

# THE SAGA

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## SAGA honours members



Glen Hass'60C (left) presented an Honorary Life Member certificate to Bob Brack'52C at the annual reunion dinner. Bob has been a strong supporter of SAGA and a valued staff member and director of the Extension division, during his work career.



John Noble'51S (far right) was designated an Honorary Life Member. John and his family have given strong leadership in youth, community and municipal activities in the last 50 years. His wife Joyce and presenter Jack Braidek'51C are the others in the picture.

## The President's Pen

Since this is my first article as SAGA president, I shall start by thanking everyone who has helped me understand the position and those members who will help me over the upcoming year. My special thanks to past president **Blair Cummins'77S** for his assistance and coaching. He leaves big shoes to fill, especially in running the reunion banquet. On time and lively - a great event.

With the "New Millennium" still in its infancy, it is a good time for SAGA members to reflect on what is working well and the challenges facing the association. What the members of SAGA have accomplished is truly extraordinary. We have a unique association that is the envy of many alumni groups, not only at the University of Saskatchewan, but across Canada.

In addition to the strong support of its members, SAGA



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enjoys a good relationship with the College of Agriculture and Dean Barber. I have heard Dean Barber speak favorably about SAGA - what it stands for and what it has achieved.

Though SAGA is a strong organization, I see a couple of things we should address this year. First, SAGA needs to discover ways of becoming more relevant to recent grads. Our membership does not include many graduates who received their degree in the last ten years. How can we make the association relevant to that group? This challenge has existed for several years and the solution probably is not simple. Let's hear your thoughts on how we might proceed.

The second opportunity concerns our relationship with the College. Over the next year we will be working with the Dean to see if there are new ways through which the relationship can be strengthened. I will keep you updated on those two issues in future editions of *THE SAGA*.

I look forward to serving you as president and appreciate your comments.

**Larry Hayes'80C**

## The 1950 College of Agriculture Class



Photograph of the 1950 grads at their June 2000 reunion  
 Back row (l to r): Fred Fulton, Nick Rudrick, Herb Dow, Ted McCannel, Jens Stangeland, Ted Hurd, Hulme Henley, Keith Downey, Leigh Crowle, Mike Fitzgerald, Bill Hamilton, Bill Selleck, Bill Weiss, Ross Evans, Eric Kerber, Florence Kerber.

Second row: Jim Banting, Monica Banting, Norma Fulton, Maurice Taylor, Howie Rice, Em Blake, Jack Alex, Esther Hamilton, Jean Humbert, Wilbur Moats, Jean Pope, Bill Pope, Stewart Given.

Third row: Eiler Humbert, Doris Taylor, Liz Stangeland, Rosalee Blake, Gwen Alex, Beth Rudrick, Dorothy Rice, Dorothy Henley, Edna Downey, Elizabeth Evans, Margaret Crowle, Theresa Fitzpatrick, Fran Dow, Verla Selleck, Terry Weiss, May Given, Stan Campbell, Cliff Larson, Fred Langley.

Fourth row: Denise McCannel, Emma Moats, George Porteous, Russ Olesky, Jean Langley.

Fifth row: Pat Porteous, Val.

## The 50th reunion

Our reunion happened at two events. Twelve members of our class presented themselves at the ag grad banquet in January 2000, and as usual sang our theme song "Those were the days," as we have done at the 20, 30, 35, 40 and 45-year reunions. As well, Keith Downey, one of our class, was named an Honorary Life Member of SAGA.

Some 30 classmates and their spouses gathered in June 2000 at the time of the Alumni reunion at Saskatoon. There was a golf tournament and a dinner on Friday, followed by University-sponsored events on Saturday that included a tour of the WDM, the President's Luncheon on campus and the Reunion dinner at the Auditorium. We persuaded the Alumni to let us sing "Those were the days," at this event and enjoyed a standing ovation. On Sunday we had a brunch at the Agriculture Building and a tour of the building, including the new sixth floor, led by Dean Ernie Barber and Coleen Romuld.

We have had a memorable year and plans are underway for our 55th reunion.

**Eiler Humbert'50C**

## Successful Reunion project

The College of Agriculture is putting more emphasis on communications: and the Class of 1950 has stepped forward to help that happen.

Class members have contributed \$31,830 to assist the College in developing a new web-site segment through which it will be able to tell potential students about its academic programs. Further, the College plans to link that web site to private sites of alumni who are prepared to talk to potential students about careers in agrolology.

This project is important to the College as it attempts to attract quality students to the BSA program, and to counter a declining interest in agriculture, evident in the last year.

## Agriculture students launch summer day camp program

After more than a year of planning, AgAdventures is ready for take-off.

AgAdventures, developed by College of Agriculture student Christine Dear, is a student-run educational program aimed at grade-schoolers aged 8-13. AgAdventures features two-components - a fieldtrip program for classes in grades 3-8 operating in May and June and week-long day camp programs operating in July and August.

Christine, who also serves as AgAdventures director for 2001 says, "We're geared up and ready to go for 2001. We had overwhelmingly positive feedback from participants in our trial program last summer, and we're ready to scale things up this year."

AgAdventure programs explore agricultural concepts through a series of hands-on activities designed for three different age categories. Camp activities highlight the agricultural system at various stages with an emphasis on how the different stages are interrelated.

For example, the summer day camp program spends a week covering the major aspects of the food chain. Each day's activity focuses on a different area of agriculture that relates to the next day's activity. By the end of the week,

participants will have germinated plants, grown bacteria, adopted an animal, made and marketed ice-cream and bought and sold a few agricultural commodities in the process.

"We've worked hard to create a positive and informative program that provides an appealing, creative and energetic introduction to the science of agriculture for young people from both urban and rural backgrounds," says Christine.

Home base for the program is the Poultry Science building. Activities will move around various agricultural facili-

ties on-campus including the Animal Science barns, the Agriculture Building, Patterson Gardens, the Horticulture Centre, and the Engineering Tractor lab.

AgAdventures is operated by College of Agriculture students, in consultation with College advisors.

The College has provided the seed money for AgAdventures but in the long-term the non-profit program aims to become self-sufficient through registration fees and sponsorship.

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### ASA Award Winners



Academic, social and sports awards provided by the ASA were presented at the annual dinner on February 21, 2001. Winners of the academic awards are:(l to r) Tim Darragh, Camille Baillargeon, Gavin Graham, Kathy Lang and Kristian Holden.

## Thundering Herd



**Mike '90C** and **Lorelai Giles** have lived in Calgary since 1997, after fleeing corporate life in Toronto. Mike continues to develop his consulting business that focuses on business development efforts for high tech ag-companies, like Growth Stage Consulting Inc. of Calgary. Lorelai freelances as an ASL sign language interpreter in Calgary. And their family has grown - see Home Grown.

**Joe Larre '99C** and his new wife Jaimie are on the family farm at St. Walburg, raising grain and cattle and doing custom spraying. Joe says there are a few agros out there: **Ken Wourms '91C** and Joe coached hockey together this past winter.

**Ron Tondevoid '68S** is a busy fellow these days, as General Manager of Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan. The new organization hopes that at least half of the province's rural municipalities agree to support it by spring.

**Brian and Terri Wintonyk (both '81C)** have established a new record - five years without a change of address. Calgary is still their home. Brian is still with DowAgrosciences as customer agronomist. Terri is back at work full time. She has been with the Bay for three years and is department head in housewares. Their three

children keep them busy. The boys, Zach (13) and Ben (11), took up snow boarding a couple of years ago and Brian gave it a try too. Once! Says he'll stick to skiing 'cause the board is too hard on the backside. Krista is 15 and is looking forward to a trip to Disneyland this spring with the school band. They made a trip to Gimli last July to visit Leo and Jean Kristjanson, Terri's folks. They found Leo still busy as ever with projects around town.

Jim is working with Nexera Seeds as commercial development agronomist.

In July 1999, **Allan Nameth '87C** and **Janet (Campbell) Nameth '87C** moved from small town living in Wynyard to the great wild adventures of farm living at Cupar. Allan and Janet are farming the farm Allan grew up on. In addition, Allan is commuting to Regina where he works for FCC. Janet is at home with their three children, Christopher (8), Victoria (5)

**Gord Nystuen '83C** (centre) had a good visit with **Bob Tyler '76C**, head of Applied Microbiology and Food Science, and **Brian Weedon**, Swift Current stockman and past president of the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Assoc.



They were photographed in the product development centre in the Agriculture Building's sixth floor at the opening on November 15, 2000. Gord was appointed Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Food for Saskatchewan on September 1, 2000. Previous to that he had been the managing partner of Golden Acres Seed Farm, the family business at Spalding and with FCC, before taking on a number of assignments with the public service of Saskatchewan. These included CEO of Sask. Liquor and Gaming Authority; Secretary of the Indian and Metis Secretariat; CEO of the Sask. Transportation Company and CEO of the Sask. Health Information Network.

**Chris Spasoff '90C** and husband **Jim Simpson '85S** accompanied by year-old son Evan, have moved to north-east Alberta and a Vermilion address. They are building a house about ten miles south of Kitscoty, just off the Yellowhead, but give them a few days to get the rafters up before you visit. Chris will be working with newly-formed Syngenta (Zeneca Agro/Novartis merger) as a sales rep.

and Mitchell (6 months). She said, "after living in the original farm house we were happy to move into a newly constructed farm house before Christmas."

**Kendra Mueller '88C** and husband Gord moved out to a farm just outside of Humboldt a year ago, where they are next-door neighbors to **Ron** and

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## Pooped Deck



Congratulations to **Frank Sosulski '54C**, Professor Emeritus of Plant Science, U of S, for being designated a Fellow of the American Association of Cereal Chemists at its 85th annual meeting in November, 2000. The presentation recognizes his teaching and research contributions to crop diversification and value-added processing. Earlier in the year Frank was named a Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada.

**Barry Rugg '48S**, semi-retired farmer at Elstow, says that he and wife Betty took a trip to Churchill, MB. It was very interesting but 27 hours on the train without a sleeper was a bit long. They will fly the next time.

**Fred Townley-Smith '64C** is now retired and happily playing golf every day at Mesa, Arizona. At the end of October 2000, Fred retired from his position as bread wheat breeder at the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Cereal Research Centre at Winnipeg. He and Carolyn bought a house in Mesa, but they will be back in Winnipeg come summer.

**Bernie Sonntag '62C** retired from the Federal Civil Service on January 8, 2001 and has moved to Saskatoon.

His most recent position was Director General, PFRA. Bernie is putting his organizational skills to use organizing a party for his classmates in 2002.

**John '49C** and **Ada Stephenson** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday October 7, 2000. They rented the hall at Stranraer and invited everyone to come. Many well-wishers showed up.

**George '46S** and **Esther Price** have had a busy year that ended with a rum-sampling trip to Cuba in January. In July they had taken a nostalgic trip to Saskatoon to attend the Nutana Collegiate reunion and visit other parts of the province. George says he met a couple of girls who attended Grade one with him at Victoria school! George used to play with the Ken Peaker orchestra at the Bessborough and Danceland at Watrous during the summer. So they dropped in to Watrous where he also helped to look after the family's four cottages and he sold popcorn, newspapers and operated a boat livery and pumped gas at a service station as well as playing with Peaker. (No time left for girls, eh?) Then on to Moose Jaw to prowling the tunnels and take the spa waters. Would you believe that they went on to Vancouver, bought a car from Jim Pattison and drove home to Ottawa.

**Marcel Dubois '61S, '65C**, Rosetown district farmer and coach of the Canadian National Trap Shooting Team, has retired, as coach. But he will carry on with the farm for now. Marcel became the coach in 1992 and figures that eight years is enough. Says he has some other challenges in mind, like learning to play the guitar he bought 25 years ago, and perhaps entering a marathon.

**Gordon Wilson '48C**, chief tail twister of his class, sent along a copy of his Christmas 2000 newsletter. (He usually puts the arm on classmates **Eldon Norum, Jim Clarke, Bud Smith, Ken Reid** and **Roly St. Arnaud** to serve as reporters.) Naturally, it contains items of interest to other grads; so we've dug out a few and transplanted them below.

Doc (or Mac or Malcolm or the big noise) and Lucille Rondeau have moved from their Regina home out to the country, well sort of. The country happens to be their cottage at the lakeshore at Fort Qu'Appelle.

**Joe and Kathy Bedford** of Edmonton, visited their daughter and her family in Saskatoon and some of Joe's classmates.

We were saddened to learn that **Alda Rutherford**, wife of **Lex Rutherford**, had passed away.

### Class of '48C Supports Students

Wilson, in his Christmas message, reported that grads had sent in over \$2000, enough for one additional student bursary for a needy ag student. And he encouraged his classmates to add to that amount for future bursaries.

### A Victoria adventure

In early February **Bill '52C** and **Hazel Miner** of Nepean, **Bill '51S** and **Gail Cooper** went out to enjoy Vancouver Island. In their brief stay they managed to see quite a few grads. For example, **Bob Bristow '54S** from Strongfield was at the same hotel, and they bumped into **John Stephenson '49C**, spending his malting barley money at Eatons.

They decided the best way to visit people was to invite them to a 'come and go'. They were right. Guests

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**Linda '91C (nee Gavelin) Hinz** and **George '89C** and **Caroline BSN '88 Hinz**. Kendra says they stay mighty busy with work at FCC, the farm and children's activities. (check the Home Grown column for more "kiddie" news.)

**Russell Jacobs '64C** of Halden, Norway, in an early January note, said he was going to California to visit his sister in April, then work his way up to the prairies. Russell usually sets up a Saskatchewan address during his stay so if you wish to contact him while in Saskatchewan ask ye editor or **Les Henry '64C** for that address. Russell noted that Norway's early winter was freakish, being too wet and warm, but snow and cold did come just after Christmas.

**Kent Fraser '84C** has moved from North Carolina to Calgary. He resigned after 17 years with Ciba/Novartis/Syngenta to return to Canada where he will be with Stratus Agri-Marketing Inc. The family is delighted to be back home. Kent says, "We'll miss those high Carolina temperatures and low U.S. taxes." *Welcome back Kent and good luck in your new career. Editor.*

**Gordon Parker '64C** writes that he is on to another job - no not retirement, rather a change in career direction. At the time of moving to Alberta from the Swift Current Research Centre they had in mind a five year stint with Alberta Agriculture as Cereal and Oilseed Specialist, then settling in Medicine Hat. So they moved to Medicine Hat in mid-September, 2000, and in December he was participating in a career training course called "Focus for Change". He plans to establish a crop consulting business. At their new home they are closer to friends and family at Swift Current. And living close to the Medicine Hat Mall, close to the TransCanada Highway makes it easy for westward-bound folks to drop in for a visit. The welcome mat is out!

**Colin Steen '95C** and his wife Angie have relocated to Cochrane, AB where Colin is working with Syngenta (Novartis/Zeneca) as a crop manager in the Calgary office. Colin received his MBA in Agribusiness at the University of Guelph in October 2000.

**Greg Stokke '95C** and his wife Kim are relocating back to Watrous, where he will work as a seed treatment specialist for Syngenta. Watrous is the location of the home farm for Greg and Kim, making it easier to calve cows and check crops during the year.

**Derek Kuffert '93C** has now relocated to sunny Fresno, CA, where he is Western U.S. account manager for Tiger Fertilizer. Sounds as if the climate and golf courses are treating him very well.

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included **Madeline Gronsdahl**, widow of **Ken '51S**; **Jim '51C** and **Holly Rooke**; **Wally '51C** and **Joy Doyle**; and **Audrey Treleven**, widow of **Doug '49C**, all residents of Victoria. They also met with others that the two Bills had worked with over the years. The visit also provided the two couples with a rare opportunity to visit. On parting Bill Miner headed for the sugar bush on their Carleton Place farm near Ottawa, and Bill Cooper to his West Bend farm.

## '51 Diploma Grads

by **Bill Cooper '51S**

It is impossible to pack half a century of experiences into a long weekend in January - but we gave it our best shot and enjoyed every minute of it.

The 28 grads and spouses attending and the 15 who were unable to be there, thank the SAGA executive for the opportunity to get together. We really appreciated having president Blair Cummins and vice-president Larry Hayes drop in to our gathering to bring greetings and banquet tickets. And to Jack Braid-ek, The SAGA editor, for bringing some copies of FOREVER YOUNG and renewing acquaintances with class members.

Our class was very pleased that John Noble, a member of our class, was chosen for an Honorary Life Membership. John and his family have made a very significant contribution to the Mossbank community and the province.

The organizing committee chose a relaxed agenda for the reunion, providing lots of time for visiting. Maybe it's our age, but that approach seemed to fit well. Those who could not attend were all contacted by telephone. Some were away where it is warmer and others, such as Mike Preece of Kelowna was counseled by his heart specialist to stay home. He is now doing well after surgery.

This reunion was the first one attended by Bob Oberg and it was great to see him. Bob is president of International Exploration Consultants Inc., a very successful business that takes him to all parts of the continent.

While most of the '51 diploma grads live in SK some spend their

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# The Bean Feed, A Thriving Depression Child

by Bob McKercher'54C

"How did the bean feed get started?" asked Camille Baillargeon, ASA president at the Oct. 5, 2000 Feed. Although I have been a regular attender since the early 1950s, I didn't know its history - my curiosity was piqued. In pursuit of an answer my first contact was **Joe Zeman'44C**. He entered the college in 1937 and was sure he had attended one. Several phone calls to grads from the '30s through the 40s and 50s yielded no light on its origin. I began to doubt Joe Zeman! My search then took me to the University Archives which contain complete editions of *The Sheaf*. From brief articles I have pieced together the following history of the Bean Feed.

At an ASA meeting on October 20, 1932 there was a suggestion that a freshman banquet be held early in the academic year. Such a banquet was held on October 19, 1933, with Grant MacEwan giving a talk about his trip to The Northland. Beans or wieners were not mentioned. The October 5, 1934 Sheaf mentions the ASA was planning a wiener roast but there was no follow up report, nor is there any mention of it happening in 1935. But in 1936 there was a wiener roast on the river bank. It was to welcome freshmen and introduce faculty. Each freshman introduced himself and tried "to be amusing". The Sheaf reported that "talent was scarce but amusing". **Matt Waterman'39C** closed the evening with the college yells. The program was repeated on October 5, 1937, with **Frank Payne'47C** leading the singing and he ended the evening with the varsity and college yells.

On October 6, 1938, this event was called the Bean Feed and **Jim Smith'41C** was the convener. First year students were introduced; it was the largest freshman class to that date. The menu was beans, rye bread, apples and coffee. Frank Payne again led the singsong. In 1939 the beans were prepared in the Sask. Hall kitchen and everyone went to the Livestock Pavilion for the evening. **Betty Myrick '43C** entertained with piano selections. By 1941 sandwiches had been added to the menu (they seem to have been as quickly removed), the entertainment was "enthusiastic", and **Stan Medland'49C** sang his own composition.

By 1945 the Bean Feed had moved to Convocation Hall, and since then other venues have been the old tractor lab in engineering, the Western Development Museum, Intercon-

tinental Packers (now Mitchell's Gourmet Foods) and the Travelodge. The menu has expanded to include wieners, beans, potato salad, vegetable salad and dessert.

Now the Bean Feed is mainly for public presentation of academic awards to students, with second year students doing the organizing. The ASA executive and faculty introductions, amateur entertainment and casual dress have given way to the awards presentations as well as more formal dress and program. In 1939 ASA members and faculty attended free with others paying ten cents: in 2000 all non-ASA members paid \$10. However, the beans and wieners remain a common thread in a tradition begun 67 years ago. And **Joe Zeman's** memory proved true!!

## 1943 Agro Grads Hold 57th Anniversary Celebration

The 1943 College of Agriculture grads celebrated their 57th anniversary on June 23, 24 and 25, 2000 at Saskatoon.

The main focus was on renewing acquaintance, but there were dinners, a visit to the Western Development Museum, a presentation on Unusual Sights in Saskatchewan by naturalist **George Tosh** and a talk by new **Dean Ernie Barber**.

Attending were **Betty (Myrick) Barlow**, Davidson; **Jock and Mabel Blacklock**, Saskatoon; **Vince and Simone Coffey**, Regina; **Hartley and Margaret Fredeen**, Saskatoon; **Howard and Joan Fredeen**, Lacombe, AB; **John and Violet Hanson**, Saskatoon; **Jack and Neeta Haraldson**, Hanley; **Frank and Sybil Kennedy**, Kelowna, BC; **Bill and Betty Powell**, Sidney, BC; **Cliff and Betty Simpson**, Unity; **Fred Snell**, Regina; **Ole and Alice Turnbull**, Saskatoon; **Walt and Edna Van Haerlem**, Concord, CA, USA; Harvey and **Gladys Whitney**, Edmonton; **Annic Fawell**, wife of **Charlie Fawell**, Unity, and the following who started with the class in 1939, **Bill Beaman**, Saskatoon; **Bill Dale'49C**, Saskatoon; **Gib'49C** and **Marjorie Wesson** of Regina.

Seven other surviving class members were not able to attend.

The class members decided to meet again in 2001 and again in 2003.

## 2001 Ag Grad Bonspiel Results

The 56th annual bonspiel, held January 12 to 14, 2001, attracted twenty eight rinks, representing seven decades of U of S agricultural graduates (1946 to 2001). A few of the curlers were students who expect to graduate in the future.

The weekend event was held at the Granite and Hub Curling Clubs in Saskatoon and the results are noted elsewhere on this page.

Kevin Dow '87C, convener, assisted by Adrian Johnston'81C

### Senior Event: Hutcheon Trophy



L to r: Skip **Elwood Fleming**'62C, Third, **Colin Ahrens**'67C, second, **Wayne Jensen**'62S, Lead **Ron McKinnon**'63 The runner-up team members were **Gary Johnson**'65S, **Fred Langley**'50C, **Ellis Cline**'58C and **Mason Simmons**'46S.

### B Event: Brown Trophy



Skip **Bill Rayner**'71C, third **Michael Thompson**'80C, second **David Thompson**'80C, lead **Stuart Parkinson**. Runner-up rink was led by **Colin Peterson**'95C, with **Lorence Peterson**'65C, **George Wilson**'63C and **Rachelle Peterson**'96C throwing the rest of the rocks.

### A Event : White Trophy



Skip **Darren Camm**'96C, third **James Turner**'70C, second **Michael Steckler**'03C, lead **Ken Gillies**'70C. The runner-up rink was made up of skip **Wayne Kish**'89S, **Don Mitchell**'89S, **Earl Cassom**'89S and **Brad Hovland**'89S.

### C Event: Graham Trophy



Skip **Wayne Cubbon**'83C, **Jason Remus**'92S, **Peter Frey**'91S and **Tim Schulz**'89C were the winning team. The runner-up team had **Robert Wells**'81S at skip and **Larry Brack**'81C, **Dean James**'81C and **Lorne Hadley**'84C the other members.



## Empty Saddles



**Roman N. (Romy) Andrews (Androchowicz)'43C**, born at Vonda, SK in 1915 and raised in Prince Albert, passed away in Victoria on March 1, 2001. He is survived by his wife Jean (nee Tomlinson) whom he married in 1958. Romy enrolled in the College in 1939 and following graduation in 1943 he enlisted in the Armoured Corps. He served at Dundurn, Brockville and Camp Borden and also in P.O.W. camps in Ontario and Alberta. He was discharged in May 1946. Romy began to work for PFRA in 1946 and retired as supervisor of it's eastern region in 1973. In retirement at Victoria they traveled widely, visiting more than 65 countries.

**Pearl Braidek (Andrusko)**, formerly of Speers, SK, died on January 11, 2001 at her Stensrud Lodge home in Saskatoon. She was born near Batoche, NWT in 1903 to John and Anna Derbowka, who later farmed in the Borden, SK district. She was predeceased by her first husband, George Braidek and her second husband Bill Andrusko; her daughter Elsie; brothers Dick and Bill. Pearl is fondly remembered by her daughter Betty Klisch of Chilliwack BC; sons Dan (Dorothy) and **Jack'51C (Joan)** of Saskatoon; eleven grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren; sisters Dorothy Studybaker, Mary Jensen; brothers Nick and Harry Derbowka.

**Helen Grace Cameron**, born at

Pembroke, ON on December 23, 1909, passed away at Victoria, BC on October 31, 2000. She is survived by her three sons Stuart (Dawn), Robert (Lee) and Roderick; seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. For many years Grace was a secretary to the Dean(s) of Agriculture, U of S, until her retirement in 1974.

**Wm. Leigh Crowle'50C** died on March 6, 2001 while on vacation in the Dominican Republic. Leigh was born on April 12, 1928 in Regina to Alfred Morley and Enid Mary Crowle, who had emigrated from Cornwall, UK. His father was agricultural representative at Weyburn and probably influenced Leigh to take up agriculture professionally. He took soil science for his BSA followed by a masters in plant breeding and statistics in 1956. His work career started with PFRA at Swift Current where he developed the Outlook irrigation experiment area. After getting his masters he was in charge of research on forage then cereal crops at the Scott Experimental Farm. He moved to the Saskatoon Research Station in 1964 where he continued his work with slender wheatgrass and specialty wheats. He developed Revenue and Adanac varieties of slender wheatgrass. Leigh was a great outdoor person and spent many happy hours at the lake, golfing, curling and in his yard. He is fondly remembered by his many friends and his family; his wife Margaret, who he married in 1954; son Morley (Laurie); daughters, Lois (Arthur) Wihlidal, Jean (Alan) Verishagen and eight grandchildren.

**Richard Melvin Dunbar'92C** died on Nov.10, 2000, at age 31, near Swift Current. Rick had grown up on a farm near North Portal and after getting his degree in plant science he had worked

at the Shand greenhouse, then at a ski resort in New Brunswick. He spent the last two years at the Agriculture and AgriFood Canada Research Station at Swift Current. Rick loved the outdoors and was much involved in church college and career groups at Swift Current and Saskatoon. He was predeceased by his sister Louann Hennings and is survived by his parents Jim and Lynda Dunbar and his brother Clayton James Dunbar.

**John Henry Epp'62S**, born at Clavet on December 8, 1940, died on Oct.1,2000. John is survived by his wife Olive, son David (Margaret); daughter Jocelyn Zurevinsky (Merwin); three grandchildren; brothers Dick (Mabel), Bruno (Gloria), Paul (Marlene). John and Olive farmed in the Clavet district and is remembered for his gentle manner and willingness to lend a helping hand.

**Stanley Thomas Fowler**, teacher and community leader, died on January 26, 2001. He was born in 1907 near Kamsack. Stan was predeceased by his first wife, Aurilla, and survived by his second wife Enid Turner, his wife of 49 years; son William (Ursula) Fowler; step-son **Ken'63C (Pat) Turner**; daughter Starla (Roy) Theissen; step-daughter Lynne (Larry) Fowke; grandchildren and great grandchildren..

**Hazel May Gordon**, born at Broadview, NWT in 1904 passed away at Jubilee Lodge, Eston, on January 28, 2001. She is survived by her son **Robert '79S (Shirley) Gordon**, daughter Dianne (Ben) Gwaltney and two grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Mel.

**Elvira Caroline (Vi) Hedlin** passed

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away at her Watrous home on Friday, January 26, 2001. She is survived by her husband Hugh; three sons, Douglas (Karen), Les (Sarah) and Roger ((Karen); eight grandchildren; brother **Chris Holm**'48C, Penticton, BC; sisters Genevieve Barker, Saskatoon and Hazel (Alan) Snider, Victoria.

**Raymond Edward Joseph Kehrig** '77S, Bjorkdale, succumbed to cancer on February 17, 2001, at the Tisdale Union Hospital. He was 43 years old. Raymond achieved his dream when he joined his father and two brothers in farming. He loved sports and encouraged his children to take an active part in sports, attending their games wherever they were played. He is survived by his wife **Beverley**'76Nu and their children, Ryan, Camille, Rachel and Cole; his parents Ed and Marie Kehrig, and his siblings, Doreen (Bill) Dovell; **Leonard**'76C (**Joanne**) **Kehrig**, Albert (Kim) Kehrig; Loretta (Bart) Morhart; Marlene (Scott) Cairney; Bev's father Jim Mills and her sisters Karen Sander (Scott), Patti Mills-Smith (Drew).

**William Stephen Langley**'49C, '50BE d. of Speers, SK, died on January 16, 2001 at 82 years of age. Bill attended Normal School and taught until 1941 when he joined the RCAF, became a Flight Lt. Navigator and took part in about 50 flights against enemy shipping. He was working for Veteran's Land Act in Ottawa when his father passed away in 1952 and he returned to the farm. He married Helen Foster and they farmed or had the farm rented until his passing. Bill worked briefly for CPR Lands but resumed teaching during the period 1959 to 1977. Bill was a member of many organizations, fond of hunting

and fishing and especially active in the preservation of wildlife. He is survived by his wife Helen, daughter Shannon (Barry) Rogers; sons George (Brenda), Speers and Eric (Elizabeth Smith), Regina; two grandsons; brother Ian (Florence), Burnaby, BC; sisters Helen Moore and Jean Snell of Vancouver.

**Clarence Robberstad**'52S died at his Beechy home on January 27, 2001. Born in 1930, Clarence and his brother Laverne farmed together following graduation in 1952 until 1995. His son Paul now is the farmer. During his life Clarence took an active part in his community as 4-H club leader, municipal reeve, in the agricultural society, Pool committee and for 30 years on the Beechy Credit Union Board. He was a willing volunteer and served to the best of his ability. Clarence is survived by Maureen (nee Meaden) his wife of 35 years; son Paul (Melodee Long), grandson Kurt, brothers Melvin (Betty) of Ottawa, Laverne of Beechy and sister Marjory (Jack) Addison of Regina.

**Phil Rothery**'50C of Saskatoon, died on November 30, 2000 at Saskatoon City Hospital. He was born on a farm near Paradise Hill, SK on May 8, 1924, joined the RCAF in 1942 and served in England during World War II. During his work career Phil worked for Saskatchewan Agriculture, Sask. Wheat Pool, Co-op College and for 14 years with Canada Post. He is survived by his wife Rionet, and daughters Carol (Ted) Kennedy, Lois Thorne and Gail Rothery (Kit Silver-sides). Phil was predeceased by his brothers Ted, Joe and Don.

**William Shevkenek**'33C of Chilliwack, BC, passed away on January 12, 2001 at the age of 93 years. Bill added a M.S. and a BE d to

his agriculture degree and taught school all his work career in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and BC. In retirement he traveled widely and devoted much time to the United Church and horticulture. Bill's interest in his alma mater stayed strong: he was a Sod Buster and a strong contributor to the College and University. The Information Technology room on the 5th floor of the Agriculture Building was named in his honour. He has also provided a university scholarship. He is survived by his wife Emma; daughters Kathleen (John) Cossom of Victoria and Sylvia (Larry) Howie of Saskatoon; five grandchildren; brother Stephen (Margaret) of Calgary; sisters Margaret Rudyk of Abbotsford, BC, Mary Elliott of Chilliwack and Alice Shevkenek of Chilliwack.

**Edward Aloys Schulte**'48S passed away at his Englefeld, SK residence on October 18, 2000. Ed enjoyed the company of his fellow grads and usually managed to attend the reunions of his class. He is survived by his wife Aline (nee Radoux) and six children, Carol (Clarence) Buhs, Judi (Jack) Humeny, Debra (Charles) Biernans, Laureen (Bruce) Hamilton, Brenda (Brad) Haussecker and Trent (Megan) Schulte; grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

**Fred Strautman** of Hafford, SK passed away on February 27, 2001. He was predeceased by his wife Helen and is survived by his children Fred A. (Lorna) Strautman, Midland, Michigan and Mary Ann Strautman, Saskatoon; brothers **Chuck**'53S (**Margaret**) **Strautman**, Saskatoon, and **Art**'48C (**Phyllis**) **Strautman**, Duncan, BC.

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## Home Grown



**Allan and Janet Nameth**(both '87C) of Cupar, are pleased to announce the arrival of their son Mitchell Paul. He is their thanksgiving baby, born on October 8, 2000. He weighed 7 lb, 15 oz and was 21 inches long.

Christopher (8) and Victoria (5) are excited to have a baby brother.

**Gord and Kendra '88C Mueller** of Humboldt welcomed their beautiful baby daughter, named Madison April, on October 4, 2000. A sister for MacKenzie (5) and Mitchell (4).

**Mike'90C and Lorelai Giles** are proud to announce their family has grown by one. Jackson Alexander, born August 11, 2000, joins older brother Braeden Hunter, born Feb 4, 1998 at the Giles home in Calgary. Braeden is adjusting to the new competition and was recently overheard asking, "When do we take (return) Jackson back to the hospital?"

**Gord'90C and Michelle'92BA Androsoff** of Saskatoon, announce the arrival of their daughter Sarah, on February 23, 2001 weighing 6lb, 8oz. A sister for brother Quinn, granddaughter for Lionel and Faye Androsoff of Blaine Lake, Toni Carlson of Saskatoon and Richard Carlson of Regina. Great grand parents are Katherine Harker and Eva Carlson of Regina.

Noah James Lessmeister was born to proud parents **Rod'89S, '93C** and Cheryl Lessmeister of Saskatoon, on February 10, 2001. Noah weighed 6lb 15oz and measured 20.5 inches. Grandparents Rose and Jim Hessdorfer; Marj and Ken Lessmeister, share the joy of his arrival.

**Peter '85S,'93C** and **Teresa Herd** and big brother Tyler, are happy to announce the safe arrival of Jeremy Colver, on February 13, 2001. Grandparents are Ted and Mary Thacker of Saskatoon, and Ted and Margaret Herd of Milden.

**Rick and Rhonda Kawa'91C** of Lethbridge are proud to announce the birth of Ryan Ted Kawa on November 21,2000. He weighed a respectable 9lb 11 oz and measured 22 inches. Mom and Ryan were both doing great: big brother Garrett (5 years) loves him to bits and Cassandra (3 years) loves him most of the time.

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**George P. Stushnoff** of Langham and Saskatoon, passed away on January 2, 2001. He is survived by his wife Laura, ; son Brian (Anita) Stushnoff; daughter Sandra (Ted) Walker; foster daughter Rose Ann McCullum, her partner John Lishka; son **Rick '77C (Collette '86C) Stushnoff**; eight grandchildren.

**Dorothy Louise (nee Hartz) Thue** of Saskatoon, passed away on February 22, 2001.

Dorothy was the youngest of 12 siblings and was predeceased by her six brothers, three sisters and her husband **Keith Edmund Thue '51C**. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Arok (Jean) Wolvengrey of Regina, Marlow (Tracey) Thue of Saskatoon, Audra (Pete) Remenda of Saskatoon, and five grandchildren.

**Mary Turchenek** passed away at Royal University Hospital on November 2, 2000, at the age of 85 years. She is greatly missed by her daughter Elizabeth (Walter) Dziadyk of St. Denis, SK; sons Meron Turchenek of Aberdeen, SK, Peter R. Turchenek of Saskatoon and **Larry Turchenek '68C** of Edmonton. She is survived also by six grandchildren, six great grandchildren, four sisters and one brother.

**William Garven Hanley '59S**, born Sept. 15, 1939, died at his Regina district farm home on February 11, 2001. Garven was a seed grower and provided strong leadership to 4-H, formation of Flax Growers Western Canada, Flax Development Association and the Agribition Grain Show. He was predeceased by his parents and sister Maxine. Left to cherish his memory are his wife Ina, daughters Patricia and Dianne (Don); son Erwin (Priscilla) and five grandsons. Also left to mourn are brother Ken (Betty); sisters Irene, Kay (Sam) and Bernice (Doug).

## Hitchin' Post

**Michelle Greenshields '00C**, was married to Mike Yakimchuk of Regina on June 17, 2000. They are now living in Toronto where both are in grad study programs. Michelle's research involves the pine shoot beetle. She is the granddaughter of **Verna** and the late **Wes Greenshields '49C**, and a niece of **Grant Greenshields '81S**.

**Joe Larre '99C**, St. Walburg farmer, wrote the following brief, important note to ye editor;

"Just dropping you a line to tell all the agros out there that I got married on July 29, 2000, to Jaimie Sullivan at St. Walburg." (*Congratulations and best wishes. Ed.*)

**Rhonda L. Cooper '89BEd** (nee **Pomeroy**), sent along a nice note saying that she and **Jim Cooper '82S**, were married on July 15, 2000, in a garden ceremony at Barrier Lake. (Rhonda is a Carrot River girl, so the wedding location was in neutral territory between Carrot River and West Bend.) The pair traveled to New Zealand for a three week honeymoon and while there learned that the upsetting situation facing Canadian farmers is similar to that of New Zealand farmers. It really is a small world! Jim and Rhonda returned from New Zealand just in time to attend the induction of Uncle **Bill Cooper '51S** into the Sask. Agricultural Hall of Fame on Aug. 6/00.

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winters south of the line. Stu McKenzie lives in BC and winters at Palm Springs, but he flew up for the reunion. In total we have five class members in BC, one in Ontario, and the balance in SK - most of the time.

We hope to get together again in five years - but maybe sooner.



## Greetings from VocAg

Well, the year has finally come to an end. Friday, March 23 being our last day of classes, so, everyone is gearing up for exams. In retrospect, the VocAgs had a great year with our Hard Times (Ooh!) Month just recently wrapped up. When all was said and done we ended the year with the college in the green. Elections have just been finished, with a new group of people stepping up to run the college into the new year. We would usually say that things will be the same again next year, but that isn't so.

In case all of you have not heard, the Vocational Agriculture Program has been changed from a three year program to a new two year program, with students entering the college at the regular starting date. While not all of us feel that this is the best direction for the program, administration has guaranteed all of us this is the best way to keep

our program alive and see our school progress into the future. We hope that they are right and enrollment will increase.

Well, there is not much more we can say, except that we look forward to seeing everyone next year and working together with the ASA to build a stronger agricultural program. And to all who are interested, our year end barbecue is coming up on the 5th of April. If anyone is interested in attending, contact Fred or Coady at the VocAg lounge (966-7751). We hope to see you there!

**Frederick Scott, SVAA President, 2000-2001**

**Coady Dehr, SVAA President 2001-2002**

## New diploma program in Fall 2001

The College of Agriculture will introduce a revamped Diploma in Agriculture program beginning in Fall 2001.

The program has traditionally offered practically-oriented training in applied agricultural science aimed at students intending to return to the farm. However, with an increasing number of students pursuing full- or part-time agricultural careers off-farm, the College decided it was time to revisit the program.

The program changes came as a result of an extensive review process which included a review committee and a survey of past graduates from the program. The review committee was comprised of students, agrologists and representatives from government, industry and the farming community.

The proposal for the new program went before faculty and various other University of Saskatchewan committees before receiving final approval in March 2001.

The last major review of the program took place in the mid-1980s.

Associate Dean Graham Jones, who is coordinating the renewal project, says "If the College is to remain a centre of excellence, we must move with the times. Agriculture is a rapidly changing industry - these program updates will ensure that our students continue to receive a relevant, high-quality education. We're training students for the future, not for the present or the past."

Changes in curriculum for the new program include an increased emphasis on the development of entrepreneurial skills, a work experience option and four fields of study consisting of animal science, agronomy, agribusiness and general agriculture.

The timeframe of the program has also been restructured. Students in the previous diploma program complete three shortened academic years, in order to accommodate farm operations. The new two-year program will coincide with the regular academic year. The extended terms will facilitate longer, more comprehensive courses.

Dr. Jones says, "We anticipate the change to a two-year program, which is the norm for diploma programs in Canada, will be welcomed by our diploma students. Not only will it enable more updated course material, a regular academic year will allow these students to become more readily integrated with the rest of the student body. As well, the abbreviated timeframe will reduce overall living costs for diploma students and enable them to begin full-time employment one year earlier."

The new program will be phased in completely over a two-year period. Students who enrolled in the diploma program prior to Fall 2001 will be largely unaffected by the changes.

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Income		Expense	
Memberships	2899.00	Newsletter	9625.85
Hockey	3760.00	Hockey	4374.85
Curling	2488.00	Curling	2263.43
Banquet	8520.00	Banquet	9074.60
Mixer	7895.25	Mixer	6041.04
Bank Interest	15.27	Bank charges	26.40
Investment interest	2048.13	Miscellaneous	3928.06
History book	6597.00	History book	22887.50
Donations etc.	625.00		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$34847.65</b>	<b>Total expense</b>	<b>\$58219.75</b>

<b>Trend analysis</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>
Bank balance	4029.97	1488.94	23182.45	4310.35
Investments	78500.00	81483.58	60501.05	55208.55
<b>Totals</b>	<b>82529.97</b>	<b>82972.52</b>	<b>83683.50</b>	<b>59518.90</b>

<b>GICs</b>	<b>Int. %</b>	<b>Mat. date</b>	<b>Current value</b>	<b>An. income</b>
Pacific Western	5.8	03/06/2001	13,000	754.00
Laurentian (B)	5.1	02/03/2001	7,000	357.00
	<b>Totals</b>		<b>20,000</b>	<b>1111.00</b>

<b>Mutual Funds</b>	<b>Current Value</b>
Templeton Group	10854.12
MacKenzie	10984.70
Dynamic	6659.36
Clarington	6710.37
<b>Total</b>	<b>35208.55</b>

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