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Ag Bag Drag Stories

Bill, you asked for some Ag Bag Drag stories in your Dec. 2002 issue.

My story takes place in the fall of 1959 when my classmate **Jim Sawatsky 70C73DVM** and I decided that the Ag Bag Drag could use some farm livestock to bring back that down home flavour to the event so we arranged with the University Farm staff to borrow a young weanling pig for the evening.

Pigs being sort of wild by nature meant that Jim and I had to borrow and inject a tranquilizer (just prior to the dance) to calm the little critter down. Well Jim was not a veterinarian then and my needle



experience was also limited but we managed to get a large dose into our little friend after several attempts.

Then it was off to the Ag Bag Drag with our pig in a box.

Needless to say the little guy was a hit especially with the girls - one photo that made it into the 1960 Greystone (Pharmacy section of all places) shows Pharmacy Queen Penny McArter holding our little porker and he really looks like he is enjoying the atten-

tion. In the background you can see me keeping an eye on things! Also in the background I see **Dennis Wobeser 61C** with his back to the action but we all know he likes cattle better than pigs!

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Friends, Voc Ags, Agros ... lend me your eees. (Emails, that is)

The SAGA wants your email address. Last call turned up close to 200 email addresses, but that's hardly ten percent of our members. We want to cut costs so we don't have to ask you to dig deeper in your wallets for SAGA delivery.

Email delivery is free and the newsletter can be printed on your home printer if you prefer not to read it on your computer. It only takes a couple of minutes to download on a land phone line. (*I know because I don't have high speed internet in Rouleau - editor*) It comes as a pdf file and to read it, you need Adobe Acrobat, available free from the internet. If you have an email address, please forward it to thesaga@sasktel.net, along with any news you might have for the next SAGA. Please include your grad year and current mailing address.

PLEASE NOTE: if you don't have an email, we will still print and mail a SAGA to you. But if we can get even half the ag grads their SAGA by email, our financial picture will continue to look bright.

Reunion 2003 report

Adrian Johnston 81C sends a big THANK YOU to the executive for all their help during the 2003 reunion weekend. He says we had a great turnout for all events, with a rebound in our curling entries and participation at the Smoker. We had a banquet with 383 in attendance - over 40 people bought tickets at the door, and we ran out of chicken. (*Editor's note - some say that might not have been a bad thing.*)

School of Ag 53

Officially we had 48 graduates in our class. We

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SAGA Curling Report - 2003 Reunion

Team entries were up this year over last year. Following is a list of winners:

A - White event Winners



S - Darren Camm, 3rd - Mark Steckler, 2nd
(missing) Ken Gillies, L - Bob Norman



Runners-up in A Event: S - Martin Ferguson, 3rd
- George Ferguson, 2nd - Laurie Entwistle, L - Ted
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B- Brown Event Winners



S - Larry Lee, 3rd - Merlin Lee, 2nd - Les
McLean, L - Kendra Lee. Runners up (No photo
available) were S - Scott Acton, 3rd - Jeff
Cojaccar, 2nd - Emil Boutin, L - Ivan Stokalko



Runners up in C Event: S - Mike Steckler, 3rd -
Brian Woodard, 2nd - Michelle Propp, L -
Shelagh Torrie, (spare - Jamie Mamer)

Hutcheon Event Winners



C - Graham Event Winners
S - Kathy Pearson, 3rd - Kathy Hanson, 2nd -
Page Newton, L - Monique Detillieux



S - Al Graham, 3rd - Elwood Fleming, 2nd -
Wayne Jensen, L - Ron McKinnon.
Runners up S - Bernie Sonntag, 3rd - Hans
Korven, 2nd - Don Acton, L - Bob McKercher

SAGA Hockey Report - 2003 Reunion

Everything worked out well, had a few things that could be improved on. Two teams backed out a few days before the tournament - fortunately found one replacement team.

There were 6 teams in non-competitive and 4 teams in competitive. All teams played three games. Would like to see 6 teams in both divisions. Over the last few years it is hard to find teams that are willing to play in the competitive division. A few teams in the non-competitive division were very capable of playing in competitive. Consider making one division again?

Only two players turned out for the women's hockey game, so we may cancel this ice time (2:15 Saturday) unless interest grows.

This year's venue, the Jemini 4 arenas, was much better than the Agritwin arenas. as the dressing rooms were larger and the facilities upstairs were better.

Tournament results

On the competitive side, the 1993 Grads won for the second year in a row defeating Drake 5-3 in the final game. On the non-competitive side, the A.S.A. team managed to take the A side defeating the Devils 6-4.

Costs

Ice Rental (\$165/hr)	\$3,712.50
Refs, time keepers (\$60/game)	\$1,080.00
<u>Pucks</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>
Total cost	\$4,822.50

Revenue

Non-competitive (6 teams X \$400)	\$2,400.00
Competitive (4 teams X \$600)	\$2,400.00
Women's game	\$20.00

<u>Saga Memberships</u>	<u>\$80.00</u>
Total revenue	\$4,900.00
Revenue	\$4,900.00
Costs	\$4,822.50
Net profit (loss)	\$77.50



93 Grad team members: Toby Torkelson Mike Torrens Vaughn Minogue Murray Booy Shawn Hermanson Ted Gerwing Craig Gabrielson Kirt Dickie Stu Southgate Joe Clavelle Travis Goebel Todd Rowan Shane Olson



No names available for non-competitive team winners.

Honors and Awards

Lorence Peterson 65C, recently received a Golden Jubilee Commemorative Medal from the Saskatchewan 4-H Council.

Robert Brack 52C, Glenn Hass 60C and Duane Bristow 58S received recognition medals from the Canadian 4-H Council, for their service to Canadian 4-H.

In Feb 03, **Bob Evans 79C** received the prestigious Canadian Association of Agri-Retailers (CAAR)

President's Award. This award honors an individual who demonstrates unselfish commitment towards the goals and betterment of the Association, and the agri-retail industry. CAAR president Jeff Holmes indicated that Mr. Evans was an outstanding example of volunteer spirit, dedicating countless hours to various Association activities and projects aimed at improving the professionalism and image of the agricultural industry. Bob operates a business under the name Gates Fertilizers, with head office in Nipawin and branches at Carrot River, Albertville and Ridgedale.

I stand corrected

What's a newsletter without a few corrections? The last SAGA reported that the Cote family from Leask were the new Outstanding Young Farmers. Maybe new wasn't quite the right word to use . . . as they were last year's winners.

The most recent winners are **Peter and Shirley Voldeng** from Naicam. And how's this for a rub . . . they're both engineers.

One other mix up came on the Pooped Deck pages. SAGA mixed up Art Strautman and Walt Doyle in the photo cutline. Oh well. I guess I'll be off the Christmas card list for next year.

Calling all Ag Grads

I want your stories on the following subjects:

- best nickname you got or gave to a fellow ag grad. Add some juicy details if there are any.

- best Ag Bag Drag, Stunt and Steal month, Grog or other college story. Let's let the new generation hear what the old dogs did back in our good old days.

- Ag Grads Across The Pond - that is, tell us about some of your overseas assignments, whether through work, play, volunteer or charity.

Write a couple of lines or a couple of pages. Tell the rest of the ag grad world your best, or worst, story.

had 21 return for this reunion and except for some last-minute cancellations, we were looking forward to another half dozen or so.

Friday afternoon and evening were filled with reminiscing about our university years and getting caught up on family activities. We recalled that only 3 out of 48 were able to afford vehicles of any kind. We remembered those that are no longer with us - to the best of our knowledge seven are deceased. Thanks to everyone who brought pictures of the "good old days".

Saturday afternoon some grads were able to take a tour of the College of Agriculture building and in the evening almost all, along with spouses, attended the Ag Grad banquet and dance at the Sheraton. We were pleased and honored to have one of our classmates, **Chuck Strautman**, presented with an Honorary Life membership.

Those attending were **Ken Bennett** (Richardson), **Leroy Larsen**, **Bernie Prefontaine** and **Yarmo Pohjavouri** (Regina), **Peter Butala** (Eastend), **Joe Cooper** (Archerwill), **Tom Dorrance** and **Keith Fox** (Wawota), **Arnold Larsen** (Shellbrook), **Tyrus Nyhus** (Pangman), **Larry O'Reilly** (Scout Lake), **Claude Prefontaine** (Lisieux), **Cletus Sherman** (Battleford), **Allan Voegeli** (North Battleford), **Murray Westby** (Watrous), **Bob Young** (Kenosee Lake) and **Chuck Strautman**, **George Lee**, **Lloyd Haight** and **Bob Dodds** (Saskatoon).

Our class used the Heritage Inn as its headquarters and would highly recommend these facilities to other classes that may be looking for a reunion venue. Plans were discussed to hold a summer reunion at Watrous in 2008.

Bob Dodds 53S

School 43 report

Hugh Stueck 43S says their group enjoyed the banquet, especially being #1 Table. They had a wonderful breakfast the next morning and plan to be back for next year's reunion. He included memorial information from **John Moore 43S** and says John's wife **Roberta 44S** was a school grad, as is his son **Gordon 68S**. Hugh says **Tom Skagrud 43S** attended the funeral.

(Editor's note - these are the only reports I received from the 2003 class reunions. Any other class reunion co-ordinators who would like to send me a report from their reunion, please do. I'll print it in the next SAGA newsletter.)

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We added a bit of excitement for a period that night; not that we were ever short of it at that event!

We returned the little guy to his Mom in the morning and he spent the rest of the morning telling his littermates what a great time he had at the Ag Bag Drag!
Syd Pickerell 61C

President's Pen



Greetings to all Ag Grads and College of Agriculture students. I hope that many of you are receiving this newsletter by Email, moving our communications from SAGA to you in the most cost-effective manner. If you have Email, and have not signed up for delivery of the SAGA and updates from the College, I encourage you to do so soon.

It is with great pleasure that I take on the task of leading the 2003 SAGA executive. We have an excellent group of Ag Grads who are anxious to serve in our association's activities. The names of all executive members are listed in the newsletter, but I would like to single out a couple.

First of all, on behalf of all Ag Grads, I want to thank **Jim Vancha '79C** for his leadership as 2002 President - a job well done. Secondly, I want to introduce to you the 2003 SAGA Vice-president, **Don Mitchell '89S**. As VP Don will provide leadership and contact between the SAGA executive and the 2004 reunion class committees. If you have a reunion in 2004, and have not yet heard from

someone, here is your chance to get involved by contacting Don.

In the past few years we have been building our ties with the Agriculture Students Association (ASA). Our number one priority is to secure contact with all degree and diploma students both while in the College, and when they graduate. Connecting with our future membership is critical, and we see the internet as the means to do this. All ASA members with Email addresses now receive the SAGA newsletter. For those of you who have forwarded your Email to SAGA, you could soon be receiving the ASA newsletters, and messages from the College - keeping us all connected.

The 2003 reunion weekend was a great success. We had a resurgence in the curling entries, moved the hockey tournament to a two-day event, and had excellent attendance at the Smoker and banquet. In fact, we had so many walk-in banquet guests we ran short on food. We apologize for this, and will develop a strict set of guidelines for the 2004 banquet ticket sales. Thanks to all the Ag Grads who came out in January, we hope you had a positive experience.

Adrian Johnston 81C

ASA Report

Well, the year is winding down and all the fourth years are busy putting the final touches on their thesis while still trying to enjoy their remaining weeks as an undergrad. As usual, the year went by in a blur. The college has kept busy with bowling and foosball tournaments, raising money for the Children's Health Foundation with Engineering and Commerce through a charity kaiser tournament, participating in Sask Challenge, heading off to the World Association of Agriculture Councils in Edmonton, holding elections for the 2003-2004 ASA executive, as well as still maintaining our status as students!

Graduation ceremonies for both degree and diploma students were held at Centennial Auditorium on January 31st. Many awards were handed out to both graduates and faculty. Special recognition was given to the outgoing Senior Stick and President **Leland Fuhr**, the newly elected Senior Stick **Greg Frey**, and **Dr. John McKinnon** was honored as the Professor of the Year and the new Honorary President. Some new awards were established for the graduating diploma class with the Golden Sheaf (an adaptation from the Voc-Ag Golden Pitchfork) being presented to **Jon**

Wright. Congratulations to all the graduates and good luck to you in the future.

The Agros have lots of inventory like fleeces, jerseys, jackets, mugs, t-shirts, and hats in stock so if you are interested in purchasing any to remind you of your younger days, or as a unique gift for someone else, give the ASA office a call. We can be reached at 966-7742 or by email at ss_asa@duke.usask.ca. As well, we have had several inquiries about ordering grad rings in for past graduates. Orders are placed for the graduating class in October and November so let us know if you want to be included in the order.

Well, this brings to an end my term as Public Relations Officer as well as an undergraduate student. I am looking forward to joining the College of Agriculture alumni at the University of Saskatchewan. It really is a prestigious ranking and I am happy to be joining the rest of you as a college graduate. Have a great summer!

Shelagh Torrie

**2002-03 Public Relations Officer
Agricultural Students Association**

Thundering Herd



Jack Hextall 79S, son of Lorne Hextall 51C, is president of the newly opened Pipestone Feeders feedlot near Grenfell SK. The feedlot has a 6,000 head capacity that can expand to 20,000. It was financed in part by 130 local investors.

Blair Rausch 78C survived three years working in the Royal Bank Head Office in downtown Toronto. He saw the light in December, moving west to High River AB, where he's a senior ag account manager. He recently became a grampa, which is good, but says he can't help but cheer for the Leafs - which may be not so good. He thinks additional time... or therapy... may cure the affliction.

Brent Kennedy 77C recently switched employers, from Aventis to Ducks Unlimited. Rather than move to Calgary in the Bayer buyout, he stayed in Regina and is now manager of field operations for DU.

Lloyd Streifel 83C remains in Clavet, but now sells New Holland products for Moody's Equipment, instead of Roundup for Monsanto.

Rick Floer 89C has been with Investors Group since 1991. In 1998, he moved to Vancouver to manage their downtown branch. In 2000, he married Marilyn Fraser, who is also a financial planner. They recently

moved to White Rock to manage the new Investors Group office there. Rick and Marilyn jointly provide financial planning advice to 200 client families in the lower mainland.

John Beckton 70S-73C, is president and CEO of Big Sky Finishers, a recent offshoot of Big Sky Farms, the large hog operation based in Humboldt. Big Sky Finishers is selling shares to the public, is set up as a small corporation so it's eligible for all the tax breaks that designation incurs and the investment is RRSP eligible.

Scott Johnstone 87C has two daughters (4 & 2 yrs old), farms, keeps a few cow/calf pairs, and runs Johnstone Auction Mart at Moose Jaw, with dad Wayne 60S. He also does some freelance auctioneering on the side. He says Wayne is moving closer to retirement and travelling a bit more, but keeps involved with the farming and auction mart.

Don Tait 55S says he keeps in touch with **George Krenz 55S** Eston, **Stuart Marshall 55S** Kyle, **Vaughan McClarty 55S** Regina, and **Dale Donald 55S** Rockhaven. Vaughn McClarty retired a couple of years ago. He was Administrator for the Village of Ceylon and the R.M. of the Gap. He has now moved to Regina. Don is still farming at Elrose. He says he has to keep on until he makes it pay. He's on the AFIF board and the Sask. Agri-Food Council as well as Chairman of the Wheatland Regional Library.

Jerome Martin 64C, publisher of Spotted Cow Press at Edmonton, says sending The SAGA as a PDF file is a great idea. "PDF documents are searchable and one can make the links

live as well. You could also use colour in the design if you're doing it largely for PDF. Thus, the electronic version can be more powerful and useful than the paper one: and, of course, it costs nothing to send it." (Editor's note - if any of you young ag grads know what he's talking about, and how to set it up, give the SAGA executive a call. Maybe a SAGA website isn't a bad idea, if anyone out there knows how to do one.)

Joe Remai 76C says life is very good. Kids Jenn and Josh are off to university. Alberta construction projects are selling well and the farm at Carrot River continues to provide tax relief!!

Daryl Tumbach 72C is working as Extension Agrologist at Maple Creek - 28 years of service with the Department and counting. He and wife Eileen have two girls - Janna is an Intern with the College of Medicine, U of S. and Kirsty is in first year Physical Therapy, also at the U of S. As for any question of early retirement - you now have the answer!!!!

Daryl is involved in the family farm at Leader with his father, plus his brother and his family. Most of any spare time is spent with community and Church activities. He enjoys going for walks, hiking, curling and biking.

Don Folden 89C is living near St. Brieux, Sk. He says he wasted 11 yrs 1 month with Saskatchewan Mismanagement Agency (SAMA), then moved to Bourgault Tillage Tools in April 2001. He's responsible for east Sask, Manitoba, North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota. He operates a mixed farm with his father

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and brother and spends summers at Walleye Tournaments.

Bryan Harvey 60C says he's enjoying a busy year as temporary custodian of the University Research portfolio, "which is doing very well by the way." Pierre Hucl is filling in for him as agricultural research coordinator while he's in this chair. He says the research office will be moving out of Kirk Hall in the spring, to quarters in the NRC building for a couple of years. Then it will take its rightful place in the newly refurbished College Building (old Administration Building to us older folks). He says he will certainly miss the quaint old building (Kirk Hall) especially when the temperatures hover in the high 20s and 30s next summer.

Jennifer Mitchell Fetch 79C works at the Cereal Research Centre with Ag Canada in Winnipeg. She's in the oat breeding and genetics section.

Gordon Moore 68S continues to operate the family farm at Speers SK. He says it's somewhat difficult now not having a senior grad to assist with the daily chores. (See Empty Saddles - **John 43S**) He's been married to Kathy for 30 years. They have four children - Robert, Deanna, Gordon Jr. and Karrie - four granddaughters and two more arrivals coming soon.

Gordon currently crops 2,000 acres and runs a 100-head Limo-Sim cross beef herd. He maintains a great interest in the SWF and the local clubs in Speers. He says, "I want to personally congratulate Chuck Strautman on being presented with an honorary life membership in the SAGA."

Wayne Clews 61C says since leaving the farm in Sask and moving to

Red Deer, (1994), he has indeed experienced 'change of life'. Son Kevin and daughter Lorie handle the business and office management duties, while Wyn and he have become 'unresponsible', and find themselves able to travel many months of the year. Arizona is particularly interesting in the winter. The Pacific Northwest and Lower Mainland of B.C. are attractive at other seasons.

Summer and harvest are busy for all of them with their Grain Drying & Storage Management equipment distribution business. The combination of a difficult harvest coupled with higher commodity prices were unusually good for them. He says incredible as it was, Alberta and Sask farmers were harvesting the same time as Australians.

Jim Spiers 71C runs Right Field Marketing in Edmonton.

Lee Norheim is a Tractor and Forage Harvester specialist with John Deere in Regina.

Curtis 90C and **Janet Harren 90C** are still in Calgary and have just recently had their second child. Curtis has changed his focus from Agriculture to Marketing, and Janet continues to work as a Land Agent in oil and gas.

Al Oliver 62C sends greetings. He says all is going well in Chase BC.

Keith Fournier 81S sent a list of ag grad email addresses from his address book. (*Editor's note - if you have a long list of ag grad email addresses, send them to SAGA.*) Keith says **Fiona Youatt 84S/89C** sent him a note she'd recently moved to England. Part of her note said, "I found a job just south of London! I'll be working as a Communications Officer for the

Surrey County Council. It's a term position as the person usually in this position has been seconded to another department, so I'll be there till the end of August."

Vaughn Minogue 91S recently moved from Regina to the home farm at Lacadena SK. He spent four years in Swift Current and another six in Regina with Farm Credit, before returning to full-time farming in 2002.

Ken Bassendowski 72C is a forage and canola pathology technician in the Crop Breeding and Diversification section of Ag Canada in Saskatoon.

Ken 71C and **Mona Lee Kirkland 75C** are now at Vermilion AB. Ken is busy consulting, curling, fishing, golfing and enjoying retirement. Mona Lee is a Conservation Specialist with the AESA (Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture) program. Braiden is in Grade 4 and keeps them both busy.

Barbara Larson 77C says hello from the Vancouver area.

Lorne Nahorney 74S says his company, A Working Design Inc., is developing and marketing laser-etched products for the architectural market - glass, stone, wood, aluminum and plastics. (see www.laseretchtech.com.) He keeps in touch with **Paul Gumprich 81C**, still teaching college in Chilliwack. If you are on your way to Vancouver, Gump's farm can be seen on south side of the Transcanada highway, across from the Auction Mart. He's working with the Cattleman's Association on electronic cattle ID tags. Good ole Paul was seen in Calgary at the Stampede. We got together with **Brent Difley 80C** and

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Bob Malone 81C.

John Kluck 92S and **Lisa Kluck 92C** have moved from their farm at Hayter, AB to Drumheller, AB in July 2002. John is still employed in the oil-field with Weatherford and Lisa has continued her Agriculture Lending Career with the Chinook Credit Union. Their three children - Josh, Taylor and Larissa - dog and cat, all adjusted to the move quite well. They will continue to farm the grain land at Hayter, AB and pasture at Hafford, SK. They look forward to many visitors in the valley!

Lee Melvill 74C says he's still a Market Specialist with Alberta Agriculture, located in Brooks. He survived the huge Alta. Ag. staff cuts that happened in March 02. A total of 142 professionals and support staff in Industry Development (the extension division) lost their jobs or were given early retirement. Over 50 District Extension Offices were closed throughout Alberta. He says farmers are only now realizing how their services have been cut and many of them are not taking it well!

Wendy Elliott 86C is Bovine Product Manager for Pharmacia Animal Health in Orangeville, Ontario.

Chris Paterson 92C, the one-armed bandit, says he's in his fifth year of residing in Pensacola Florida, as a marketing consultant. He says, "Enjoy the winter while you can!"

Bruce Barker 78C says writing for Top Crop Manager, as western field editor, keeps him out of trouble. He's also doing agri-business advertising and communication freelance work

from a home office at Bragg Creek AB. "Clients always welcome, especially if they can pay their bills. I'll refer the non-paying client types on to some Alberta Aggies."

Warren Pridham 82S is currently enjoying his winter holiday in sunny Melfort. He's a Chartered Accountant with Meyers Norris Penny and spends time during the winter in their Melfort office. He returned to Commerce after Voc Ag to find a wife and ended up with a job instead (still looking for the wife). He speaks at a few seminars each year on farm financial management strategies on behalf of MNP. He says farming at Carrot River has gone very well over the past few years and although 2002 was as brutal as anywhere, overall things are great.

Kent Gress 95C and wife Lorraine celebrated their 10th Anniversary on June 30, 2002. As of Nov 02 they now reside in Canora, Sk., where Kent has taken on the duties of Assistant Manager at the Cargill AgHorizons Service Center. Lorraine works part-time while staying at home to look after kids Brandon 10 and Austin 4.

Elaine and Gordon Parker 64C live in Medicine Hat, Alberta. They started and incorporated a small business known as Parker Crop Consulting Ltd in February 2001.

Darryl Ulledal 89C says he'd like to point out the U of S Agro connection with Elanco Animal Health in Western Canada. Only one sales rep is not from Sask. and only two aren't U of S Agros. Here are the U of S agros working for Elanco Animal Health in Western Canada: **Darryl Ulledal 89C** (Red Deer), **Bob Ehr 82C** (Lacombe), **Bruce Mitschke 83C** (Lethbridge), **Mike Paterson 94C**

(Strathmore), **Shannon Meyers 95C** (Saskatoon), **Roger Myers** (Minton, SK), **Marty Seymour** (Manitoba) and **Brent Difley 80C**, mgr.(Calgary). Is there some reason all these guys were attracted to the drug industry?

Then he says, "Hey, did you know this year's outstanding young farmers in Sask are 'plumbers' and they live in town (not on the farm)? That's right - **Peter & Shirley Voldeng** are both engineers who run a large hog farm called Fairway Farms at Naicam, Sk. (He's my cousin) His dad, **Lavern Voldeng 63C** is an Ag grad. Lavern and wife Vi are now retired and living in Saskatoon during golf season and Arizona when the snow flies."

Gerry Hertz 84C is self-employed but on contract to sell advertising for Top Crop Manager since May 2001. Shayla (9), Keisha (7) and their 125 acre farm keep them busy. Alanna Koch (spouse for the past 17 long years) has recently been elected to the Board of Directors of Agricore United. (*Ed note - Gerry can't wait for the director's spouse's program at the next Agricore annual meeting.*) "We will reside till our death (hopefully later than sooner) in Edenwold SK. Drop by for a visit!"

Stunt and Steal

Joel Gingrich 88C says for a good stunt and steal, talk to **Jeff Bean 89C** about the time they hired a tow truck to flip the Engineer's Tank in the bowl, and then froze it down using fire hoses from the Physics building.

(Editor's note - Well Jeff, let's hear some details.)

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Ag Grads Across the Pond

Don Acton 57C says he and **Marie Boehm 78C** have just completed a project involving upgrading an agricultural college in northern Vietnam. The project, funded by CIDA, focussed on post-graduate training two of their staff in Soil Science at the U of S.

It also supported writing and publishing textbooks in Vietnamese to replace the Russian textbooks that no-one could read, farmer training in soil conservation, and short-term training sessions for staff at their College.

The College is situated north of Hanoi, nestled in the Northern Mountainous Zone. Rapid population growth in the 70s and 80s necessitated the clearing of land with slopes we would never think of cultivating in Canada. He says it was a very interesting experience for both of them. He says **Gus Mackenzie 54C** and **Julian Dumanski 62C** provided invaluable advice along the way.

Kerry Hubbard 79C says with the acquisition of Aventis by Bayer, he found him and his family moving again. He says three times in five years is about enough - his family says the next move is by himself. They moved in August 02, from Lyons in France to North Carolina, where he's a Market Research Manager with Bayer CropScience Inc.

Steve 81C & Diana 82C Meister say "Frohes Neues Jahr von Deutschland." I say, "Same to You!" Steve and Diana are living in Dusseldorf Germany, with Steve either working in a ball-bearing factory or with Bayer CropScience.

(Editor's note - if you have stories about work, play, charity or other activities dealing with you or other "Ag Grads Across the Pond", send them in. We'd like to hear about them.)

Manitoba Aggie Grad Website

The following note came from **Gordon Bacon 81C**, who's currently with Pulse Canada in Winnipeg. He says the U of M Aggies' grad association is doing a little reorganizing. If you want to catch up on that Manitoba Aggie that spent so much time on the stage at the Ag Bag Drag, see if you can find the whereabouts of that cute little Aggie girl you met at Grog, or locate that pig dog Manitoba Aggie that still owes you the entry fee, a 40 and a two-four from when you took in Boggy Creek with him ten years ago, give their website a look:

Greetings from the Manitoba Agricultural & Food Sciences Grads Association (MAFSGA). We are a fairly new organization and want you to be part of it. We were formerly DAGA (Diploma in Agriculture Grads Association, established in 1959) and changed our name in 1997 to encompass both degree and diploma graduates.

Please forward this message to all AGGIES in your address book to help the Faculty's graduates get connected with each other and with MAFSGA.

Our Mandate:

- * To keep graduates united and informed
- * To support the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences
- * To recognize outstanding students, teachers, and graduates of the Faculty

Membership:

* Lifetime membership \$100

* Annual membership \$20

* For more information, visit the MAFSGA website or contact Lorrie Oakden, Treasurer, at: <l&doakden@westman.wave.ca>

Guest Book:

In order to keep all AGGIES in touch, follow this link to our guest book:

<<http://www.umanitoba.ca/afs/mafsga/index.php>>

Please sign in and update us as to where you are or what you are up to. And be sure to check out what your fellow grads have been doing!!!

Sincerely,

Marc Boulanger
MAFSGA President
maboulange@gov.mb.ca

Check out the MAFSGA website:
<http://www.umanitoba>

Pooped Deck



John Billett 69C, 74DDM, retired from his dentistry practise in Saskatoon and moved to an acreage near Victoria. Upon graduation, he had a choice of getting a masters in soil science or taking dentistry. Apparently he chose the small, high-speed drill instead of a soil probe. He's married to **Penny Werle 69BA**, who is a librarian

Jens Stangeland 50C is retired from Pioneer Grain and living in Selkirk MB.

Ross Edwards 64C retired in 1996 after working for the Alberta government for 32 years in three departments - Lands and Forests (10 yrs), Environment (10 yrs) and Native Land Claims (12 yrs).

He's presently self-employed as a contract land agent and plans to retire a second time in 2006 when his current contracts expire. He says retirement has allowed him to travel to Egypt, Portugal, Italy, Switzerland, France, England and China.

Joe Campbell 41C recently moved into an extended living facility, at the age of 91. He's now at the Somerset House in Victoria. A writeup on Joe that arrived in the SAGA mailbox pro-

vides a glimpse of a fascinating life. A profile will appear in a future SAGA newsletter.

Last year, Joe had hip surgery, with excellent results. He also had a pacemaker installed, with positive results. After receiving a PhD in plant nutrition in 1953, Joe spent most of the next three decades working with fertilizer and chemicals, with private industry, Ag Canada and the U of M plant science department. He worked on projects around the world. After retiring from the plant health business, Joe spent the past three decades working on human nutrition, with a unique Hair Mineral Analysis Service for people. He published a paper in 2001 - to find it, go to Google Search and type "Dr. J.D. Campbell". Click on "Minerals and health", which will bring up his web site. Click on "New! Lifestyle, Minerals and Health", download and copy.

J. Wayne 66C and Elsie Gates 66C are both retired and living in Bradner, BC (part of Abbotsford). Elsie is active in Girl Guides of Canada and serves as Secretary to the BC Trefoil Guild Executive Committee She quilts and belongs to Beta Sigma Phi. Wayne does family research, woodworking and gardening. Daughters Lisa and Heather and their families live in Nakusp and Kaslo, both in the Kootenay region of BC. They have three grandsons.

They keep in touch with **Marv Luther 60C**, who is a neighbour. The three of us drink lots of coffee and try to solve the worlds problems.

Julian Dumanski 62C reports achieving a state of enjoyable, partial retirement in Ottawa. He says he's actually retired twice already, once in 1997 from the federal Government, Research Branch, and the second time

in 1999 from the World Bank, Washington. His wife says if I keep practising, I may get it right eventually. He currently spends about half his time working on Kyoto and soil conservation, and the other half thinking of what I will do on my days off.

Reg Skinner 63C is now happily retired in Regina and keeping busy with seniors curling in the winter and going to auction sales in the spring and summer. He also restores antique tractors and trucks.(slowly).

Arnold Tremere 62C retired from the Canadian International Grains Institute in Winnipeg on June 30, 2002. In July, Arnold and Marcella moved to Medicine Hat. After graduation in 1962, he obtained a Masters in Animal Science at the U of S in 1964 and a PhD in Animal Science from Cornell in 1968.

He spent the next 15 years with the Masterfeed division of Maple Leaf Mills Ltd. as a nutritionist in the feed business, the first 12 in Toronto and the last 3 in Calgary, as General Manager of the Western region.

Arnold left Maple Leaf Mills Ltd. in 1982 and joined the Canadian International Grains Institute in Winnipeg for 20 years. The first seven years he was Director of Feed Technology and the last 13 years as Executive Director.

He has two daughters, Liisa and her husband Raphael live in Portland Oregon. She has her PhD in neuroscience from Dalhousie University, in Halifax, NS. Evelyn and her husband Sean live in Calgary, Alberta where both are working in the "Oil Patch".

Orrin Clayton 52C says he retired two years ago from the Canadian Seed Growers' Association after working

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for the pedigreed seed growers for 42 years. He and wife Pam are involved in their community association and he's taken on the editorial, layout and everything leading up to putting the newspaper (24 page tabloid) into the printers hands. He publishes five times a year with 4,000 copies per issue.

He says one of his editorials was about the farmer's plight as I saw it after being in the Rosetown-Biggart-Shellbrook-Saskatoon area last July. He sent it off to the Western Producer which printed it as a letter to the editor. The WP just sent him an Editor's Award certificate for the letter of the month.

At the Annual Meeting of the CSGA last July the Association added his name to the CSGA Research scholarship (now called Clark-Newman-Clayton Scholarship). It was awarded to Al Slinkard who in turn named a post graduate student at the College of Agriculture as the recipient of the funds.

He says in 2002, Brian Rossnagel named one of his new oat varieties after him - "CDC Orrin". He grew a few rows of it in his garden in Ottawa this past summer. (No stories about sowing wild oats though!!)

Orrin says he's pleased to know that Dave Christensen, one of his class buddies, was named a Member of the Order of Canada. Super acknowledgement of his work. His other activity is writing the history of the CSGA as the 100th anniversary of the CSGA comes up in 2004. It all started as my thesis at University and have enlarged upon it ever since

Lorne Crosson 62S66C retired from farming and consulting and lives with wife Marge in Cochrane, Alberta. Marge was a secretary at the Soil Testing Lab when it was first set up

and later at the Soils Department at the U of S.

Son **Sean** (PhD in Biochemistry at the U of S) is doing Post Doctorate work at the University of Michigan. Golfing and skiing occupy most of Lorne's time. He works as a Marshall at the Links of Gleneagles in Cochrane. The golf course is hosting the 2003 Nationwide PGA Tour "The Calgary Classic" August 24 to September 1 of 2003. His house backs onto the 9th and 18th fairways so he would have a ringside seat, except he will be working at it.

He says they require about 400 volunteers to put on the event- if anyone is interested in being a volunteer they can contact the golf course via the Web at www.gleneaglesgolf.com.

Lorne has been skiing with **Glenn Padbury 66C** and family for several years. He caught the bug and can't get enough of skiing. Glenn has also helped out his golf game (another bug he caught). Glenn is Head of the Pedology Section of Agriculture Canada in Saskatoon.

He recently talked with **Ken Steele 66C**, who moved from the Yukon to High River, Alberta where he is semi-retired. They keep in touch with **Robert Strem 62S**. Robert and family farm near Briercreech. They managed to get their crop off this year despite trying conditions. Lorne's brother Bob was not so lucky- he will be harvesting in the spring.

W.J. {Bill} McLaughlin 62C spent a month in Calgary, Edmonton and Saskatoon last August-September with his wife Mary. He caught up with family and friends but time constraints prevented hunting up old classmates. He lives in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia and is enjoying retirement years in a moderate semi tropical envi-

ronment. He says it's hard to believe that people actually live in a cold place like Canada. *(Editor's note - I find it hard to believe people live in that sunbaked desert wasteland called Australia, that's hardly fit for kangaroos, crocodiles or three-toed sloths, but I guess that's just my opinion.)*

Since retiring after 33 years with Sask Wheat Pool, on Jan 1, 2001, **Sharen and Helgi Goodman 64C** have moved from Regina to Carleton Place, Ontario. Their son and daughter had both gone to University out there (Carleton U and McGill) and then their jobs were out there as well. Helgi says they did what all Sask people seem to be doing, they exported their kids. Their family now includes spouses, 3 granddaughters and 1 grandson, so they are practising up on "grandparenting techniques".

Lynn Thompson 61C says he's had an incredible winter for hiking and outdoor activities. He says he and Betty (ex - Yorkton Regional High School teacher) are retired and happily ensconced on Salt Spring Island. He keeps busy with local hiking groups, yardwork (a much longer season there!) and some wood and soapstone carving. Betty just finished a two-year stint as chair of the local United Church board.

(Editor's note - please notice how much time these retired ag grads have on their hands. They have enough time to send multiple paragraphs of news to SAGA, unlike the rest of the ag grads, who are still working and can't find time to write more than three lines! Retired or not, keep those notes coming.)

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52C, 50th anniversaries

Art Delahey 52C reports a few of their gang got together at Dorothy and Tom McCloy's 53C 50th anniversary in Saskatoon in December. In attendance were Joyce and Tom Gordon 52C, Millie and Pete Peterson 52C, Liz and Art Delahe 52C and Don Sutherland 52C. Don was attired in his formal Scottish attire - kilt and all - and played the bagpipes at the request of the McCloy's. A fun evening enjoyed by all.

Our year had other 50th anniversaries this past year - Pete and Millie Peterson, Jeanette and Charlie Peifer 53C, and Catherine and Reg Adam 52C all passed the milestone this past summer. And several more of us are coming up in the next couple of years. And not to boast but my better half, Liz was inducted into the Sask. Agric. Hall of Fame last August. With an Agro brother, husband and son how could she not have been interested in farm issues?

50C class meets

Members of the 1950 college class who live in Regina and area, along with their wives, got together January 21 at the West Harvest Inn for supper and a social evening. Hulme Henley led some singing and Marvalon Wilson read an item 'Who is a Senior'.

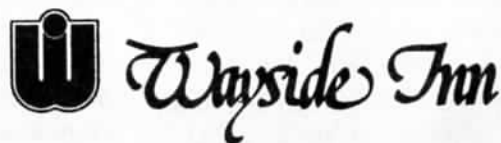


Class of 50C - Front (l to r) Bill Pope, Owen Moen, Norm Johnson, Howard Rice, Dave Ewart. Back (l to r) Ross Evans, Woody Wilson, Wayne Hanna, Hulme Henley, Bob Bews, Nick Rudrick



Class of 50C wives - Front (l to r) Dorothy Rice, Jean Pope, Lee Beck, Dot Bews, Gerry Moen. Back (l to r) Marvalon Wilson, El Hanna, Beth Rudrick, Elizabeth Evans, Bertie Ewart.

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MEMBERSHIPS	1,690.00	NEWSLETTER	6,847.22
HOCKEY	4,970.00	HOCKEY	4,944.98
CURLING	2,820.00	CURLING	1,807.48
BANQUET	9,020.00	BANQUET	9,233.61
MIXER	8,058.00	MIXER	5526.19
BANK INTEREST	0.93	BANK CHARGES	32.25
INVST. INTEREST	708.75	MISCELLANEOUS	<u>2,376.66</u>
HISTORY BOOK	2,101.00		
DONATIONS, Etc.	<u>360.00</u>		
TOTAL INCOME	\$29,728.68	TOTAL EXPENSE	\$30,768.39

TREND ANALYSIS	1999	2000	2001	2002
BANK BALANCE	\$23,182.45	\$ 4,310.35	\$ 4,750.52	\$11,210.81
INVESTMENTS	\$60,501.05	\$55,208.55	\$46,404.00	\$36,018.87
TOTALS	\$83,683.50	\$59,518.90	\$51,154.52	\$47,229.68

<u>GIC's: COMPANY INTEREST %</u>	<u>MAT. DATE</u>	<u>CURRENT VALUE</u>	<u>AN. INCOME</u>
PACIFIC & WESTERN 4.90 %	05/08/2003	<u>\$7,500.00</u>	<u>\$367.50</u>
<u>TOTALS</u>		<u>\$7,500.00</u>	<u>\$367.50</u>

<u>MUTUAL FUNDS:</u>	<u>CURRENT VALUE</u>
TEMPLETON GROUP	\$ 8,626.89
MACKENZIE	\$ 9,523.59
DYNAMIC	\$ 5,827.75
<u>CLARINGTON</u>	<u>\$ 4,540.64</u>
TOTAL	\$28,518.87

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Frederick Norval Horner, born at Creelman, SK on November 16, 1921 died on January 20, 2003 at Saskatoon City Hospital. Fred was known as a good farmer as well as a compassionate and caring man who believed in contributing to his church and community. He was the youngest son of Jennie and Norval Horner, brother of **Harold 33C**, Les, Marion, Audrey, Kathleen and Beth. He is survived by his wife Doreen, children Don (Dianne), Heather (Marcel), Jane and six grandchildren. He was predeceased by son Rob in 1995.

David Lawrence Kirk passed away in Toronto on January 31, 2003 in his 83rd year. He is survived by his wife Elsie, daughter Lesley (Roy) Savage, two granddaughters and one great granddaughter; brother **Donald 48C** (Marcia). David was the son of Dr. Lawrence, second Dean of the College of Agriculture. David provided 40 years of leadership in the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, the dairy and poultry industries. He was awarded the Queen's Centennial Medal in 1975 and membership in the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame in 1989.

The death of **June Margaret Rennie HEc 49** occurred on January 11, 2003 after 54 days in the Royal University Hospital. She is survived by her husband **Don 49C**; children **Rob Rennie 71C** (Brenda) of Lethbridge, Wendy (Tom) Duggleby,

Saskatoon, Joan (**Bob 81C**) Laing, Swift Current; six grandchildren. June lived a very active and demanding life, as a full partner and wife of Don during his career of soil scientist and dean. It was not unusual for her to entertain and feed up to 200 faculty and a bunch of students during the Christmas season. She traveled with Don on trips to Thailand, India, Morocco, Brazil, Malaysia, Philippines and European countries. She was an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star for 50 years, serving on many of its committees. She was active in the church and in many other organizations. Always a helpful and considerate lady, she will be much missed by her family and wide circle of friends.

George W. (Bill) Selleck 50C was born in a farm house near Spalding SK on January 28, 1924 and died in Victoria, BC on February 3, 2003. He is survived by his wife **Verla (nee Griffith) HEc. '48**, two sons and six grandchildren. Bill was a truly international agriculturist who achieved much during his work career. He had a distinguished career in the RCAF before attending university, then took his PhD (plant ecology) at the University of Wisconsin followed by a professorship at the U of S. In 1963 he joined Monsanto where he shepherded Avadex BW, a very good wild oat control product, into practical use on prairie farms. Monsanto transferred him to Belgium where he was responsible for development and sales of agricultural chemicals in Europe. In 1980 he moved to Cornell University to run its agricultural research program on Long Island. While there he pioneered natural control of field bindweed and demonstrated the need to prevent pollution of ground water by fertilizers and chemicals. He and

Verla then moved to Taiwan where Bill directed the Asian Vegetable Research and Development Centre. Through diplomacy and innovation he initiated research and development exchange between the Centre and mainland China. His final posting was in Sri Lanka where he worked on new varieties and production methods for thousands of small farms on the island. Bill worked or traveled in 85 countries and was quietly a great credit to Canada as a scientist and thoughtful ambassador.

Evelyn Edith Ahner, mother of son **Derald 65C** and daughter-in-law **Irene 65C**, passed away January 24, 2003 at age 82. Born at Salvador SK, Evelyn taught in small country schools around Maple Creek before and after her marriage. She was active in many organizations and took part in all aspects of the farm. She retired from teaching in 1982 and spent time since then making quilts and afghans for all family members.

John Moore 43S from Speers SK died October 5, 2002 at Hafford, age 81. John was born on the family farm at Speers and lived on or within half a mile of his birthplace all his life. After finishing high school, he joined the army, but was returned to the farm to raise food during the war years. He farmed with his dad for a while, then enrolled in the school of agriculture in 1942. In his second year, he met first year student **Roberta Phillips 44S**. When they both had graduated, they married in 1944, at Herschel SK.

John and Roberta farmed at Speers until 1996, when Roberta passed away. John continued helping on the farm until his passing. The Moore's three children all attended the U of S - David in Engineering, **Gordon 68S** as

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a 1968 Voc Ag grad and Mary as a 1976 Phys Ed grad.

John was active in the community, serving on the RM council, pasture board, Credit Union, and involved in curling, hockey, broomball, baseball, fastball, 4-H, boy scouts, rec board, choir Masons and Shriners. John loved music, especially the United Church choir. He was an avid fisherman, hunter and supporter of the SWF habitat program.

He is survived by his three children, 10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Eva Moore, wife of **Wendel Moore 41S**, passed away on Jan 20, 2003 in

B.C. She is survived by sister Ester Pederson of Congress and brother Art, plus two sons - Roy of Saskatoon and Jim of Delta B.C.

Norman John Noble 51S, from the Mitchellton district near Mossbank SK, passed away March 20, 2003. John and wife Joyce were the first couple inducted into the Saskatchewan 4-H Hall of Fame, in 1990. He received a Distinguished Graduate in Agriculture from the School of Agriculture in 1996 and an Honorary Life Membership from SAGA in 2001.

John was involved in many community activities, including various service groups, the United Church, the local SWP committee and as a leader

with the Twin Lakes 4-H Multi club, for 27 years.

Sally (Sara) Campbell, wife of **Joe Campbell 41C**, passed away March 15, 2001.

Clara Lillian Tangjerd, wife of **Harald Tangjerd 49C**, passed away on December 9, 2002 in Regina.

Cecil Earl Smith 50S, of Rouleau and more recently Regina, passed away on December 25, 2002 in Regina.

Jim Clarke 46S, passed away. He had cancer and was in Rosetown Hospital, palliative care unit.

Home Grown



Collin Johnson, and **Wendy Clark 88C** are happy to announce that their family has increased, with the addition a little boy. Kian was born on May 3, 2002. They're not sure if he has agricultural inclinations like Mom or an engineering affliction like Dad.

Wendy and Collin are currently in Madison, Wisconsin.

Curtis 90C and **Janet Harren 90C** boosted the population of Calgary by one, adding their second child Renelle to the family on Sept. 6th, 2002, a delight for brother Spencer who is 4.5 years old.

Nichole (91 B.Ed.) and **Arnold Cornea 89C** from Drinkwater, Sk. were blessed with a happy, healthy baby girl on March 3, 2003. Grandpa Booker says it's probably a birthday that even he can remember! Anastasia Genevieve lives next door to her 13-year-old brother Nicholas and has taken quite a likeness to the housecats, the dog and ceilings in public buildings. As for daddy, sleep deprivation mode which usually starts with seeding in May came a couple months early this year.

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