

Sixth floor: Officially open

University administrators, politicians and a large contingent of Ag Grads attended the official opening of the sixth floor on November 15, 2000.

The event marks the end of a remarkable achievement - that of building a structure that contains all the College of Agriculture departments and the modern-day tools needed by the occupants to function effectively. For example, the Animal Science and Applied Microbiology/Food Science departments, occupants of the sixth floor, now have several new laboratories. These include a cytogenetics and chromosomal analysis lab for genetic studies; a product development lab and a controlled containment facility that will enable scientists to study and control insects, diseases and weeds. Paintings provided by Henry and Cheryl Kloppenberg grace the walls of the sixth floor.

Saskatchewan Ag Grads were the proudest people in attendance - and deservedly so. They supported the idea of a Sodbusters Club, where some 140 individuals laid out \$1000 each toward a study for a new college building. The Government of Saskatchewan and University officials were impressed and agreed to proceed, if the public would put up some of the money. Agros worked hard to raise the money needed - and more. The over-subscription plus interest earned paid for the \$10 million sixth floor.



Ribbon cutting crew (left to right)

Cheryl Kloppenberg, Dean Ernie Barber, Clay Serby, Minister of Agriculture, University President Peter MacKinnon and Glenn Hagel, Minister of Continuing Education.

Ag Grad Reunion

Schedule of events

Thursday Jan. 11, 2001

Degree and diploma honour year warm-ups

(Get details from your class reunion chair)

Friday January 12, 2001

Salon C, Saskatoon Inn

9:00 Annual meeting

10:30 Debate:

“The Canadian taxpayer has a responsibility to support the Canadian farmer.”

12:00 Lunch followed by an address by Dean Ernie Barber.

4:00 First curling draws (see p.8)

4:00 Hockey games to 7:00 pm (see page 7)

8:00 pm to 1:00 am SAGA MIXER at Saskatoon Inn. Grads \$8; Undergrads - free

Saturday January 13, 2001

8:00 am to 6:15 pm - Hockey games

8:00 am to 5:00 pm - Bonspiel SAGA Banquet and dance, Saskatoon Inn

5:30 pm - cocktails

6:30 pm - dinner. Followed by presentation of the honour years and dancing.

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Thundering Herd



Terry Wiik'75S has been a regular this past summer at the Saskatoon farmers' market. She has been offering baking and artwork mainly in the form of greeting cards. Terry now lives near Borden after a few years at Asquith. During student days she called Leader home.

Ward Headrick'89C says he left the Scotiabank, Moosomin, in December of 1999 and joined the Royal Bank as a merchant banker at Saskatoon. The family moved into the city in January, 2000.

Lyle McNichol'63C has a new address at Dauphin, MB, but continues to work for Manitoba Agriculture and Food as Regional Livestock Specialist.

Roy Crawford'55C, retired professor in Animal and Poultry Science sent along the following news: "U of S poultry grads flocked together at World's Poultry Congress 2000 in Montreal in August. Several were part of the planning, some chaired sessions, many presented papers, a few staffed trade exhibits, and all socialized in the prairie way. Roy Crawford emerged from the seclusion of retirement to chair a session, and found himself elected to the Poultry Hall of Fame.

Soledad Urrutia'79C from Chile, editor of the world's premier Spanish-language poultry industry magazine, greeted old friends and new, with her exuberance, warmth and charm.

Marlene Ellis Emara'85C was there from Delaware, **Wendy Clark**'88C from Wisconsin; **Heather Stilborn**'88C and **Janet Fulton** (U of S MSc.) from Iowa. Canada was hugely represented: **Fred Silversides**'81C and **Bruce Rathgeber**'87C from Nova Scotia; **Ted Sefton**'67C from Ontario; **Hank Classen**'71C, **Rex Newkirk**'92C, **Andrew Olkowski** (U of S PhD) and **Craig Riddell** (U of S PhD) from Saskatchewan; **Doug Korver**'90C, **Frank Robinson**'79C and **John Stephen**'84C from Alberta; **Randy Kurulak**'84C, **Tom Scott**'76C and **Valerie Stevens**'83PhD, from British Columbia. It was a pheasant plucker's ball!!!!

Lee Melvill'74C, Brooks AB wrote that over the last few years his father, Walter, has fully restored the family John Deere power binder that was bought new in 1944 or 45. Through more luck than good management it had been stored inside since the mid-1960s. Last summer Dad and I restored the family 1940ish Belle City 24 inch threshing machine. Both machines were used last October at a threshing bee on the Melvill farm at Cereal, AB. That day Dad and I cut two or three acres each of wheat and oats with the binder and it only missed tying one bundle. Many of the 80 people attending stooked and helped us thresh the bundles. It was very interesting watching the 70 and 80 year-olds showing the teenagers and 20 and 30 year olds how to make stooks stand up, how to load a rack properly and how to feed the thresher. Dad was kept busy last winter showing ideas of the threshing to seniors who couldn't make it out to "pitch a few" but wanted to see a binder and threshing machine operating again. This fall the machines were active again but we're planning a bigger 'do' in a year or two.

Lamplighters

Allan Scholz'75C, manager of two home based businesses and part time executive manager of Saskatchewan Agrivision Corporation Inc., has written a book entitled "*Don't Turn Out the Lights: Entrepreneurship in Rural Saskatchewan.*"

The book relates the success stories of 18 business entrepreneurs, but Allan says he could have written a much larger book because there are many more ventures in manufacturing and value-added processing, that are brightening up the prospects of Saskatchewan rural communities.

The book is available through retail book stores and University Extension Press, Extension Division, U of S, Saskatoon, SK SUN 3Z1. Books may also be ordered by telephone (306-966-5565), fax at 306-966-5567 or E-mail at <ulearn@usask.ca> The cost is \$19.95 plus GST. Add \$5.35 if it is to be shipped.

Our apologies to Lee Melvill for reporting the birth of daughter McKenzie a year late. The editor.

John Boyle'84C has worked for FCC since graduation and is now an account manager in the Saskatoon office. He took a circuitous route to get here, having worked at Prince Albert for some years, then a year in Regina before coming here a year ago. John says he is still scratching the dirt and chasing cows on the family farm in his spare time. "Thank God for calf prices this year," he concludes.

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The President's Pen

Hello Fellow Grads:

Harvest is over and the grain is in the bin, or at least, around here, in big piles on the ground. We didn't like the idea of selling \$3 peas or \$5 canola so we didn't. Thus we have bin space tied up that is normally available for the current harvest. Enough of that. I hope everything is going well in your part of the country. I think it is our nature to be resilient, so we'll continue to do what we are doing for the next while.



On to Ag Grad stuff, where there has been lots going on.

The plans for our reunion weekend are going well. Our Vice president, **Larry Hayes'80C**, has got all the reunion years up and running and it looks like they will be well represented. The organization of curling and hockey is underway, so make sure you get your entry in soon. The entry forms are further along in this issue.

I'm happy to report that the College of Agriculture has taken over the organization of the General Session on Wednesday evening of Crop Production Week (CPW). The College has become an associate member of the CPW committee. This is good news because it indicates the College initiative to work more closely with agriculture off-campus. You can check out the details of the Wed. Jan. 10, 2001 program on Page 15. It will be great evening; make sure you attend.

Another College initiative is Partners in Agriculture. I was pleased to be your representative at the first meeting of this exciting program on November 14 and 15. This was a gathering of organizations that have a stake in the College. They include some 35 producer groups, government agencies, faculty, under grads and others. At the meeting we

were asked our opinions on what the College has done that was positive and what direction the College should go in the future. What roles should the College play in the future? Is the College meeting the needs of the agricultural community? What areas should the College be focusing on? There was no shortage of opinions and now Dean Barber has the difficult job of trying to draw some consensus and direction from the views presented. I was glad to be involved and hope he continues to hold similar exercises in the future.

I also had the pleasure of attending the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame induction banquet on August 5. SAGA had sponsored the nomination of **Bill Cooper'51S**, and his nephew, **Sheldon Cooper'51S**, spoke proudly of Uncle Bill's contribution to agriculture at the induction dinner. **Alf Gleave**, **Dave Heinrichs'38C**, **Lorne Johnston** and **Al Slinkard** were also inducted on August 6, 2000.

Other SAGA activities continue: we still have copies of *Forever Young, A History of the SAGA* on hand and we will be appointing sales reps from our membership to increase sales. If you are interested, don't be shy. Step forward and help us out. We are also working hard to enlist more SAGA members out of the graduating classes.

This is my last report to you as President of SAGA and I take this opportunity to tell you that I enjoyed the job. I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with many intelligent, hard working individuals who have impressed me with their dedication, not only to SAGA, but to the well-being of the College of Agriculture. I believe the future of both is in very good hands. In closing I thank everyone on this year's executive for a job well done and to wish next year's crew good luck. See you all at the reunion.

Blair Cummins'77S

The Hitchin' Post

Bradley Harris'91C married Melanie Schock, at Outlook, SK on September 2, 2000.

Marc St.Arnaud'93C was married to Charlene Shuster on June 24, 2000. Marc has been living in Prince George,

BC, for several years but has lived in Saskatoon since July, 2000. Marc is the son of **Roland'48C** and **Therese St.Arnaud**, who continue to live in Saskatoon, following Roland's retirement.

Peter Frey'91S and **Sherrilyn Phelps'91C** were married on July 22, 2000. They live in North Battleford.

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Kerry Hubbard'79C has embarked on an interesting, four year assignment to France. His employer, invited him to get over there and do a bit of futuristic thinking. His challenge - to predict the market changes the will influence agriculture over the next 15 years. So he has moved from Apple Valley, MN and is now with the Strategy Group of Aventis CropScience at Lyon, France. Those Avonlea boys really get around.

Rick Mitzel'86C, formerly of Tramping Lake and North Battleford, has packed up his family and other belongings and moved to Saskatoon. His working title is Technical Development Specialist, with BASF Canada Inc.

Iain Christison, a Professor of Animal and Poultry Science, who also serves as Assistant Dean, advises that **Jane Kerr'00C** has been accepted by WCVU into the veterinary degree program.

Kelly Labbie'89C is living in Regina and enjoying working for Aventis CropScience and farming in the Radville area.

Alan Fredeen'78C and his wife Linda came all the way from Truro, NS to join with some 50 family members and several hundred friends in Saskatoon, to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of father Fredeen. **Hartley'43C** and mother **Margaret (nee Newsham'47Nur) Fredeen**. In attendance were three other College of Agriculture alumni: **Howard Fredeen'43C** (Joan), Lacombe, AB; **Muriel Welling (nee Fredeen)'47C**, Macrorie, SK and **Arthur Fredeen'83C** (Sabine), California.

Russell Jacobs'64C of Norway says he hopes to visit Canada in 2001. He will probably visit his two sisters in the Los Angeles area, then his brother at Trossacks before coming to Saskatoon. He hopes to contact **Carman Berg'68C**, **Les Henry'64C** and others while in the city.

Dave Beckie'87, showed remarkable restraint in admonishing ye editor for a couple of errors in the August issue. "I manage a branch for TD not CIBC(very important), and my daughter's name is spelt Martina and not Marina(less important)," he said. (We suspect that Martina was not consulted on the 'importance' rating.) My apologies to both of you. *Editor*

Home Grown



Brian Kohlman'97C is pleased to announce the addition of a new rock picker and grain shoveller at the farm at Tramping Lake, SK. **Annika Marie**

Kohlman was born on Oct.11, 2000. She weighed 7 lb, 7 oz and is doing great. New Mom **Leanne** (nee Morley) **Kohlman'00C** is doing fine and is glad those New Holland combines have a buddy seat for those long days of harvest. Big brother Robbie likes his new sister and is already getting into the role of protecting her, and adds in a little terrorizing for good measure.

Scott '87C and **Teresa'90C** (nee Janssen) **Sahulka** are proud to announce that their family now includes a son, Myles Alexander. He decided to give Mom a unique birthday present - himself. Born on July 10, 2000, he weighed 9 lb, 12 oz, and was 21 3/4 inches long. Big sisters Courtney, (3 years, 7 months) and Ashley (2 years) are extremely excited and have nick named him Smiles. There are few moments of peace and tranquility anymore, but who can complain when they make you smile and have you laughing at their antics. The Sahulka's still call Swift Current home: Scott is working with FCC and Teresa with SAMA.

Rachelle Patzer gave birth to son Dayton Darcy on March 21,2000. Poppa **Darcy Patzer'96S** continues to farm and ranch out Swift Current way.

Brian'81C and **Sharon'82BSc,HEc Perkins** announce the arrival of Landon Brian Perkins on the twenty first day of the twenty first century. He weighed 9 lb 9 oz and was 22 inches long. Big sisters Jenna (11), Madelyn (8) and big brother Kallum (5) are proud of their new brother. Mom and Dad are too.

Honors and Awards

Lorne Dietrick '46S was awarded the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, in a ceremony in Regina on October 26, 2000. He was cited for his contribution to co-operatives and community. Lorne and other veterans of World War 11, successfully organized and operated a large grain and live-stock farm as a co-operative, on land that had previously been the Matador Ranch, on the west side of the South Saskatchewan River.

Jeffrey Schoenau '84C has been awarded the Robert E. Wagner Young Scientist Award, by the Potash and Phosphate Institute in Norcross, Virginia.

The Robert E. Wagner Award recognizes outstanding achievements in agronomic research, education or extension and Jeff is the second Canadian to win the award. In his eleven-year career at the U of S, Schoenau has made many valued contributions in his field, with his development of an ion-exchange membrane being the most

notable. It permits farmers to assess nutrient levels in the soil more easily than in the past. His current research focuses on the effect of manure on soil and plants, information that will be used to develop management guidelines and to promote responsible use of manure as fertilizer.

Dr. Jim Germida, head of the Saskatchewan Centre of Soil Research (Once known as the Soils Department), University of Saskatchewan, is serving as President, Canadian Society of Microbiologists, for the 2000-01 term. Jim has also been named, by the Royal Society of Canada, to the 16-member national expert panel to look into the future and safety of food technology.

Phil England '68C of Prince Albert, was elected president of the Agricultural Institute of Canada, for 2000-01 and is busy carrying out the jobs that come with the position.

Barn Raisers Report

by **Blair Cummins '77S**

I just bet that you are all wondering what the heck is going on with the old Stone Barn on the university campus. Well, I am going to try and settle a bit of your curiosity. I'm starting to get real excited about this project and believe me I don't get excited easily.

Most of you are aware that SAGA initiated the idea of saving and restoring the barn and making it a more useful structure. SAGA proceeded to raise a lot of money to fund a feasibility study to determine if it was worth saving. Well, that money is pretty well spent and yes the barn is worth saving. We thank those of you who donated money and helped to get the project rolling. Special thanks to Rod Delahey '80C, who spearheaded the undertaking and continues to serve as chair of the Barn Raiser Committee.

The architectural firm of Manase Issaac was hired to do the structural assessment and feasibility study on the barn. Their study showed that the building is structurally sound, so they proceeded on to consider possible uses. They propose it be converted to a multi-use structure to be an interpretive centre, business offices and convention centre. The convention centre would have two large rooms, one to handle up to 250 people, the other of 450 people. Their cost estimate of the completed redevelopment is just under \$6.24 million. (See the breakdown of estimated costs right.)

The next step for the committee is to develop a business plan, that is to identify more precisely what the building would be used for and the financing of those operations. Rod Delahey approached the College of Commerce to see if there was interest in such a project. The idea received an excellent response and four MBA students have undertaken the business plan. Their report should be completed by late February, 2001. At that time the committee will evaluate the available information and decide on the next course of action.

We will keep you posted.

Cost Analysis

Technical requirements

Architectural	2,317,505
Structural - testing, repairs and upgrades	393,500
Mechanical (with use of U of S steam system)	852,000
Electrical	372,975
Landscaping and gravel parking lots	1,221,702
Sub-total	5,157,682

Additional project costs

Soil analysis	5,000
Air quality testing	2,000
Marketing analysis	5,000
Design fees and disbursements	570,000
Furnishings and equipment	500,000
Sub-total	1,082,000

Total estimate (less taxes) \$6,239,682

Pooped Deck



Jens Stangeland'50C reports that he and Liz had a wonderful time at the 50 year reunion in Saskatoon in June. He thanks his Saskatoon classmates for their effort in making the event possible. Jens appreciated reading the article by **Pastor Russell Jacobs**'64C, in the August issue. Jens has written to him as he lives near his first cousin at Moss, Norway.

The article about **Wally**'51C and **Joy Doyle**'s 50th wedding anniversary in the August issue of *THE SAGA* encouraged Tom Townley-Smith to have a 15-minute telephone visit with Wally. That pair worked for the Lands Branch, Sask. Agriculture, many, many moons ago. Tom had a heart attack earlier this year and says he is not allowed to drive the tractor on the farm. Wally continues to enjoy retirement, swimming for his health and swinging a hammer in the Victoria Habitat for Humanity program.

Bill Till'48C, writing from the affluent side of Lloydminster, says that he and wife Gene are in good health and enjoying their retirement with non-strenuous activities such as golf several times a week, much immersion in amateur radio and internet and some community "good works", although he leaves most of

the latter to Gene. She spends a good deal of time visiting with her older friends in the lodges and retirement homes. She also belongs to three different bridge clubs, but they are not for Bill - too much of a contact sport for him. The Tills have traveled a fair bit in recent years: six weeks in Australia in 1997 to see their Brisbane daughter, a couple of trips each year to visit their Burnaby, B.C. son and their twins each year, and a five-week tour of Canada to Newfoundland last fall. Their oldest daughter is in Lloyd.

Bill sees local ag grads quite often. For example, he played a round of golf with **Sam Herman**'50C, the morning before sending along his newsy e-mail to *The SAGA*. Sam and his wife Ardis were about to go on a European tour. He also sees **Paul Douglas**'66C, as Paul goes about his job of managing the Wayside Inn, and retired Ag Rep **Roland Brassard**'58C. He also sees **Barnie Creech**'74C, looking after his investment in Wendy's franchise and **Howard Barnsley**'60C, as he peers out from behind the cloud of smoke emitted by his pipe, to say hello now and then.

Jack'51C and **Joan Braidek** stopped overnight at Paul Douglas' place and enjoyed a brief visit with him (also the accommodation). Paul told us his daughter had managed another hotel in Lloyd, but the inter family rivalry ended when she took a different job, in Edmonton. He sounded relieved! The Braideks enjoyed a breakfast visit with Rose and Roland Brassard. They have eased back on hosting tours and staying busier at home. Rose is on the Lloydminster Housing Authority (80-some units) and Roland is president of the Lloydminster Fair, both sizable undertakings.

Charlie Hopkins'51S and his wife Lil continue to live on their farm five miles NE of Melfort, but the land is all rented out because Charlie has a deteriorating back problem. Their three children are all married and live within 125 miles of Melfort. The Hopkins spend some of the winter after New Years at Vernon, BC, where they visit with **Mike**'51S and **Pam Preece**, who live in nearby Celista. They look forward to the 50th reunion of their class in 2001.

Orrin "Master Seedsman" Clayton'58C retired on September 15, after 42 1/2 years with the Canadian Seed Growers' Association. He was well feted at a BBQ at the CSGA annual meeting in Saskatoon and was pleasantly surprised when classmates **Dave Christensen**, Saskatoon, **Dick Myers**, Morden and **Ken Murray**, Saskatoon joined him at the event. Orrin had not seen, but kept in touch with Ken for 42 years and described the reunion as wonderful. The CSGA gave Orrin a beautiful oil painting of Saskatchewan, with enough yellow fields to satisfy his friend and mentor **Keith Downey**'50C. Orrin says he enjoyed working with the wonderful professionals in pedigreed seed production across Canada. He had a special thank you for the late **Dean Bill White**'32C, who directed him to accept a position with CSGA in 1957-58.

Bob McKercher'54C noted a number of Ag Grads at the Nutana Curling Club during the first week of seniors curling. In addition to Bob, they were **Mason Simmons**'46S, **Eiler Humbert**'50C, **Stan Campbell**'50C, and **Don Acton**'57C. Normally **Art Delahey**'52C joins the group, but he was too busy digging up lilies, hack-

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ing down trees and a traveling to the USA, to darken the clubhouse door and cause competing skips to panic.

Tom Rackham'37C regrets the passing of former friends and associates Howard McDonald and Chuck Rowles . He is glad to see that Ed Thomson, Walter Burns, Harold Horner and others are surviving. Tom says he's going for 2015, when he will be 100.

It was a traveling summer for **Gib'49C** and **Marjory Wesson**, beginning with a great reunion of '43 grads in June. With friends, they went by bus and train to Churchill - a great experience, and they have just returned from a Seniors' Fall Getaway at Jasper Park Lodge. They explored north-east Saskatchewan with a group of friends in mid-August, their sixth annual "See Saskatchewan" tour. And to top things off, on the last weekend in October they were in Lloydminster to celebrate the 100th birthday of a favorite aunt. (They stayed at the Wayside Inn and recommend it to others.)

Eiler'50C and **Jean Humbert** of Saskatoon, celebrated 50 years of marriage on August 26, 2000. Both are in good health but Eiler has quit playing basketball and has been known to bring in hired help for the garden.

Harry'51C and **Lillian Gullett** also celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 3, 2000.

13th Annual SAGA Hockey Tournament January 12 & 13, 2001 Agri-Place Arenas, Saskatoon

Teams:

Competitive - guaranteed three games
- \$600/team
- 8 team limit

Recreational - guaranteed two games
- \$400/team
- 6 team limit

Due to limited ice time, the first 14 teams submitting a \$100 deposit will be confirmed for the tournament. Submit your registration and deposit to the contacts listed below by December 15, 2000.

Rules

- each team must have at least 75% School or College(of agriculture) grads or under grads.
- grad participants must be SAGA members.
- non-contact, no slapshot rules will apply.
- SAHA officiating.

Schedule

Friday, January 12: 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Saturday, January 13: 8:00am to 6:15 pm

(Note: This schedule allows participants to attend the Mixer on Friday and Banquet on Sat.)

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56th Annual Ag Grad Bonspiel Saskatoon: Jan. 12,13, 14, 2001

Draw times and locations

All rinks will play their first game on Friday, Jan.12 at 4:00 pm at either the Granite or Hub curling rinks. (Depending on the number of teams entered in the Hutcheon Event, there may be a 2:00 pm draw.)

A schedule will be posted in the Fri. Jan.12 issue of The StarPhoenix, in the Sport Section.

Rules

- * Every rink will play at least three games.
- * All games will be eight ends, except for the finals, which will be ten ends.
- * In the eight end games a buzzer will be sounded 25 minutes before the hour. This will be the signal for the teams to complete the end they are on plus one more.
- * Ties will be decided by skip rocks with sweepers.
- * Each rink will have at least three SAGA members.
- * Non-members can play lead only.
- * Hutcheon Event curlers must be 50 years or older.
- * The entry fee will be \$20 per player if paid by January 3 and \$22 if paid later.
- * Graduates must have paid their annual or life membership in SAGA before curling.

Bonspiel entries

- * Limit of 32 rinks in the regular draw and 16 in the Hutcheon.
- * Entries close at midnight on Fri. Jan.3, 2001.
- * Entries from individuals are welcome; you will be assigned to a team. Please indicate the position you prefer to play.
- * We are happy to accept entries by email. These will be confirmed by email.
- * Please complete all parts of the entry form and forward it with payment to:

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AG GRAD BONSPIEL ENTRY FORM

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

Team Name _____ Hutcheon Event Yes No

Phone number where you're staying in Saskatoon _____

College of Agriculture Report

by Dean Ernie Barber

Like other organizations, the College of Agriculture is in a process of continual change. In this report, I bring you up-to-date on a few of our current strategic issues and initiatives.

Communications

Through our new Manager of Information Services, Christine Maloney, we are now better equipped to respond to requests from the media and we were able to launch a new internal newsletter in October.

In addition, the College's Advisory Council has been restructured and partially replaced by a new group, called Partners in Agriculture. Designed to be a source of advice and an advocate for the College, the Partners met for the first time Nov. 14/15, in conjunction with the official opening of the Agriculture Building's sixth floor.

Defining our mandate

The potential role for the College is increasing, coincident with a broadening of the agri-food sector. We are faced with an increasing responsibility for environmental sustainability and with increasing opportunities for agri-value processing, while also dealing with the production of an ever widening range of crops and animals that are being adapted for prairie conditions. The Partners in Agriculture, and others, are being consulted as the College decides how best to dedicate its finite human and financial resources to meet those expanding needs.

Academic programming

A revised program for the Diploma in Agriculture is expected to receive University Council approval in time for students entering in September 2001. The new two-year program will

give greater emphasis to agribusiness management as it prepares graduates for careers on or off the farm. The goals for the diploma and degree programs are distinct but there will be some opportunity for students to transfer credits between the two programs.

A program in experiential education has been presented to the college executive. We intend to be more deliberate in providing students with opportunities in a range of personal skills, including leadership, professionalism, communication, teamwork, problem solving and entrepreneurship.

The College has begun to develop an enrolment management plan that will set goals for the number of students in the diploma, BSA and graduate programs. Across the country, the BSA applicant pool is declining; this year, for the first time in a number of years, the College was not able to fill its enrolment quota of 230 new students. We continue to be ineffective in recruiting aboriginal students into agricultural programs. Planning is underway for new transitional programming for aboriginal students. I will be suggesting that the College increase the ratio of graduates to undergraduate students as part of a university-wide plan to increase research intensiveness. And I also will suggest that we increase our efforts to recruit both undergraduate and graduate students from outside Saskatchewan into specific programs where we excel nationally.

The results of an extensive self-assessment and external review of our academic programs are still being analyzed. We have some strong programs but we also have programs that need substantial improvement. The agronomy program has been revised to increase the agribusiness content.

There appears to be trend across the country to reduce specialization in the undergraduate program, and we have begun to question the need for 13 different majors. We have to explore ways to be more effective in our offering of interdepartmental programs such as environmental science.

The College continues to expand its international programming. A small number of students have been involved in an exchange program with Sweden. This January, a group of BSA students will spend one study term in Guatemala. Over the term, four faculty members from the College will also be in Guatemala and will deliver two courses on international agriculture. As well, our International Committee is in the process of defining goals for global partnerships in education, research and technology transfer.

Research intensiveness

Over the next four years the University of Saskatchewan will hire 31 new faculty through the Canada Research Chairs program. In total, 2000 of these chairs will be assigned to universities across Canada on the basis of each university's past performance in receiving research grants from the three federal councils (NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR).

Unfortunately, the College of Agriculture will likely get only two of those chairs, because most of our research funding comes from the provincial government and from industry rather than from the federal councils. The College is faced with the need to increase its basic research while at the same time meeting the needs of the province and of industry for strategic and applied research.

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Empty Saddles



Oscar (Andy) McKinney Anderson'39C, born on June 29, 1912, passed away at Saskatoon City Hospital on October 9, 2000. He is survived by his wife Marion, daughter Donna (Stanley) Lepp, son Brian (Milinda), five grandchildren; five great grandchildren; brothers George (Jessie) and Clarence and sister Ann. He was predeceased by brothers William and Robert; sisters Helen, Alice, Edna, Edith and Agnes. Oscar was employed by the Veterans Land Act from 1946 until his retirement in 1973. He and Marion enjoyed the next 25 years as "snowbirds", spending their winters at Scottsdale, Arizona. They lived an active life in Saskatoon, with Oscar involved in the Western Development Museum, K40, Lion's Club, Legion and with Marion in the square dance club and Bethel United Church.

Signe Amanda Bird of Kyle, SK and Saskatoon (since 1982), passed away on September 11, 2000. She was predeceased by her husband Cliff and is survived by two brothers and one sister; children Marlene Sivertson, Glenn (Verna), **Wayne'76S**, Cheryl (Les) Leuschen, Ken (Nancy); seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

David William Carr'48C died on Wednesday September 20, 2000 in Toronto, during his 89th year. Bill was predeceased by his brother **Lin'47C** and is survived by his wife Frances, daughters Glenna (Robert), Franci

(Bob); three grandchildren. Bill was born at Leney, SK and served with the RCAF during World War II. Following graduation he took his PhD at Harvard University, then founded D.W. Carr & Associates, a firm of consulting economists in Ottawa.

Isabel Fulton of Mankota, SK, formerly of Kincaid, SK, died on August 1, 2000 at the age of 99 years. Predeceased by her husband, Isaac (1979), she is survived by her children, **Fred'50C** (Norma) of Kincaid and Saskatoon, Ruth (Gordon) Taylor of McCord and Verna (Darryl) Ward of Oxbow, ten grandchildren (one of whom is **Murray Fulton'77C**) and eight great grandchildren.

James Alton (Glen) Glendinning of Saskatoon, died on October 24, 2000. He was predeceased by his wife Alice, brothers Bob, Harold and Caswell, and is survived by his son Peter (Janis); grandchildren Jamie and Megan, sister Edythe Brown of Vancouver; brothers Woodrow of Strassbourg and **Lorne'50C** (Veryl) of Regina.

Matthew James England of Regina, age 19, died in an accident on August 22, 2000. He is sadly missed by his parents **Doug'63C** and **Marta England**; sister Megan, grandparents, other family members and a host of friends.

Keith Dennis Kirby'48S of Gainsborough, SK, born in 1915, died on August 4, 2000 in Regina General Hospital. Keith served in the Royal Canadian Air Force 1940 to 1946, then farmed at Gainsborough. He took an active part in the community - he curled, was a Master Mason and a member of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Bruce Kenneth McDonald'47C of

Saskatoon, died on August 25, 2000, after living with cancer for many years. He is survived by his wife Marjory, his children and their families; Jean (Dan) Deyell, Ian (Della), Stuart (Shirley), Meriam (Brian) Fleming, Jim (Gail) Coldwell, Caren (Ray) Edamura, Keith Coldwell, Janet (Dave) Jobe. Bruce was predeceased by his first wife, Muriel Riddell, who died in 1958 in their Prince George, B.C. house when it was destroyed in an explosion. Later, he married Beth Coldwell and they raised their eight children, four from each of their previous marriages. Beth died in 1993 and Bruce married Marjory, who had grown up in Unity, SK. Bruce grew up at Stranraer and his college education was interrupted by service in the Air Force where he was a Lancaster bomber pilot and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Bruce had a very strong faith and his crews paused to pray before and after each bombing mission. At the funeral his son Ian described Bruce as a strong but humble man, who liked a challenge. Bruce began his work career at Melfort with Agriculture Canada, moved to Prince George, then at North Battleford, Davidson and Kindersley with Saskatchewan Agriculture Extension Service, as an agricultural representative and field crops specialist. He also spent a couple of years on a CIDA project in Tanzania.

Stuart McNeill Smith'37C, of Saskatoon and formerly South Allan, died at the Sherbrooke Community Centre on November 6, 2000 at the age of 84 years. Stuart was raised on the farm and he farmed most of his life. He took great pride in his fourth generation Smith farm and was actively involved in every aspect of farm, church and community. A committed member of Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, he served that organization at several

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levels, including the board. Stuart is survived by Elsie, his wife of 59 years; their daughter Marilyn (Neil) Zinger of Calgary; son Roger (Gwen) of Vernon, B.C.; daughter-in-law Corlene Smith; eight grandchildren; four great grandchildren; his brother **Bruce**'36S (Wilma) and sister Mary Helen Smith. He was predeceased by their eldest son, Cameron and his parents Stuart and Rebecca Smith.

Stephan Douglas Stephanson'51C, born at Elfros on April 11, 1926, died at the Melfort Hospital on November 20, 2000. Following graduation Steph worked as an agronomist with Cominco for 15 years, then moved on to a second career as owner of Hannigans Burger King and a final career/hobby as a car salesman. Steph liked people and they in turn appreciated his sincerity and helpfulness. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen and their five children; Don (Joanne), Robert (Valerie), Murray (Elaine), Michael, Sheila (Michael) Beattie; five grandchildren; sisters Elin McDonald of Toronto and Agnes (Don) Cooke of Calgary; sister-in-law Stella Stephanson. He was predeceased by their son Eric and brothers Bjarni and Eric.

William Leonard 'Bill' Thode'40C, 84, of Saskatoon, died at Saint Paul's Hospital on October 20, 2000. He is survived by his widow, Evelyn (nee Hartnett); son Thomas William; daughters Judith (Tony) Zerr, Margaret (Bruce) Tew, Mary Jane (Fred) Jardine, Barbara (Larry) Cufino and Kathryn (William) Miller; nine grandchildren; brother Eckhart (Edna); sister Margaret Wilson and sister-in-law Sadie (Harry) Thode. During World War II he worked on the farm and between seeding and harvest helped Thode Brothers Construction build airports at Moose Jaw, Caronport, Davidson and Weyburn, where U.K. military pilots were trained. After the war, Bill took over the farm and developed the Thode Hereford Ranch, which became one of the largest producers of purebred Hereford cattle in Canada. His stock did very well at shows and attracted international buyers. Bill served as president of the Saskatchewan, Canadian and World Hereford associations. He enjoyed company and especially the many class reunions.

E. Shirley M. Torrie (nee Nelson) of Saltcoats, SK, died on August 8, 2000, after a year-long battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband, **Don Torrie**'73S, son Todd (Lenore) Torrie, grandson Graeme, and daughter Heather Torrie (Paul Slobodzian).

The Fall 2000 issue of *Green & White* carried a list of recently-deceased U of S graduates. It included the following ag grads:

- Trueman Stevenson**'23C, Ottawa, d. February 23, 2000
- Dermott Peifer McDermott**'51S, Nipawin, d. January 8, 1999
- Morris William Rafoss**'56S, Creston, BC, d. April 23, 2000
- Gary Arthur Pederson**'65S, Outlook, SK, d. May 23, 2000
- Ronald Wayne Weenk**'70S, Plenty, SK, d. May 2, 2000
- Wm. (Bill) Richard Domres**'71S, Whitewood, SK, d. May 5, 2000
- Esterlito Cabrillas (Terry) Cabrillas**'72C, Indian Head, d. March 26, 1999
- Lawrence Ralph Moxley**'74S, Dalmeny, d. July 11, 2000
- William Andrew Panchuk**'78S, Brooksby, SK, d. August 14, 2000
- Joel Alan Brodsky**'81C, Denfield, ON, Feb. 25, 1999

Voc Ag Message

by **Fred Scott, SVAA President**

Greetings from the boys and girls of Voc Ag!

Well here it is, another dollar ... spent. Well, maybe not that depressing for most of us. This being the last year for entering the 3-year diploma program, as well as my last year, things seem to be rolling along just fine. Even though enrolment in first year is down, those who have come in this year are finding it a worthwhile experience. With things in full swing, the mid-terms now over, students seem to be a little more relaxed than they were. the last few weeks.

Our first two fundraisers - Chicken Feed and The Thrasher Dance, have come and gone, and people are looking forward to our next project, Secret Santa, on Dec. 8. This is where we go downtown to buy toys for needy children in Saskatoon and drop them off at City Hall for distribution. The Voc-Ags have participated in this event for several years and have always beaten their previous total donation. This year we're looking forward to topping last year's total of \$2500. With the involvement of the entire college in the fund raiser, we should have no problem beating the previous total.

Well, that's it for now. Watch for us in February during Hardtimes (Ooh!) month.

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Finally, I want to acknowledge with thanks the continuing support given to the College by our agricultural grads. Your generous financial support has enabled many important initiatives, including increased scholarships and travel bursaries, improved communications and support for special research topics. Your comments are always welcome.

Agro Happenings

by Kevin Graham, ASA rep

The 2000 - 2001 year began with the usual Big Brother/Little Brother event, but this year we decided to have a hypnotist entertain our first year students. The week ended with our annual pilgrimage to Regina to watch the Saskatchewan Roughriders actually win a game (a rare occurrence this year). I believe it was due to our extra cheering. In the following weeks we had Fall Mixer and Hell Week, where unfortunately we did not succeed in saving our Lit Photo Person, B.J. Haubrich.

In October, we had the United Way Blitz, where \$3701.01 was raised for needy people in Saskatoon. We also had our Bean Feed awards banquet, with many deserving students receiving scholarships. At this event we presented the Senior Stick to Camile Baillargeon, who subsequently lost it. Near the end of October we had our blood drive challenge with the engineers. As per tradition, we won the challenge.

November 3, 2000 marked the date for Ag Bag Drag (Goose). There was a change in weekend due to booking conflicts and it will return to the regular weekend next year. We had a change in the permit this year which allowed the party to continue into the wee hours of the night. I thank all the grads who attended this year, especially the ones who were throwing beer and ripping shirts.

Looking ahead we are planning the graduation dinner, which will be held on February 2, 2001, and a personal development conference in March. We are also looking forward to participating in the SAGA reunion activities in mid-January.

If you have questions or comments for the Agricultural Students' Association, give us a call at 966-7742, or stop by the lounge in the Ag Building.



An enthusiastic pep rally, such as the one above, has helped the Agros to be successful.

To hell and back contest results

No, we did not get hundreds of SAGA members responding to the contest in the August issue, but we got a respectable handful with some fabulous comments. They deserve an 'A' - even those who located the stair in the wrong building. A sampling of the entries follows:

Alan Fredeen '78C, now a professor at NS Agricultural College, Truro, said, "I have indelible memories of chemistry instruction in the Thorvaldson Building at the U of S because of both the challenging nature of the subject, and the improbable slope of the seats in the lecture theater situated atop the stairway pictured in the August issue. It's a part of the context that along with the live-stock pavilion, faculty/student night, dining on quail eggs with Professor Crawford and others, gave character to my undergrad experience in the College of Agriculture in the seventies. When revisiting this ivory tower in August, my children (Cara, Jonathon and Trevor) and my wife Linda, were just as surprised as I was to see the assortment of paper airplanes stuck in the high ceiling of the classroom. Could they be the same ones that I saw in 1976?"

David Lundquist '79C, Maidstone farmer, husband of Carol, father of Abby (16), Nicole (14) and Lindsay (11) said in an October 12/00 email:

"I just finished harvest and am catching up on the pile on my desk, while trying to develop a marketing plan (how to give it away) and wishing I had been paying more attention to Gary Storey's grain marketing class.

The staircase in THE SAGA sent shivers up my spine - could these stairs be the ones leading to the old, large lecture theatre in the Thorvaldson Building? I don't remember the room number, only the assortment of projectiles in the ceiling and the countless hours of torture contained within. If this picture is from some other building the resemblance is too close, because for me the organic chemistry classes in that old theatre were hell on earth."

John Boyle '84C, FCC Account Manager said, "I think I've pegged the stairway to Hell - it's the stair to Thorvaldson lecture room (was it 271?) where we took (shudder) organic chem and stats. At least, that's what it looks like to me, although some would say it's a case of displaced locationally-associated anxiety, and these merely resemble those stairs..."

More comments in the next issue. We thank those who took part, and congratulate **David Lundquist** for winning the draw. A copy of *Forever Young* has been sent to him. Happy reading.

Crop Production Week: January 8 to 13, 2001, Saskatoon Inn

Monday, January 8, 2001

Focus on Flax

Flax Growers Western Canada, and Sask. Flax Development Association

- 8:00 Registration
- 9:00 Welcome and SFDC business
- 10:15 Flax Council of Canada update
Garvin Hanley
- 10:30 Flax for feed: Cutting your losses
James Drouillard, Kansas State U.
- 11:45 Lunch (provided)
- 1:00 Flax straw management without burning.
Byron Irvine, Brandon Research
- 1:30 Flax fiber, a Sask. touch to luxury driving.
Dennis Lepsch, New York
- 2:30 Hard look at the market
Dr. Bill Riley, XCAN, Winnipeg
- 3:15 Study on agronomic practices
Dr. Guy Lafond, Indian Head
- 3:45 Closing Comments by Ron Gilmour
(Cost: \$10 in advance or \$15 at door)

Pulse Days 2001 Saskatchewan Pulse Growers

- 12:00 Registration
- 1:00 Welcome by Lyle Minogue, Chair,
Sask. Pulse Growers
- Diversifying into chickpeas & beans
- 2:00 Best management for chickpeas
Yanti Gan, AAFC, Swift Current
- 2:25 Producing chickpeas in SW Sask
Michael and Steven Erickson, Prime
Pro Seeds International, Frontier
- 2:45 Best practices for dryland beans
Steve Shirtliffe, Univ. of SK
- 3:10 Producing beans in southern SK
Robert Hood, farmer, Oxbow
- 4:10 Annual general meeting
- 7:30 to 10pm: Wine and cheese at
Prairieland Exhibition

Tuesday, January 9, 2001

Pulse Days 2000 (continued)

Export Prospects

- 9:00 The Future of the Canadian Pulse
Industry, Brian Clancey, STAT
Publishing, Blaine, Washington
- 9:30 Pulse Canada & Export Prospects,
Les Rankin, President and Marlene
Boersch, Chair, Pulse Canada

Market Outlook

- 10:45 Market Outlook for Lentils,
Martin Chidwick, XCAN, Winnipeg
- 11:05 Market Outlook for Chickpeas,
Paul Lambert, Tiburon, California
- 11:25 Market Outlook for Peas,
Steve Foster, Sask. Wheat Pool, Regina
- 11:45 Market Outlook for Beans,
John Thompson,
W.G.Thompson & Sons, Blenheim, ON
- 12:15 Lunch and awards

Fine Tuning Pulse Production

- 1:30 Optimizing fertility in lentils & peas,
Fran Walley, U of S, Saskatoon
- 1:50 What's new in crop protection,
Ray McVicar, SK Ag & Food
- 2:10 Managing diseases in lentils and
chickpeas, Penny Pearse, SAF
- 2:30 Impact of Disease on Seed
Quality of Peas, Lentils and
Chickpeas, Robin Morrall, U of S

What's New in the Pulse Industry?

- 3:30 CDC Pulse Breeding Program
Tom Warkentin, CDC

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- 3:55 From Growing to Processing: How to Diversify, Murray Fulton, Centre for Co-operative Studies, U of S
- 4:15 Pulses: A Sask. Success Story
Garth Patterson, Exec. Director
Sask. Pulse Growers, Saskatoon

Tuesday, January 9, 2001

Sask. Seed Growers Assoc.

72nd annual meeting

- 12:30 Registration and coffee
- 1:15 Annual business meeting, reports, etc
- 3:30 Segregating GMO Wheat :
to **An Industry Vision of the Future**
- 5:00 Panel members:
Gord Flaten, CWB, Winnipeg
Ed Guest, Western Grain Elevator Association
Barry Senft, Can. Grain Com.
Moderator: Warren Kaeding, SSGA
- 6:00 Cocktails
- 7:00 Banquet and awards presentation

Wednesday, January 10, 2001

- 8:15 Annual business meeting continued
Reports from CSGA
- 8:45 Value of pedigreed seed industry,
Lorne Hamblin, CSGA director
- 9:15 New varieties update
Dave Gehl, Agriculture Canada
- 9:30 The economic impact of GMO
wheats on Prairie farms
Prof. Hartley Furtan, U of S
- 10:20 Election of officers
- 10:45 New varieties update
Prof. Stephen Fox, CDC, U of S
- 11:00 Resolutions
- 11:30 SSGA Member session(closed)

Wednesday, January 10, 2001

Sask Mustard Growers Assoc.

- 8:45 Opening remarks, Brett Meinert
- 9:00 Value of Checkoff Dollars,
Roy Button, SK Canola Dev. Com.
- 9:45 AAFC Mustard Breeding Objects
& Licensing Arrangements, Ashley O'Sullivan,
AAFC, Saskatoon

- 10:45 Mustard Association Commentary
on AAFC Breeding Objectives,
Dave McFarlane, Agricore
- 11:00 The Importance of Quality in
Mustard Production, Jadwiga Dera,
D.S.Dunn and Co., Hamilton
- 11:45 Lunch
- 12: 45 Annual meeting
- 1:30 Mustard Marketing Update, Steve
Gadient, SWP, Regina
- 2:15 Adjourn

Canola Days

SK Canola Development Commission SK Canola Growers Association

Wed. January 10, 2001

- 1:00 SCDC business meeting
- 2:15 Canola Marketing Opportunities in
Mexico & China, Bill Riley, XCAN
- 3:30 Potential New Products from Canola
Meal, Rex Newkirk, U of S
- 4:00 Extending Diesel Engine Life with
Canola Fuel Additives, Barry Hertz,
Mechanical Engineering, U of S

Thursday, January 11, 2001

- 8:00 Registration and annual meeting
- 10:00 Canola Markets & Outlook, Errol
Anderson, author of 'ProMarket
Wire' & commodity broker
- 11:15 Component Pricing of Canola,
Howard Morris, GM and Pres.,
Advanta Canada
- 11:45 GM Canola Update, Bill Greuel,
Sk Crop Specialist
- 1:30 Transportation Panel
- 3:30 2000 Canola Production Sites Results,
Canola Council of Canada
Agronomists
- 6:00 SCGA banquet and casino night

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Public Forum

Who Will Farm the Land?

organized by
The Crop Production Week Committee
 and **College of Agriculture, U of S**

Wed. Jan. 10, 2001

- 7:00 Welcome - Kevin Hursh
 7:10 Highlights from the College of
 Agriculture - Dean Ernie Barber
 7:25 Factors Driving Change in Crop
 Production - Tom Allen, Ag Economist
 7:55 Panel:
 Aboriginal Peoples Future
 Involvement in Agriculture - Dale
 Worme, PFRA
 Expand or Diversify? Small may be
 Better - Kelvin Meadows, Norfolk
 Seeds, Moose Jaw
 A Newcomer's Vision for Ag in Sask.-
 Bob Young, Producer, Dysart
 (Followed by discussion, coffee, dessert and cash bar.)

Saskatchewan Herb & Spice Association

Friday, January 12, 2001

- 8:00 Annual general meeting
 10:00 Concurrent sessions
 1) Research reports on herbs.
 2) Research reports on spices.
 12:00 lunch
 1:00 Concurrent sessions
 Herbs
 The Natural Products Act. What is it
 and how will it affect us?
 Spices
 Diseases of Spice Crops
 Marketing of Spices

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