68C**. Berg paid \$525 for the book at an auction at the Saturday evening dinner. **Wayne Johnstone '60S**, Moose Jaw, was the auctioneer.

Evans wins draw

At right, President Lammerding congratulates **Ross Evans '50C** for winning the door prize to the 2000 SAGA dinner. The prize is accommodation for two during the 2001 reunion.

Founding SAGA member



Tom Townley Smith '32C standing up straight and looking healthy, received a rousing welcome when

he spoke to the banquet guests on Jan.15. Tom said he drove up from Regina to renew acquaintances and to congratulate the grads on keeping the organization strong and productive. He was at the founding meeting in 1935.



Howard McDonald '35C and **Charles Rowles '36C**, both founding members of SAGA and now living in Vancouver, sent regrets they were not able to attend this event.



20 Year Grads celebrate

Rod Delahey and Jill Turner (above) presented their classmates and interesting personal comments to the SAGA dinner guests. Nearly half their class attended - great show.

Honours and Awards

Order of Canada

Governor General Adrienne Clarkson announced on January 11 that Doug Knott, U of S Prof. Emeritus of Crop Science and Plant Ecology, has been appointed a member of the Order of Canada. Doug is well known for his 41 year career as a professor at the U of S during which time he developed several durum varieties and wrote the book *The Wheat Rusts - Breeding for Resistance*, which is highly regarded in the international wheat research community.

SK Agricultural Hall of Fame

On August 8, 1999 five agricultural leaders were inducted into the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of fame (SAHF), three of them graduates of the College of Agriculture, U of S.

Herman Austenson'46C, crop scientist and administrator devoted more than 40 years to teaching, research and extension in agronomy, 14 years in the U.S.A. and 26 years at Saskatoon. Hired as a professor, he later headed the Crop Science Department and the Crop Development Centre and expanded the university land base for plant breeding. He was a strong promoter for a checkoff on wheat and barley and headed up the Western Grains Foundation when the checkoff became a fact. Herman died in 1997.

Con Campbell'65PhD was a popular and internationally acclaimed soil scientist at the Swift Current Research Station, now the Semiarid Prairie Agricultural Research Centre, from 1965 until moving to Ottawa in 1998. Con demonstrated that the carbon dating technique could be used to measure soil organic matter change, then

developed soil management approaches that could be used by farmers to improve their soils and increase crop yields. Con was a popular speaker at farm and professional events.

Harry-Jae Elder'52S, farmed at Fillmore and contributed a great deal to his community and the province. In the early 1970s he taught courses in farm management and livestock production on Indian reserves. He played prominent roles in the formation and operation of the Saskatchewan Hog Marketing Commission and Beef Stabilization Board and served on the Saskatchewan Natural Products Marketing Board. Harry-Jae made outstanding contributions to 4-H locally and provincially, helping to found the 4-H Foundation.

Hugh McPhail'42C pioneered air services in rural Western Canada from his North Battleford base. Following wartime service with the Royal Air Force he worked for a time with VLA and Saskatchewan Wheat Pool before setting up McPhail Air Services in 1951. He pioneered aerial application of pesticides using his own farm as a testing ground. His operation extended into the NWT and included helicopters for spraying, fire fighting and searches. Flying training was made available at five different rural locations by McPhail Air Services.

Ernie Hull, known internationally for his development and promotion of Landrace swine was also inducted into the SAHF. He led the way in importing Landrace breeding stock and since 1956 many of the herds of Landrace in Canada, U.S.A., New Zealand, Japan, Mexico and South America, either

started with or made selections from his herd. He passed away in 1993.

Other Honours

Rotarian honoured

Glenn Flaten'50S,'56C of Ottawa has received Rotary International's highest honour, the Service Above Self Award, for years of humanitarian service in Ottawa and abroad. In 1991 he started a program that provides educational books to developing countries and to date 500,000 volumes have been sent. He has also been involved in providing medical supplies to African countries and in setting up drip irrigation systems. He is now president of the Rotary Club of Nepean/Kanata.

Hazel Miner of Ottawa is on *THE OTTAWA CITIZEN* list of 100 top area sports icons for her coaching contribution to junior basketball. Among others on the list are James Naismith, who invented basketball in 1891, Barbara Ann Scott, Steve Yzerman, King Clancy and Larry Robinson. She has moved on to other pursuits, including cycling and typing stuff for her globe trotting consultant/husband **Bill Miner'52C**.

Dr. Mary McPhail of North Battleford was chosen 1999 Saskatchewan Physician of the Year at the annual meeting of the Saskatchewan College of Family Physicians. She was the first female doctor in North Battleford, has practiced 40 years and has been active in her profession and in the community. She has studied mind control, hypnosis and cults, and wrote the book, *I Met a Moonie*. She is married to **Hugh McPhail'42C** who was honoured by the SAHF in 1999.

Building Leaders

The Agricultural Students' Association broke new, fertile ground, when it held the day long motivational session, 'Building The Leader Within', on Saturday, March 25.

Encouraged by the College of Agriculture, S.I.A. and with some financial help from industry, the ASA put together a very strong program for the 175 participants, most of them undergrads but with a sprinkling of grads.

The purpose was to supplement their classroom education with ideas that will help them to be successful in their vocational and personal lives. A highlight was a presentation by Peter Legge, a motivational speaker, author and publisher, who shared his understanding for business and personal success with the audience. The following are some of his thoughts, presented in his sincere, forceful manner.

- * Set goals and work toward them consistently. Understand that success takes time and a consistent effort.
- * Maintain a positive attitude in your work and in your personal life. Enjoy your work and play time.
- * Communicate clearly with those with whom you work and with your friends and relations.
- * Commit yourself to lifelong learning. Read a book every week, listen to a valued speaker once a month, read the papers and selected videos.
- * If you go into business understand the process of selling. Seek mentors and use their experience and advice to help you succeed.

The students were enthusiastic about Legge's address, and for other speakers on setting goals, dealing with difficult people, decision-making and team building.



The agro student committee that organized 'Building the Leader within':
(L to r) above: Lyle Forden, Amy Bradshaw, Jennifer Laing, Legge, Tanya Silzer, Peter Van Dongen(ASA president), Kristian Holden.



Peter Legge, CEO, Canada Wide Magazines & Communications, keynote speaker.

Honourary life memberships presented



Les Henry '64C (far left) congratulated Richard Bellamy '66S for being named an Honorary Life Member of SAGA. Les noted that Richard has been a long time employee at the soil testing laboratory in

Saskatoon. Further, that Richard has rendered valuable services to SAGA, being the registrar for the last 26 years.



Eiler Humbert '50C (left) poses with Keith '50C and his wife Edna Downey, with the Honorary Life Membership certificate presented by SAGA to Keith. Humbert, in presenting the certificate noted that Keith is a world class scientist specializing in canola. He has brought honour to the university and his college, yet stayed active in SAGA activities.

The President's Pen



Blair Cummins
President of SAGA
Bradwell farmer

Hello Fellow Ag Grads:

You were probably expecting to hear from **Trent Bobinski'85B**, but surprise! You get to hear from the guy that runs around in that great looking lime green jacket on reunion weekends. Trent got so darn busy at work that he figures he should let somebody else take the easy job. So I get the honour of serving as your president for the year 2000! I look forward to the challenges and opportunities that come with the job. It will be a pleasure and great experience working with the great bunch of people that serve on your SAGA executive.

Special thanks to Trent Bobinski for organizing the reunion year committees and serving as vice president this past year. Special thanks also to Ewald (Shorty) Lammerding, now our past president, for doing a tremendous job and leaving me with some really big

boots to fill. I thank you Shorty for the information you have given to me.

A very valuable member of our SAGA executive retired this year - Tom Burwell, our secretary of many years is moving on. Fortunately Corey Loessin did a great job of recruiting new executive members and we welcome Kari Fehr, our new secretary.

On to other business. As usual the reunion weekend was a great time as old friends and classmates got together to swap old lies and test some new ones. Attendance at most events declined slightly as has been the recent trend. We are concerned about this and will work to reverse this trend. We will welcome any suggestions that you think will help. This year a debate was held after the annual meeting: attendance was good and it was a good debate on the GMO issue. Both sides were well represented and response to this initiative was quite positive. Thanks to Ewald, Trent and Fred fulton for organizing the debate and to Rod Delahey for serving as moderator.

Curling and hockey went well, although we could have used a few more teams at each, but there was lots of action and fun. Our Barn Raising Committee, under the leadership of Rod Delahey, has been busy. Our consultants have decided the structure is sound so we can carry on with our initiatives. There will be a meeting soon where all interested parties can meet and discuss their proposals for the university barn.

I wish to thank the grads who put

together our history book, *Forever Young*. It is a great piece of work and the membership appreciates the time and effort of those who compiled the book. Thanks to Jack Braidek, Les Henry, Bob McKercher, Lorence Peterson and Fred Fulton and anyone else who had a hand in its publication. Great job!

Some of us grads have been involved with the students this year: Fred Fulton, Bob McKercher and Eiler Humbert were judges for the college's Sask. Challenge events. I participated in the selection process for the Tommy Fraser Award and was invited to the College's 2000 graduation to present the award. The winner this year was Chad Krikau, a most deserving recipient. Good luck Chad!

I have also been visiting the degree and diploma lounges, encouraging them to join SAGA. I've met with limited success but am encouraged nonetheless by the response. I hope they join soon because I am running out of jokes and am likely to be pantsed soon. With the help of Great West Breweries we sponsored a pub night in the degree lounge. It was well attended and we believe it will help us to connect better with the students, who are the future of our organization.

I encourage you to talk to your ag grad friends and relatives that are not members of SAGA. Encourage them to join: We need new members. It's a great organization and we need new support to remain strong.

Blair Cummins'77S
President

Before hats became a fashion statement of the day, men wore hoods of cloth or fur attached to their cloaks. To distinguish themselves, men of profession such as doctors and priests wore identifiable styles. This led to easy deceit by con men wanting to set themselves up as a new professional in town. All he had to do was put on the right hood! Such deception became known as a falsehood.

2000 Bonspiel Results

The bonspiel had 25 rinks in the regular event and six rinks in the Hutcheon (seniors) event. Prizes were again provided by Cargill, John Deere, Monsanto and Royal Bank for the winners and runners up for all four events. Stuart Cutts chairman of the bonspiel said that the event went well. Kevin Dow will be the chairman in 2001 and the ice has already been booked.

A event winners: Brown trophy



L to r: Wayne Cubbon, Jason Remus, Jim Schultz, Peter Fry. The rink of Daryl Stephens, Alvin Stephens, Allan Klemmer and Andy Cipywynek were runners up.

B event winners: Graham trophy



The rink of Todd Ehman, Lanette Ehman, Brent Kennedy and Tom Senko, above, won this event.

Bryan Nybo and his rink mates Kim Busch, Craig Smith and Don Nakonechny were runners up in the B event.

C event winners: White trophy



Skip Michael Thompson and rink members Bill Rayner, Gord Parkinson and Stewart Parkinson. Runners up were Ashley Russell, Lyle Forden, Chris Baan and Tyler Russell.

Senior event: Hutcheon trophy



Rink members were: Gary Johnson, Fred Langley, Ellis Kline and Mason Simmons.

Runners up: Hans Korven, Bob McKercher, Don Acton and Jim Hay.

Thundering Herd



Wayne Pander'66C is now co-owner of the leading commercial real estate firm in Red Deer, AB. But he had a number of careers along the way, including extension officer, Regina, Agricultural education at Oxbow, Regional Development at Portage la Prairie and economic Development Director, Red Deer. Wayne and his wife Carol continue to live in the original Red Deer house, but their children have graduated from secondary learning centres and live in Calgary and Vancouver. Wayne says, "Please stop by for a coffee and visit if you're in Red Deer."

Sid says, "After 19 years of school, three years with Manitoba Agriculture, 14 years with Simplot Chemical and 19 years with the Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan, **Sid Blair'61C** doesn't punch a time clock anymore." He and wife Marlene have formed their own company - Kaleidoscope Systems Inc. to market prepaid legal services in North America. (Read their page at www.prepaidlegal.com/go/ssblair) The company also holds a two year contract with Morton Salt (U.S.) and Canadian Salt to assist them in marketing potassium chloride for water softening. Sid concludes, "Life has never been better."

Jim Bagshaw'88S,'91C has relocated from Fort Saskatchewan to Saskatoon, proof positive that bodies

move both ways across the border. He is still with UGG, now as Regional Sales Co-ordinator for Saskatchewan.

Darren Bly'86C has also moved but he didn't make it out of town. Still with Farm Credit Corporation in Regina.

Curtis Harren'90C has moved a bit closer to the ski slopes, shifting his residence from Calgary to Cochrane. Poppa **Jim Harren'65C** can expect some changes in the future. The Cyanamid crop protection unit of American Home Products, Jim's employer, was purchased on March 21 for \$3.8 billion (U.S.) by BASF, to form the fourth-largest agro-chemicals firm in the world. No word yet if Jim has been asked to manage the new colossus or whether he would accept the job if it were offered to him.

Richard Desmarreau'89C reports that he is now a nurseryman at Chilliwack, BC. He owns Liard Horticulture Enterprise Inc. and operates in conjunction with Fairfield Tree Nurseries Inc., distributing landscape products across North America. His stock is field grown and the intention is to stabilize production at 200,000 plants per year, concentrating on quality and unusual nursery stock items. Richard is enthusiastic for the future of his operation.

Sheldon Maertz'86C is happily living in Langham, SK having retired from the Canadian Armed Force and Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry after nine years, seven months and 11 days in July/99. (but who was counting). He is now a consultant in a firm named PROCON, serving the gas, oil and mining industries based in Calgary, AB.

Kevin Hursh'80C continues to maintain a public presence through a steady stream of press articles on agriculture and radio messages on 650 NTR. In one of his StarPhoenix articles he discussed the trend toward marketing through the Internet. One of his examples was about **John Hemstad'63C**, general Manager of Grey Owl Marketing Ltd., which represents 72 Saskatchewan Indian bands. Four years ago they began using a Web site to advertise and sell wild rice. Direct sales as a result of the Web site have not been spectacular, but he credits it with increased product awareness and probably an important source of future sales.

John Harapiak'63C, forward-thinking prairie agronomist, has retired from his job with Western Co-op Fertilizers but will continue his active participation in the agricultural industry as Chief Agronomic Officer with Agriplace, Calgary. The focus of the firm is marketing inputs to farmers and marketing farm production to willing buyers, with considerable use of the Internet.

Clayton Papp'74S now lives at Hardisty, AB and calls himself a farm manager, as compared to being a farm operator the previous 25 years. During that time he contributed considerably to his community as a school trustee in the Kamsack, SK school division for six years and as reeve of the RM of Livingston #331 from 1987 to 1999.

Don Saelhof'72C of Regina says he has completed some great contracts since forming Aurora Consulting in 1991, with community bond corporations, AIMS, FBDB, PFRA, Ag Depot and Brandt Industries. The work has ranged widely from sales management

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to community bond offerings, designing and implementing new product launches. He and wife Connie have taken time off from his work and Connie's job at the Royal Bank to visit friends in Manitoba and attend the Western Canada Wheat Grower convention in Puerto Vallarta in January. Their family is growing up with with son Michael in third year psychology at Calgary and daughter Jileon in first year psychology at the U of Regina.

Barry Ghiglione '69S who grew up at Coderre, SK and farmed there for a few years after getting his diploma in agriculture, has been in the rental business in Saskatoon for about 20 years. A recent report in the StarPhenix suggests the business is growing nicely, thanks in part to the contribution of Marion, Barry's wife.

The business began with renting things like sanders, chain saws, lawn and garden equipment. But today they are into a very wide range of small hand and power tools and equipment needed by the construction trades.

Their Handyman Rental Centre now also has a Handy Special Event Centre that supplies dishes, chairs, tables and lots of other items for weddings and other events. The Handyman portable toilet is used at construction sites, outdoor concerts and other outdoor events.

Wayne Gamble '67S, '71C, chief operating officer of Western Canada Agribition, Regina, has taken on a new challenge, that of Chairman, Tourism Saskatchewan. Wayne believes that Saskatchewan can build its tourism industry and has some ideas on how that can happen. Good luck with this important activity Wayne.

Curtis Kerslake '88S and his wife **Barbara Kerslake '87S** (nee Gadd) still reside on the Windthorst family farm, with their son Loren. Curtis operates a cow-calf and feedlot as well as grain farming. He admits also to allowing a few 'hobby exotics' such as ostrich and llama to enter the farm gate. Barbara has recently joined Dalland Value Added Pork in Kipling, SK as transportation coordinator for all of Canada.

Don Dowdeswell '65C of Pennant, SK, was the grand champion winner for pulse seeds at the Seager Wheeler Seed Show during the 2000 Western Canadian Crop Production Show in Saskatoon.

Kim Sutherland '89C of Calgary is putting her degree in soil science and graduate degree in hydrogeology (earth sciences) to good use in her own company. It specializes in manure and environmental management for intensive livestock producers. It has been a successful venture and she is enjoying working with hog, cattle, poultry and other producers in the four Western provinces in Canada and some

2000 Hockey results

Larry Hayes, chairman of the hockey tournament had the following comments on this event

* The event was very successful even though the numbers were down to eleven teams, five competitive, four non-competitive and two women's rinks.

* The competitive division was very close with Aventis going undefeated but winning one game by a shootout and by one goal in another game.

* The final was very close with the lead going back and forth, but with Aventis prevailing over the Drake Mighty Ducks 4-2 and winning the Rennie Trophy. SVAA won the consolation final 7-2 over Blue Steel and received the Stewart Trophy.

* In the women's hockey division, only one game was played, in which the Grads defeated the Undergrads.

Tournament winners: Aventis



Team members, back row, left to right, Randy Fedyk, Rollie Rumbold '96C, Lonnie Gobeil, Glen Douglas, Garth Hackl. Front row, left to right, Craig Rath '86C, Steve Schmidt, Kirck McCutcheon, Jason McMartin, Erin Keisig and Cory Loessin '86C. Missing: Rob Jones '86C and Ed Schafer.

places in the U.S.A.

Darryl Reynolds '81C reports from Nokomis that he is now a full-time farmer and has taken on a directorship with the Sask. Soil Conservation Association (SSCA). They have also moved into a new (to them) house. Parents **Ross '53B** and **Irene Reynolds** are spending some time this winter at Laughlin, Nevada, and are expected to return before seeding time.

Grant Anderson '73C has changed his address from Swift Current to Rosetown. As account manager with FCC he continues to lend money to keep farming.

Empty Saddles



Edwin William Amy'50C, retired Grenfell farmer, died on February 9, 2000, at 70 years of age. Edwin is survived by his wife Margaret, two sons, Jack (Gwen) and Douglas (Wendy), both of Grenfell; four daughters, Patricia (Armel) Wolensky, Storthoaks, Edythe (Floyd) Werth, Grenfell, Judy (Greg) Schweitzer, Red Deer, AB, Donna (Allen) Schick, Regina, 17 grandchildren; Edwin's mother Vera Amy, Grenfell; brother Blake (Joan) Amy, Regina, sister Vera Jean (Wayne) Dupuis, Regina. He was predeceased by daughter Sharon, son Geoffrey, brother Gordon and his father Bert.

Gordon Stanley Baker'49C, DFC, passed away at his Saskatoon home on December 13, 1999. He was born in 1921 at the farm home of his parents south of Kyle and took his schooling at Leyton and Kyle schools, then served as a pilot in the RCAF, reaching the rank of Flight Lieutenant. He flew 43 missions, mainly with the famed Pathfinders. After the war he took his BSA and worked for a time for the Lands Branch, Saskatchewan Agriculture, then turned to farming full time south of Kyle until retiring to Saskatoon in 1999. Gordon is survived by his wife of 54 years Mae (nee Clark), daughter Bonnie (Tim) Perrett, son Terry (Kathy) Baker, their families and his sister Dorothy (Ed) Leck. He was predeceased by his parents and brother Alan.

The death of **Marjorie Bell** occurred on January 1, 2000 at her Lutheran Sunset Home in Saskatoon. She was predeceased by her husband **Gus Bell'30C**, daughter Joan, parents Joe and Molly Irvine, sister Louise and brother Walter. She is survived by her daughters Barbara Malette and Elin (Jim) Logan.

Reginald Peter Burtnick'56S of Moose Jaw, passed away on Mar. 6, 2000 at the age of 65 years.

Archibald (Archie) Henderson Campbell'35C, born January 13, 1912, died on his 88th birthday in the Col. Beacher Hospital, Calgary. He is survived by Vivian, his wife of 54 years, their three children, Alex (Wendy), Murray (Joanne), Linda (Gerry) Walker, seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren, all of Calgary. Archie came to Saskatoon in 1918 with his parents, his father Dr. Alexander H. Campbell having decided to leave Ontario and set up a medical practice in that city. In 1937 Archie became a full time fur rancher in the Furdale community south of Saskatoon and from then until 1976 he raised seven different colours of fox and eleven of mink. He served with Six Bomber Group RCAF in Britain during World War II. From 1976 to 1997 Archie grew u-pick corn on his ranch, then sold it and moved to Calgary where he and Vivian could be close to their children. Archie had a curiosity about things and this probably led him to become involved in fur and u-pick farming, unusual pursuits (at that time) for ag grads. He was widely known in the Saskatoon community and a strong supporter of his church and the College of Agriculture.

The death of **Marylin Fleming** of

Rosetown, SK, occurred on October 17, 1999 at the Rosetown Health Care Centre. She was 54 years old. She is survived by her husband **Ellwood Fleming'62C**, sons Brent (Jolene) of Calgary and Cory (Tammy) of Saskatoon; her mother Elsie Billett of Rosetown; brothers Jerry (Shirley) Billett of Langley, BC and Ken (Wendy) Billett of Surrey, BC; sister Marj (Pat) McCallister of Coquitlam, BC. In addition to her home and family responsibilities, Marylin was a entrepreneur in varied business interests, a farm helper, active in community organizations and very active politically.

Einar Hemstad passed away peacefully at the Herb Bassett Home in Prince Albert on November 26, 1999, at the age of 100 years and seven months. Einar immigrated from Norway in 1924 and settled in the Northern Lights district (Domremy, SK) where he raised his family, farmed and pursued his main occupation of electrical wiring. He married Clara Kilden in 1929 and she passed away in 1976. He married Borghild Dahl in 1982 and she died in 1985. Einar is survived by eight children: **Knute'54S** (Muriel) **Hemstad**, Prince Albert; Ida (Lloyd) Hagen, Hagen, SK; Einar (Betty Anne) Hemstad, Victoria, BC; Harold Hemstad, Thornhill, ON; **John'63C** (Bertha) **Hemstad**, Prince Albert; **Norman'64C** (Trudy) **Hemstad**, Brandon, MB; Linda (Tom) Irwin, Calgary, AB; Darlene (Bill) Brace, Prince Albert; two step children in Norway, 29 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren and one great grandchild. Five brothers and sisters live in Norway.

Phillippe Pierre Joseph Marchildon'43S, born on January

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23,1918, died on January 2,2000 at Zenon Park, SK. Phillippe operated the Oka Co-op Fam with his brothers, being involved also in leaf-cutter bees and a sawmill. He also devoted much of his time to the economic development of his community and was one of the founding members of the Zenon Park Co-operative Dehydrators Ltd. He promoted his language and culture through the French Cultural Organization and the seniors organization. He is survived by his wife Madeleine and children; Vincent (Denise), Denis, Ginette, Serge, Marianne; Monique; Collette(Robert) Lee, Edwin; Lisette; Cecile (Raymond) Tkachuk, Patrick, Vincent; Marguerite (Allen) Tkachuk, Christopher, Jacqueline, Rachelle, Roseanne, Dominique, Elizabeth, Andrea; Armand (Karen) Renee, Antoine; Rose (Robert) Wacholtz, Stephane, Joseph, AnneMarie; Julien (Vida) Francis, Louisianne, Elisabeth, Abram, Chloe, Madeleine, Maxime.

Wesley Brisbane 'Breeze' McNaught'50C of Woking, AB passed away on November 9,1999 at Grande Prairie, at age 73, after a brief illness with cancer. He is survived by his wife Marion and four children: Hugh, Toronto; Alan (Betty) Grande Prairie; Cheryl (Vic) Babchuk, Senlac, SK; **John'88C** (Dawne), Woking; six grandchildren; sister Mary Flexhaug, Edmonton; brothers Jim (Verna) Climax, SK and **Winston'59S** (Marlene), Vancouver, BC: sisters-in-law June Provost, Regina and Anne Phillips, Peace River, AB. Wes was raised at Climax and went to school there and at Shaunavon, then enlisted in the army in 1944 and served overseas in Britain and the Low Countries before getting his degree. He and Marion(Renouf) were married in 1952 and together they farmed at Shaunavon and for 20 years Wes taught agricultural mechanics each winter at the U of S and later at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology at Calgary. In 1964 they sold the farm at Shaunavon and the following year moved to the farm at Northmark, AB where Wes was able to couple farming with instruction in agricultural mechanics at Fairview College. The years at Shaunavon and the Peace were productive for the family. Wes looked at the world with curiosity, a keen mind and an artist's eye.

Donald Swain McVicar'41S passed away at his Colonsay home on February 29, 2000. He was born on July 18, 1920 and had lived in Colonsay his entire life except during service in the army in World War 11. Don farmed and was a strong community member, serving as a school trustee, councillor, mayor and Legion member. He was a valued

family member and friend. He is lovingly remembered by his wife Eva (nee Moir), son Ron (Paule) McVicar; daughters Lois (Boyd) Clark, Donna (Warren) Eley and Heather McVicar (Marc Sabourin); nine grandchildren, two grandsons; his brothers Lorne and Hugh McVicar.

Mildred Augusta Paul of Saskatoon passed away at Sherbrooke Community Centre, her home since 1992, on February 2, 2000, at age 93 years. She is lovingly remembered by her husband **Lorne Paul'32MSA**, her four daughters and their families: Lorraine (Harry) Hill of Saskatoon, Kathy Casselman Wells (Norman) of Chicago, Janet (Alberto) Verjovsky of Mexico, Margaret (Lynn) Peters of Edmonton, 11 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Mildred led a productive life that included teaching at City Park Collegiate when it opened in 1930, being the first president of the University Faculty Wives Club, an organizer of the Couples Club in 1939 and Circulo Hispanico which are still active today.

Phillip Edward Polischuk'49C passed away at his Regina Pioneer Village home on January 15, 2000. He was 82 years old. Phil was raised at Peterson, SK and took his degree after service in the armed forces in World War II. On graduation he joined the Lands Branch of Saskatchewan Agriculture and held senior positions in the department until his retirement. Predeceased by his daughter Sandra, brothers Paul, Alec, Bill and John and sister Mary, he is lovingly remembered and sadly missed by his wife Inga; son Robert; son-in-law Walter Weimer; grandchildren Christopher, Erica, Mikhail and Janine; sister Annie, nieces and nephews.

Avelin Emma Rouatt died at Royal University Hospital on January 21, 2000, at age 84. Surviving are her daughter Joan (Mark) Addison, son Ted (Maria) Rouatt and granddaughters Jennifer and Clare Addison. Avelin was predeceased by her first husband F/O Archie Batty and by her devoted husband of 49 years, **Earl Rouatt'34C**. Avelin had a great love of music and expressed this through teaching music, performing, accompanying and as a volunteer with the Saskatoon Symphony.

Kenneth Thomas Russell'50S of Zealandia, SK, died at St. Paul's Hospital, Saskatoon, on February 11, 2000, at 73 years of age. Ken operated the farm with his father following the School of Agriculture, later taking over the farm and developing a herd of cattle. In his youth he enjoyed sports

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Pooped Deck



Our sympathies are with **Arnold Treble'49C** of Fillmore, SK, who advises that his dear wife Margaret had passed away on October 30, 1999, a victim of cancer. Margaret and Arnold did a lot of travelling since his retirement and they used to enjoy the Ag Grad Bonspiels.

David Clark'48C and his wife Ruth were not able to attend the reunion activities in January but sent along a note saying things were going well.

And David also sent along a cheque to cover the cost of a copy of Forever Young. True to his dryland upbringing, David lives on the highest point in South Surrey, BC. And they can see forever - west to Boundary Bay, Tsawassen and Vancouver Island, U.S. and islands to the south and Mount Baker to the east, all from their Ocean Park condo deck. David recalled instructing the 1950 grads as he took his MSc. - says they were a great bunch.

The Ottawa contingent of former Saskatchewanites, or is it Saskatchewanians seems to be doing well, at least those contacted by ye editor in weeks gone by. They include **Frank Payne'47C**, the reformed pipe smoker who learned much as an Ag Rep around Colonsay, then moved to Ottawa where the feds were willing to pay for his understandings. Frank has two current concerns, one of these is perpetuation of his new breed of beef cattle, the other is writing his memoirs. His wife Elsie is helping with the latter by converting Frank's spoken words from tape to hard copy. She may even do some editing. The cattle thing will take more organizing.

Bill Miner'52C continues to share his considerable understanding of world agricultural trade with the world. He and others of his ilk were upstaged by GMO protestors in Seattle and he had to take cover in a pub where they could watch the action on TV. The choice of a pub as a safe place smacks of a planned manoeuvre. Bill welcomes visitors to his sugarbush near Cavelton Place during March, if they are skilled in felling trees with an ax and are able to carry heavy pails of sap through sometimes deep snow.

We enjoyed a nice visit with **George'46S** and Esther Price in their nice new home. The location is just off (infamous) Eagleson Drive and the builder had to remove good looking forest to make room for the good looking buildings. Choices, choices!! The Prices are well, active and troubled only by the need to decide what to do next.

Ed Penner'51C has now been retired in Ottawa for 15 years after a career in soil research with the National Research Council. Though long departed from Saskatchewan, he continues to be interested and informed about the province.

Home Grown



William Wilfred Joseph Maerz arrived on January 20, 2000, the first child born to Deena and **Sheldon'86C Maerz** of Langham, SK.

Cindy Thomson (Francis'87C) and husband Chris have a third son, Aaron William, born on December 5, 1999. He joins brothers Matthew (6) and Sean (2) in their Saskatoon home. Cindy will be on maternity leave until September from her job at the Department of Applied Microbiology and Food Science.

Janice and **Darryl'81C Reynolds** of Lanigan added baby daughter Amber Skye Reynolds to their household on September 28, 1999. A sister for 2 1/2 year old Sydney. That's a nice start on filling the big new(old) house acquired in April and refitted under general contractor Janice R. by August, before harvest and the arrival of the new tad.

Two guys were approaching each other on a sidewalk, and both were dragging their right foot as they walked. As they met, one looked at the other knowingly, pointed to his right foot and said, "Land mine, Germany, 1945."

The other hooked his thumb over his right shoulder and said, "Dog poop 20 feet back, look out."

News from the College

Grant Wood'79C, agriculture, food and horticulture program coordinator in the Extension Division, has been elected president of the Canadian Society of Extension, an associate member organization of the Agricultural Institute of Canada.

Environment Research Highlight

An interdisciplinary unit with the colleges of agriculture and law, the Centre for Studies in Agriculture, Law and the Environment (CSALE) has recently been focussing research projects on the issue of climate change. This has entailed looking at what effect the Kyoto Protocol (in which Canada promised to lower greenhouse gas emissions) will have on agriculture, specifically for prairie farmers and generally for Canada.

Issues being dealt with include the sustainability of different land use practices, alternative cropping systems, the economics of agroforestry and the use of marginal land for permanent cover. As well, the energy use of different farm inputs and alternative fuels (biofuels and ethanol) are being considered. A sustainable farming systems model is being developed and CSALE is contributing to the national model for climate change in agriculture, called CEEMA (Canadian Economic and Emissions Model for Agriculture), which is being developed by AAFC. CSALE has also looked at marketing options in tradable carbon credits.

For more information on these projects, contact the CSALE office at 966-8893 or by email at jck@fc.usask.ca

Prairie Swine Centre expands

A large, 600 sow research facility, named PSC Elstow Research Farm Inc. located some 4 miles NE of Elstow, was officially opened on March 29, 2000, before some 400 visitors. Costing nearly \$4 million, it adds to the Prairie Swine Centre facility located on the Kernan farm university property SE of the city just off #16 highway.

The unit has been established to enable research to be done on a large scale, enabling the researchers to provide useful information to operators of larger units faster. It will focus on three areas; production costs, pollution control and the well being of animals and plant employees. Though similar in design to large production units, this one has features that enhance research, allow some flexibility and public viewing.

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but arthritis struck him early and eventually forced him into early retirement from the farm. Ken married Eva Nash in 1960: she and their son Perry, Zealandia and his brother **Jim'64S** (Verna) **Russell** of Rosetown survive him. He was predeceased by his brothers Jack and Frank and sister-in-law Bernadette.

Douglas Bishop Wilkinson'41C, born on July 21, 1918, passed away on February 26, 2000 at St. Paul's Hospital, Saskatoon. He is survived by Mae, his wife of 57 years; his son Alan (Maria; four grandchildren;), Cleveland, Ohio; daughter Lorraine (Rick) Halabisky, Thunder Bay, ON; son Brian (Elaine), Saskatoon; brothers Dr. Gordon (Joyce) Wilkinson and Ken (Eleanor) Wilkinson, both of Saskatoon. Doug farmed at Aberdeen, SK from graduation until 1970 when he summer fallowed the entire acreage under the Lift Program and went to work full time, first with the Saskatchewan Soil Survey, then in 1976 as a research scientist with the Soil Science Department. He had the lead role in the Innovative Acres program. He retired in 1986. Doug is remembered as a capable and dedicated scientist, and above all a gentleman. He audited the SAGA accounts for 19 years.

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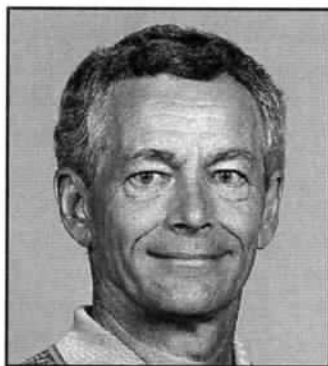


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SURVEYED AG. GRADS SUPPORTIVE OF U OF S EDUCATION



Lyle Elmgren

The U of S College of Agriculture is a large operation - a \$24-million-per-year enterprise with 350 employees, more than 1,100 on-site students, and teaching, research and extension links to dozens of corporations and agencies around the world.

So, how can such a complex College take stock of how well it's doing its job?

Well, it can carry out a comprehensive self-analysis and, in fact, it's now in the midst of doing exactly that, as the first U of S college to conduct a systematic program review of its instructional programs, curriculum, faculty qualifications, and learning outcomes.

The results of that intensive review won't be known for months, but the College has just made one very revealing part of that review process public.

Lyle Elmgren, the College's Co-ordinator of Academic Programs says the just-released results of a fall 1999 survey of 323 BSA (Bachelor of Science in Agriculture) graduates from the five years 1995-99 show that recent students give the College a high rating.

Overall, Elmgren says, 51.4 per cent of the surveyed grads said they were "very satisfied" with the BSA program, and 47.4 per cent were "satisfied" for a 98.8 per cent approval rating.

The grads' ratings for some aspects of their programs rated nearly as high, while certain facets of the program received lukewarm praise and prompted some suggestions for improvement.

"There's a high degree of satisfaction with the program they went through," Elmgren says.

"That, and their willingness to help the college in future endeavors, shows that they have a good feeling about their university experience."

Survey results, both positive and negative, will be taken into consideration as part of the thorough systematic program review which the college is currently undertaking as part of the university-level review of all academic programs.

Elmgren provides the following detailed results of the survey, conducted by Calibre Strategic Services, of

Saskatoon, by telephone last Oct. 22-27 with 323 1995-99 grads, representing 51.5 per cent of the College's graduates in that time.

He says the survey's aim was "to determine the level of satisfaction of BSA graduates with their educational experience, to identify gaps between student expectations and what the BSA program offered, and to determine the value of the BSA program to graduates pursuing professional careers in agriculture."

- 85.4% strongly agreed or agreed that they had gained a good understanding of the agriculture industry in the BSA program.

- 90.1% strongly agreed or agreed that they had gained a good understanding of their major area of specialization.

- 85.7% said classroom facilities were excellent or good, 83.3% said lab facilities were excellent or good, and 71.2% said computer facilities were excellent or good.

- 74.3% said library holdings were excellent or good.

- 58.8% said study space was excellent or good.

- 63.5% said orientation for entering students was excellent or good.

- 57.9% said academic program and career advising was excellent or good.

- 40.5% said financial support for students was excellent or good.

- 86.7% said most instructors were reasonably accessible outside of class, 70.0% said most instructors made an effort to ensure that students understood material taught; 62.8% said instructors actively encouraged class participation.

- 82.0% said exams were a fair test of course material, and 84.8% said grading of exams was fair.

- 46.7% said most instructors provided useful feedback during the course, and 47.7% said just some instructors did so.

- 35.9% said most instructors encouraged feedback from students, and 39.3% said some instructors did so.

- Overall, 68.4% said most instructors were excellent teachers.

- 99.1% said they were able to take classes they wanted.

- 96.0% said the program had sufficient theoretical focus.

- For those respondents who had taken part in the co-operative education program, 87.5% strongly agreed or agreed it provided a useful learning experience, and 68.8% said it helped them get a job.

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- 49% suggested the BSA program should contain more practical and industry-oriented material.

- 9.1% said more business communications, computer, writing and math training should be provided.

- 7.5% said more counselling should be provided.

- 5.8% said a wider variety of courses and flexible course scheduling should be provided.

- 4.6% said courses should be more specific or focused.

- 95.1% said their university experience contributed to their social skills, 94.4% said it contributed to their ability to think independently, 93.8% said it contributed to their public speaking skills, 93.4% said it was good preparation for post-graduate studies, 92.7% said it contributed to their development of leadership skills, 90.4% said it contributed to their writing skills, and 90.0% said it contributed to their computer skills.

- At the time of the survey, 84.5% of the respondents were employed, 3.1% were job-hunting, and 12.4% weren't looking for work.

- 97.5% said the BSA degree was important to their career progression, and 81.8% said their first job was related to their field of specialization.

- 27.9% said they would be very interested and 65.0% said they would be interested in helping the College in its future endeavors if asked.

The college is very grateful to the 323 grads who participated in the phone survey. Evaluations and open-ended comments provided were strongly positive about most aspects of the BSA program. Areas identified for improvement will be closely evaluated as the college modifies its academic programs for the future.

The survey results are available on the college web site at www.ag.usask.ca/Thanks,Ag.Grads.

SASKATCHEWAN AGRICULTURAL GRADUATES ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FISCAL 1999

NOVEMBER 1, 1998 to OCTOBER 31, 1999

INCOME		EXPENSE	
MEMBERSHIPS	2800.00	NEWSLETTER	7021.27
HOCKEY	5044.99	HOCKEY	4493.39
CURLING	2626.00	CURLING	2184.47
BANQUET & DANCE	9475.00	BANQUET&DANCE	10703.96
MIXER	7355.25	MIXER	7258.46
BANK INTEREST	11.72	BANK CHARGES	20.40
INVST. INTEREST	4710.77	MICELLANEOUS	1583.27
INC. in MUTUALS	1517.47		
ADVERT. & MISC.	435.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$33976.20	TOTAL EXPENSE	\$33265.22

INCOME over EXPENSE \$710.98

TREND ANALYSIS	1996	1997	1998	1999
BANK BALANCE	\$ 4350.34	\$ 4029.97	\$ 1488.94	\$23182.45
INVESTMENTS	\$76500.00	\$78500.00	\$81483.58	\$60501.05
TOTALS	\$80850.34	\$82529.97	\$82972.52	\$83683.50

Investment Interest Historical	\$6226.05	\$5556.40	\$5315.58	\$6228.24
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LAURENTIAN(B)	8.700 %	02/20/2000	\$ 15000.00	\$1305.00
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Bill'50C and **Esther Hamilton** decided not to join the 1950 grads at the January reunion, but will likely be here for the second round in late June at the Alumni Reunion.

Joe Campbell'41C at the western end of Canada in Victoria gave notice that he plans to celebrate his 90th birthday on June 21. This year he and Sally also celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary. Joe is carrying on his business but at a slower pace and hopes to have a paper entitled "*Mineral Status and Human Health*" published. He adds, "I owe so much of my success to the College of Agriculture at the U of S."

Herb Moulding'42S of Kelowna, BC attended the January reunion and had his picture taken with a bunch of young guys who didn't graduate until 1950.

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