

Top grad - 2003



Carol Luca

Last spring, 132 grads received degrees, 31 grads received diplomas from the new two-year program and 34 grads received diplomas from the former three-year program.

The top graduate for 2003 was **Carol Luca** from Foremost, Alberta, with a major in soil science. Carol is currently working on a masters in soil science, dealing with phytoremediation and the distribution of soil contaminants.

Carol has worked at various summer jobs, including working as an agro scout with Agricore, a research assistant at the U of S, a summer assistant with BASF and a farm hand on the family farm near Foremost. Other interests include 4-H, volleyball, softball, track and field, horse-back riding, plus collecting awards and scholarships, of which she's received many.

Other agriculture graduation award winners include:

SIA Gold Medal

- **Carol Luca, Foremost, AB**

William Allen Memorial Prize in Ag Ec

- **Tyler Freeman, Simpson, SK**

Sask Hort Assoc Prize

- **Linda Mathews, Saskatoon**

Frank Sosulski prize in Crop Science
and Plant Ecology

- **Glen Houser, Unity, SK**

Huang Distinguished Undergraduate
Award in Soil Science

- **Shelagh Torrie, Saltcoats, SK**

U of S Diploma in Agriculture Gold Medal

- **Adam Bugg - Paynton, SK**

Stunt and steal - circa 1981

Lori Lane 82C

This one occurred when the 82C class was in their third year. The best part of the story was not the stunt or steal, but the adventure we went through getting from point A (the plotting place) to point B (the execution place). The farm of Larry Brack - our class president - was a common gathering place, and that's where we congregated that night - to make our plan, and to consume the required amount of tequila to ensure the plan was carried out in proper fashion.

So - gassed up and ready to go - off we went from the farm into Saskatoon to hatch the plot. Unfortunately, along the way, we were stopped by the boys in blue!

A little concerned about the "provisions" we had with us - we did our best to hide whatever we could and act as sweet and innocent as 8 or 10 pie-eyed third-years could.

Alas - to no avail. The decision was made to search one

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Friends, Voc Ags, Agros . . . lend me your ees (e-mails, 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.

Honours and Awards

Ken Turner 63C and wife **Pat** were inducted into the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame in 2003, as builders in the sport of speed swimming. With children involved in the sport, they served many positions with the Saskatoon Y Knots and Swim Saskatchewan. Both were involved in organizing meets and are master officials. Both are honored with lifetime memberships in Swim Saskatchewan. They've also been involved with Canada Games and Commonwealth Games committees.

Chantal Stumborg 03C of Naicam and **Shelagh Torrie 03C** of Saltcoats received distinguished undergraduate awards in soil science. Both received their degrees with great distinction and plan to pursue MSc degrees in soil science at the U of S.

Jack Zepp 72C, currently director of Extension Service with SAFRR, says recent Extension Service honourees for 30+ years are **David Hryhor 72C** and **Barry Swanson 72C** and **Jim Danyluk 71C**, **Pat Gerwing 70C**, **Brian Harris 71C** and **Grant Mclean 71C**.

This past spring, **Barbara Stefanyshyn-Cote 87C** was named Outstanding Young Agrologist by SIA. She was also awarded the Nuffield Scholarship for Canada. With the help of Nuffield Canada she will be traveling around the world next winter studying "The Impact Of Rural Depopulation On Society".

As a followup from the 4-H awards mentioned last SAGA, Joan Gilliland adds the following:

The awards to **Bob Brack 52C**, **Glenn Hass 60C** and **Duane Bristow 58S** were Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medals, presented to all past presidents of the Canadian 4-H Council and/or Canadian 4-H Foundation. Also included in that list was **David Freed 63C**, **Jack Gilliland 59C** and **Ted Youck 59C**.

Jack Gilliland 59C was also made an Honorary Life Member of the Canadian 4-H Council in recognition of his service to 4-H in Canada, as the John Deere representative on the Council from 1972 to the present.

Stunt - continued from front page

of the cars, and, as luck would have it - the one searched happened to belong to one of us who was recently on the Agro ski trip to Kimberley (was it Bill Sherk? Bob Ehr?, Al Mitschke, maybe? I can't recall). Lo and behold - in the trunk, there were two or three B.C. highway signs. That was enough to land the owner of the vehicle into the back of the police car for questioning.

That was when Darrell Thomson sprung into action! You should have seen it! There they were in the cop car - cops in the front seat, our comrade in the back, and Darrell outside, stealing the hubcaps! Have you ever heard the sound a hub cap makes when it's dropped, takes off in a roll, and eventually winds down to a stop?

By the way - we did make it to campus to perform our stunt - some sort of prank on the Engineering Lounge, of course - but getting there is what I really remember!

Travelling west?



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SAGA Mixer and Banquet 2004

January 16th and 17th, 2002 at the Saskatoon Inn

After SAGA Reunion weekend last year, the Mixer and Banquet committee received a few negative comments in regards to the quality of the meal and questioned the current facilities of the banquet and mixer. The committee reviewed the past situation with efforts to improve and correct the complaints that were expressed. The Banquet and Mixer committees explored other hotels in Saskatoon which may be able to accommodate a group with our needs. Upon further review and investigation the Banquet and Mixer committees discovered that the Saskatoon Inn is still our best facility in which to hold a function to suit the various needs of our group. The SAGA Executive decided unanimously to stay with the Saskatoon Inn.

In an effort to have a successful SAGA Reunion Weekend, we request that our members who plan on attending the banquet on Saturday, January 17 purchase their tickets no later than Friday, January 16. This is to allow our facility, The Saskatoon Inn, to prepare and provide the best-quality meal possible for the members attending the banquet on Saturday evening.

The Saskatoon Inn has a block of hotel rooms reserved under SK Ag Grads Assoc. Prices start at \$87 + taxes. Please call 306-242-1440 or 800-667-8789 in order to reserve your guestroom. The hotel will honor any rooms reserved by Dec 15, 2003. After this date rooms will be subject to space and rate availability.

The Mixer - Friday, January 16, 2004

The Mixer will begin at 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased at the door or in advance by contacting:

Rob Garland: (W) 306-249-2200, (H) 306-933-2819,
email: rgarland@agricoreunited.com

Todd Ehman: (H) 306-665-6008,
email: ehmanrock@hotmail.com

The Banquet - Saturday, Jan. 17, 2004

The bar will open at 5:30 p.m. for cocktails; with the banquet beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance to avoid the shortages of food that was experienced last year. A table will be set up at the Mixer for last minute ticket purchases until 10:00 p.m. Absolutely no tickets will be sold after Friday at 10:00 p.m. or at the banquet door on Saturday evening. Banquet tickets are \$30

each and may be purchased by contacting:

Bonnie Willie: (W) 306-668-8286, (H) 306-374-1973
email: bwillie@philombios.ca

Teri Iife: (W) 306 955-5100, (H) 306 249-2932
email: ife@duke.usask.ca

We hope that these changes are acceptable, as the hotel did not see any other way of insuring a good quality meal. We understand there were problems with the quantity, quality and selection of food last year and we have done our best to improve the situation for the future.

We look forward to seeing you all at the SAGA Reunion.

For more information, check the Internet at the following website - www.cropweek.com

Reunion Contact List

10 year School	94	Stuart Lawrence 882-2393
10 year College	94	Mike Paterson 227-9146
20 year School	84	Norm McIntyre 357-2001 mcIntyre@sasktel.net
20 year College	84	Ron Gilmour 734-2727
30 year School	74	Bill Kerr 373-2040
30 year College	74	Barry Hodge 257-3710
40 year School	64	Fred Bowditch 873-5326
40 year College	64	Les Henry 373-5828
50 year School	54	David Thompson 675-6125
50 year College	54	Bob Mckercher 373-4080
60 year School	44	
60 year College	44	

SAGA - Ag Grad Bonspiel

Saskatoon: Friday Jan. 16 to Sunday, Jan.18, 2004

Draw times and locations

The first games will be played on Friday, Jan 16 at 4:00 p.m. at either the Granite or Hub City curling clubs.

You will be notified by phone or email as to the time and location of your first draw. It will also be posted on the crop production week website

(www.cropweek.com/wccps.htm)

Rules

- * Every rink will play at least three games.
- * All games will be eight ends, except for the finals, which will be ten ends.
- * In the eight-end games, a buzzer will be sounded 25 minutes before the hour. This will be the signal for the teams to complete the end they are on plus one more.
- * Ties will be decided by skip rocks with sweepers.
- * Each rink will have at least three SAGA members or future SAGA members (Agriculture students)
- * Non-members can play lead only.
- * Graduates must have paid their annual or life membership in SAGA before curling

Bonspiel entries

- * Limit of 32 rinks in the regular draw

* Entries close at midnight, January 11th, 2004 - an extension can be made for student teams if space is available

* Entries from individuals are welcome, and every attempt will be made to find you a team.

Please indicate the position you prefer to play.

* Please complete all parts of the entry form and forward

it to:

Colin Peterson or
6D20 Agriculture Building or
Box 675 Dalmeny, SK
S0K 1E0
(H) 254-2093 or (W) 966-4165
Email:
peterson@sask.usask.ca

Blair Cummins
Box 270 A, RR #6
Saskatoon, SK
S7K 3J9
(H) 373-4393
Email
bmv@sasktel.net

EMAIL: entries will be accepted by email, and your confirmation will be an email reply. Email entries still must supply all of the information requested below.

Prizes: There will be prizes for the winning team in all four events.

This years' sponsors are: Full Line Ag, Flaman Sales, Royal Bank, and the Agriculture Student Association
Calcutta: The Calcutta will be held at the mixer on

AG GRAD BONSPIEL ENTRY FORM

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

Team Name _____ Hutcheon Event Yes No

Phone number where you're staying in Saskatoon _____

16th Annual SAGA Hockey Tournament

January 16 - 18, 2004

Langham Arena

Due to scheduling conflicts the 2004 SAGA hockey tournament will be moved to Langham (located 20 minutes NW of Saskatoon on Highway 16). The tournament this year will be 3 days instead of 2 due to only having one sheet of ice available.

Due to the ice time constraints, the first teams submitting a \$100.00 deposit will be confirmed for the tournament. Submit registration and deposit to the contact below.

Teams

Competitive

- \$400 / team entry
- Guaranteed 3 games
- 6 team limit

Non - Competitive

- \$200 / team entry
- Guaranteed 2 games
- 6 team limit

Female game will be played on Saturday if enough players register. Please contact Todd Friday by January 5th to

register for this game.

Rules:

- Each team must have 75% Ag Grads (School or College)
- Grad participants must be SAGA members
- All divisions are non-contact, no slap shots
- SHA officiating is supplied

The schedule will be arranged so that all players can attend the SAGA events of Friday and Saturday evenings.

Contact:

Todd Friday
1507 Konihowski Road
Saskatoon, SK.
S7S 1L6
Home - 652-8382
Cell - 222-6531
Fax - 249-4334

College Report

The school year is well underway, and the ASA has been busy. September is over, so midterms and papers are now becoming the focus of most students. So far, this has been a year of change for the ASA.

The Drag, a costume event at Prairieland Exhibition Park, was held on October 31st. There was a full service bar, music by the Electric Cattle Company and something new - awards for the oldest jacket and a ski trip given to the person with the best costume.

Bean Feed was moved to November 7th, and the format was changed. The dinner, held at the Saskatoon Inn, featured a menu with pulse crop recipes, as well as the traditional beans and hot dogs. There was little in the way of presentations - speeches were given by the Honorary President, a representative of the award winners, and a donor representative. Other speakers were expected to be added, and the Senior Stick was still handed out that night. Award donors and recipients were highlighted in an extensive program as well as a slide show presentation. This night gave everyone a new opportunity to meet and network with students and catch up with the ASA.

Lastly, the biggest news to date, the death of E-plant. We were shocked and dismayed by the announcement from university administration that E-plant must discontinue. The reason given was that the event was too dangerous and posed too large a liability. If any claim were ever taken out against E-plant, it would likely bankrupt the University of Saskatchewan Students Union, and raise premiums at other universities across the country.

In memory of E-plant, a funeral was given. Agros and 'Geers were painted up and followed the E to the hill one last time. A speech was given by an Engineer, an Engineer alumnus, and myself. It is a shame that such a tradition had to end.

If anyone has any questions or comments about E-plant, please pass them along to the ASA. Also, we now need an event to take the place of E-plant, and any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Ryan Moellenbeck
ASA PRO '03-'04
rjm217@mail.usask.ca

The Pooped Deck



Walt Doyle 51C sent SAGA a cheque from surplus funds after a mini 51C reunion in Victoria this April. He says a good time was had by all in attendance.

After working 30+ years with Farm Credit Canada, most recently as General Manager, Loan Administration located in Edmonton, **Roger Evert 69C** retired in September. Wife Trish continues to teach school for a couple of years so Roger's immediate plans are to look after all the deferred maintenance on the house so that it looks like it should be located in Sherwood Park rather than Kabul.

Lawrence Hurd 63C retired in 2002 after twenty-five years with the B.C. Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Fisheries. He now does some consulting part time while his wife Lynne works part time as nursing supervisor of the Home Care Program for the Musqueam Indian Band in Vancouver. They live in South Surrey near White Rock. Son Larry is a commercial diver and travels throughout the world. Daughter Laura (sociologist) is at UBC where she will become Assistant Professor in the School of Human Kinetics in January

2003. Their first grandchild arrived on April 29, 2003.

Jack Gilliland 59C has been retired from John Deere since 1992 and lives in Burlington, Ontario, where he's involved in his own Canada-wide agricultural company. He's on the executive board of Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers organization and chaired the annual meeting at the Toronto Royal Winter fair in 2002. The 2003 meeting, in Vancouver, will be chaired by **Syd Pickerell 61C**. Jack and Joan spend some of that retirement time traveling, including a February/March 2003 visit with son **David Gilliland 84C 85MSAg**, who lives in Hawaii with his family and manages the Mycogen Research Station on Molokai.

(Editor's note - nice gig if you can get it!!!)

Alice Harper 44C 46MS reports that she still receives the SAGA but doesn't recognize many names, though she sees that Joe and Jessie Zeman are still around. She attended her 50th reunion and while her 60th is coming up in January, doesn't expect to attend as she had a minor stroke. While she lost the use of her legs for a while, she can now walk with the aid of a walker. She currently lives in Lethbridge at a Good Samaritan Society establishment. She says she sometimes gets out to lunch at one of the better eating places in town!

60th ANNIVERSARY REUNION - 43C GRADS

Sixteen of the thirty-five Agros who graduated in 1943 attended a 60th Anniversary celebration at the Park Town Hotel in Saskatoon, June 19 to 21, 2003. In attendance also were 9 partners, 2 widows of former grads, 2 daughters and 2 who started in 1939 but graduated later.

The '43 Agros and partners who attended were: **Betty (Myrick) Barlow, John Bond, Harold Chapman (Mary), Vince Coffey (Simone), Bob Cooper (daughter Dorothy), Hartley Fredeen (Margaret), Howard Fredeen, John Hanson (Violet), Jack Haraldson (Neita), Bill Powell, Nat Simpkins (Anne and daughter Marilyn), Cliff Simpson (Betty), Fred Snell, Ole Turnbull (Alice), Walt Van Haerlem (Edna), and Harvey Whitney (Gladys)**. Also attending were **Annic Fawell (Charlie), Sybil Kennedy (Frank), Bill Dale and Herb Dow (Fran)**.

The main activity of this 60-year group was visiting in the Hospitality Room - and we had much to share!

On the first evening we were joined for dinner by **Dean Ernie Barber** and his wife Phyllis. He updated us on the College of Agriculture, and expressed thanks on behalf of the University for the 60th Anniversary Bursary Award established by the Agro Class of '43 to commemorate its 60th Anniversary. He reported that \$37,000 had been received to date, and was sure that the \$50,000 goal would be achieved.

On the second morning, **Dr. Graham Scoles** (Associate Dean, Research) and **Aaron Beattie** (Ph.D. student), provided a very interesting session on "Genetically Modified Crops".

On Saturday we all attended the President's Luncheon, where the '43 Agros present were presented with The Sixty Year Alumni Appreciation Certificate.

The '43 Agro group greatly appreciated the help given in planning and carrying out the 60th Anniversary program by Jason Aebig, Donor Relations Officer with the College.

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President's Pen

Greetings to all Ag Grads and College of Agriculture students. With harvest completed and classes once again under way it is time to turn our attention to the 2004 Ag Grad Reunion weekend. It is this event that occupies the majority of time committed by Ag Grads that sit on the SAGA executive. If this is your reunion year and you have not yet been in touch with the class contact, please do so soon. Make plans now to be in Saskatoon January 16-18 - it is your year to celebrate our College.

This newsletter contains information on the curling bonspiel, hockey tournament, Friday Smoker and Saturday banquet, booking hotel rooms at the Saskatoon Inn and a list of contacts for each of the 2004 reunion years. Changes from past years include a new location for the hockey tournament and a clear deadline from the Saturday banquet committee on the purchase of tickets. We ran out of food in 2003 due to extra tickets sold after our cut-off time on Friday evening and promised this will not happen again.

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Two significant decisions were made by the group before it dispersed:

- 1) That the Bursary funds be placed in an Endowment fund that can be added to by members of the class in future years.
- 2) That we meet each year in June, with the understanding that the last person out will put out the light!
It was a great celebration!



We will hold the SAGA Annual General Meeting on Friday, January 16 at the Saskatoon Inn, immediately prior to the Smoker. If you are interested in the business of SAGA, this is your chance to be brought up-to-date on activities. It is also your chance to become involved with the SAGA executive. If you have an interest in getting involved, please contact either myself or nominations committee chair, Past-President Jim Vancha (306-229-9123) by early December.

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. We are forwarding the newsletter to all students in the College of Agriculture, ensuring they are aware of their College alumni association. If you have email, and have not signed up for delivery of *The SAGA*, I encourage you to do so soon.

Adrian Johnston'81C

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Cropweek 2004 Agenda (more info at www.cropweek.com)

Pulse Days 2004

Monday, January 12

Location: Saskatoon Inn (live) & Prairieland Park (video feed)

- 11:00 am Registration
 12:30 am Annual General Meeting
 2:20 pm Pulse Days Opening Remarks
 2:35 pm Keynote Presentation - Creating Wealth in Saskatchewan
 Graham Parsons
 Organization for Western Economic Cooperation
 3:35 pm Break
 3:55 pm Session 1: Excelling in the Field
 3:55 pm Chickpea Lessons from Down Under
 4:20 pm Quality Starts With Seed: Pulse Variety Work Underway
 Tom Warkentin
 U of S Crop Development Centre
 4:45 pm Winning the Weed War: Developments in Weed Control Research
 Eric Johnson
 Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
 7:00 pm Wine & Cheese / Poster Session
 Pulse Days 2004 continues on Tuesday, January 13.

The Flax Advantage

Monday, January 12

Presented by: Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission

- Location: Canadian Room, Saskatoon Inn
 8:00 am Registration/Refreshments
 8:45 am SFDC Annual General Meeting
 Gordon Cresswell
 10:00 am Flax Council of Canada Update
 Eric Fridfinnson
 10:15 am AmeriFlax Update
 Kaye Effertz
 10:30 am Saskatchewan's Fiber Industry
 Alvin Ulrich
 SFDC
 11:00 am Enviro-Shingles
 11:30 am Straw Sales
 What the Buyer Needs!
 Joe Hogue
 12:00 am Lunch
 1:00 pm There's Value in Value-Added Flours

Bioriginals Food and Science Corp

- 1:30 pm Toasted Goodness
 Cecil Werner
 CanMar Grain Products
 2:00 pm Lignans and More
 Glen Pizzey
 Pizzey's
 2:30 pm Flax Breeding
 Dr. Scott Duguid
 AAFC Morden
 3:00 pm Refreshments
 3:15 pm The Market
 4:00 pm Closing Remarks

Pulse Days 2004

Tuesday, January 13

Location: Saskatoon Inn (live) & Prairieland Park (video feed)

- 8:00 am Registration
 8:50 am Session 2: Managing Risk
 8:50 am Protecting Your Investment: Tips for Production Contracts
 Craig Zawada
 Wallace Meshishnick, Clackson Zawada
 9:15 am Getting Paid for Your Crop: Payment Security Options
 Brian Kelly
 Kelly Associates
 9:40 am Hedging Our Bets: Report Card on SPG Research Investments
 Richard Gray
 University of Saskatchewan
 10:15 am Refreshment Break
 10:35 am Session 3: Market Focus - North America
 10:35 am Food Market Opportunities in Mexico
 11:00 am Pulses on Your Plate
 Consumer Trends Toward Healthier Eating
 Lisa Gruener
 Pulse Canada
 11:25 am Market Prospect
 The North American Hog Feed Industry
 Barb Stefanyshyn-Cote
 Lumec Farms
 12:00 am Luncheon
 12:20 am SPG Awards Ceremony
 1:30 pm Session 4: Price / Production Outlook for 2004

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- 1:30 pm Panel - Chaired by Kevin Hursh
Greg Kostal - Sparks Companies
Murad Al-Katib - Saskcan Pulse Trading
- 3:00 pm Refreshment Break
- 3:25 pm Keynote Presentation: The Future of
Agriculture
Richard Worzel
- 4:25 pm Wrap up / Door Prizes

**Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association 75th
Annual General Meeting Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004**

Location: Saskatoon Inn

- 12:30 am SSGA Annual Meeting Registration and
Coffee, Canadian Room
- 1:15 pm SSGA Annual Business meeting
President's Report - Dan Kirkham
Executive Director's Report - Dave Akister
Committee Reports
- Education & Publicity - Warren Kaeding
- National Directors' Report -
Larry Littman, Gerald Girodat
- Financial Report - Dave Akister
Presentation of 2004 Budget -
Tim Charabin
- Appointment of Auditor for 2004
- 3:00 pm Refreshment Break
- 3:30 pm Royalties, Rights and Red Tape:
The Staggering Burden on Pedigreed Seed
- 6:00 pm Cocktails
- 7:00 pm Banquet & Awards Presentations

**Ballroom B Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association
75th Annual General Meeting continues on Wednesday,
January 14, 2004.**

Canola Days

Wednesday, January 14

**Presented by: Saskatchewan Canola
Development Commission (SCDC)**

Location: Saskatoon Inn

- 1:00 pm Annual Business Meeting
- 2:15 pm Opportunities and Issues in World Canola
Markets
- 3:00 pm Coffee
- 3:20 pm Impact of Pesticides Registrations on
Japanese and US Markets
Joanne Buth
Canola Council of Canada
- 3:50 pm Reducing Volunteer Canola
Steve Shirtliffe, University of Saskatchewan

General Session: Covering Your Environmental ASSETS

**Environmental Farm Plans for Saskatchewan
Wednesday, January 14
Location: Saskatoon Inn**

- 7:00 pm Welcome and Opening Comments
Kevin Hursh, PAg.
- 7:15 pm Developing the Environmental Farm Plan
Program for Saskatchewan
Allan Oliver, Aneroid SK., Environmental
Farm Plan Committee
Provincial Council of ADD Boards
- 7:45 pm The Ontario Experience
Bob Bedgood
- 8:05 pm Perspectives of a Saskatchewan Producer
Jim Moen, PAg., Cabri, SK
- 8:25 pm Financial and Policy Implications
Jason Skotheim, PAg.
Saskatchewan Agriculture, Food and Rural
Revitalization
- 8:45 pm Questions and Discussion
- 9:15 pm Refreshments and Informal Discussion

**Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association 75th
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, January 14, 2004
Location: Saskatoon Inn**

- 8:15 am Continuation of Annual Business Meeting
(Canadian Room)
CSGA President's Message
Barry Reisner, Limerick, Sk
Report from National
Dale Adolphe
Canadian Seed Growers Assoc. Ottawa
- 8:45 am The Pedigreed Seed Picture: Quantity,
Quality, Questions
- 9:30 am Economic Impact of the Pedigreed Seed
Industry
Dr. Peter Phillips
Dept. of Agricultural Economics,
University of Saskatchewan
- 10:00 am Refreshment Break
- 10:20 am Nominating Committee Report
Election of Officers
- 10:45 am New Varieties Update:
David Gehl
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
Indian Head
Dr. Brian Rossnagel

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Thundering Herd



Ken 77C, 82DVM and **Kathy (79C) Little** have been in Drumheller since 1990. Ken is in a mixed animal practise. Kathy works for the Drumheller Regional Chamber of Development and Tourism. If you have every been to Drumheller their office is located in the building at the foot of the World's Largest Dinosaur. Their daughters both attend the University of Saskatchewan. Heather is finishing her third year of Commerce and Colleen is just finishing her first year in Arts and Science.

James & Linda McGregor (Hughes) 84C are still living in Saskatoon. Linda is currently "between projects", having recently finished a term position as a research technician in the weed biocontrol group at Agriculture Canada. James is currently district manager with CitiCapital (financing mainly semi trucks and trailers and construction equipment). Three kids - Kevin, 12, Christie, 10 and Nicholas, 6 - keep them plenty busy with soccer, music, dance, curling, Beavers, etc.

Marcel 61S and **Lynda 65C Dubois** are still farming at Rosetown (or is that farming a still????). Marcel says it continues to be "next year" country, except for all the grasshopper eggs he kept finding this year!!! Oh well, maybe it'll be better next year.

Jerome Martin 64C was interested in Helgi Goodman's comments about exporting kids and then moving to where they are. His daughter (PhD in English from the University of Nebraska) is now teaching American literature in Canada (University of Windsor) while his son (PhD in Comparative Literature from the University of Alberta) is teaching Canadian Literature in the United States (University of Vermont). He says it's tempting to follow them as well: but there's a distinct lack of wheat fields and native prairie in that part of the world, and his business and networks are based in western Canada. He'll continue to support the airlines on a regular basis.

Gerry Leduc 70S continues to grow seed at Assiniboia. In his spare time he acts as the Reeve of RM # 72 and is the local SWP Delegate. His oldest daughter is entering the U of R this fall, while another daughter and son are still going to school in Asiniboia.

Don Rugg 66C has been firmly embedded in the Victoria BC landscape for some 27 years now, having spent 13 of those years working for the BC Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries and the last 14 as president of View West Marketing Inc., an agriculture and food consulting and business management firm. Cheryl, his wife of 35 years, and he have two grown children, Brad and Stefanie and their partners, living within 5 minutes of their house, plus two grandchildren, Skye and Calvin. Don is a member of the Vancouver Island Panel for the BC Agriculture Land Commission and serves on the Advisory Board for the undergraduate B Com program for Royal Roads University, also about 5 minutes from home. He manages the Vancouver Island Safety Council that

provides pedestrian and bicycle safety training for children, plus motorcycle and car driver training. He's a past Executive Director of the West Shore Chamber of Commerce.

Clare Phillips 56S and **Pat** are still in the seed business at Tisdale with time out to golf, fish and raise funds for Shriner's Hospitals. Clare says **Vaughan McClarty 55S** has lived across the alley in Westwind RV, Yuma for the past 3 years. **Al Irving 56S** and **Carol** dropped in for dinner a while back. **Les Freeman 56S** and **Betty** bought some seed - Les is organic farming now. **Tom Skogsrud** inspected the St. Front Bonspiel this spring and had a good visit with Pat and Clare and updated each other on former grads.

Laura Poppy 91C works at the PFRA Shelterbelt Centre in Indian Head as a shelterbelt specialist.

Malcolm McMartin 75S and **Pat** live in Elfros SK. Malcolm received a CAP certificate in 2002. He presently works for Sask Crop Insurance as Field Supervisor in the Raymore Customer Service Office.

Rob Gilmour is an After Sales Business Manager with Case New Holland (CNH) in Regina.

Barbara Larson 77C has taken an offer to be Apollo Biotech's new CEO and GM. Apollo is an agriculture biotech company that introduces new products globally. Her office is in Richmond, BC.

With a third son now in the hack (see Home Grown) **Rob Eichorst 91C** and wife Allison say the curling team is now complete. Jay is a brother for William (6) and Adam (3). Rob con-

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tinues to manager the Agricore United facility in St. Brieux and even with the new addition seems to be able to find time to curl twice a week in Melfort!

Jayne and Elton Ash 77S live in Kelowna, BC where Elton is Regional Director for RE/MAX Western Canada and a RE/MAX International Vice-President. He looks after franchising in Western Canada and the support services for 200 offices with 4,065 sales associates. He says it's very exciting times with the real estate market being as strong as it is. They have four daughters: Celeste (22) goes to OUC in Kelowna as a Psych major, Tanya (20) attends Goshen College, Goshen, IN on a softball scholarship, and is a Phys Ed major, Sabrina (19) just returned from six months in Australia and is planning on attending Humber College, Toronto, in the Interior Design Program and Sarah-Jayne (15) is in grade 10. Elton has an open invitation to any 1977 School of Agriculture grads to come on out and enjoy a round or two of golf at The Harvest Golf Club.

Jack Zepp 72C has been with SAFRR since receiving his MSc. in May 1974. He was appointed Director, Extension Service October 1, 2002, and is thoroughly enjoying the new challenge, getting out into the country and meeting up with the fine folks in the field. There's a large crop of new folks, but many are '72 classmates. Recent Extension Service honourees for 30+ years are **David Hryhor** and **Barry Swanson** ('72 grads), and **Jim Danyluk, Pat Gerwing, Brian Harris and Grant Mclean** - all Extension Agrologists with SAFRR.

Sean Dorosz 93C is still with CNH and early in 2003, accepted a new job to relocate to the USA. He is now the

East Region Marketing Manager. In English, this means he is the second in command of the entire sales and service marketing teams for the New Holland brand of equipment in the Eastern half of the US. He relocated to eastern Pennsylvania and everything is going well. The kids are adapting to the area fine (*Ed. note - that is, getting used to all those horse-drawn carriages, I suspect*), with the oldest in Grade 2 and the youngest in Kindergarten. He says if anyone is in Eastern PA, they are more than welcome to stop in for a visit. The door is always open.

Faye Osioy 79C (nee Weiterman) thought she'd try something totally different last winter and take Physics 30, in order to apply to the Diagnostic Medical Sonography (Ultrasound) program at S.A.I.T. She says it felt a lot like trying to jump start a dead battery after 28 years out of high school, but she got PHYSICAL and conquered it! With only 20 spots in the program, 400 applicants and 54 interviews offered, she's pleased to say she had an "I had the interview and they took me anyway" party! 28 months from September she'll be scanning bodies and speaking medical-ese. In other news, like friend **Bruce Barker 78C**, she likes to write, however, in a little different genre. She's written a couple of plays - romantic comedies - one was produced in '02 and the next in 2004.

Ron (I.H.) McKenzie 51C & (G.G.) Gwen (Hooper) McKenzie 51C report that Ron still does a few small projects for Agriculture Canada but enjoys most of his time playing golf with Gwen.

Trent Bobinski 85C MBA91 University of Western Ontario, says he left Saskatoon in September, 2000, to

become President and CEO of Del-Air Systems Ltd. in his old home town of Humboldt. He and Heather have two daughters, Emily (4 years) and Ashley (2 years). Del-Air is comprised of three companies, Del-Air manufactures and sells ventilation equipment to the intensive livestock industry (hogs, poultry and dairy) all over the world. Westland Rec-Creation is one of Western Canada's largest playground manufacturers and sells playgrounds all over North America.

Jerome Pratchler 85C is the General Manager for this company. And Bay Trail Environmental has over 70 waste storage bins (40' & 20') rented to drilling companies in the oil patch throughout Alberta, Saskatchewan and BC. They have over 80 employees, so Trent says running three companies and handling two young girls leaves no time for golfing or hunting!!

Rick Kawa 91C is living in Lethbridge and interested in saving trees and getting the newsletter via email.

Doug McKell 77C is currently Executive Director for the Soil Conservation Council of Canada and Judy 78C is an Extension Agologist with SAFRR. They still live on the farm at Indian Head. Daughter Nicole just finished her first year of university at the U of Regina and son Brad is in Grade 11.

Dr. Tom Scott 76C, poultry researcher with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Agassiz B.C., has accepted the position Chair of Poultry Science with the University of Sydney, Australia.

Pat Keyser 76S earned a MSW from University of British Columbia

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in 2000. She works in Saskatoon as a clinical social worker, instructs Taoist Tai Chi, and gardens.

Art Unsworth 74S says ranching at Maple Creek took a disastrous turn for the worse with the BSE border closure. He says they were having a wonderful spring with green grass, stock water and great looking hay crops as they finally begin to recover from a four year quest from "the Drought of the Century." In addition to trying to survive with the BEEF Industry, he's been extensively involved in basketball, including coaching a midget boys team for Basketball Saskatchewan Inc. Provincial Selections. Four players went on to the Elite Selections Camp, including both Christopher and Clint (his sons, I presume).

With the restructuring at Alberta Agriculture, **Elaine Stenbraaten 85C** now works in Fairview, Alberta as a Business Development Specialist in the Business & Innovation Division which is a new division of the department. She was formerly a crop specialist based in Fairview & Manning. She married Christopher Eakin August 1, 1998, (UBC BA & MLS). She's also sent in some dirt on a few other PEACEnicks from northern Alberta.

Marianne Kniel 82C is busy with her husband Mike on their farm at Hawk Hills, near Manning. They've just bought some more land along with a house on it so she's happy to be renovating it so she can move out of the trailer!

John Huffman, 84C was a casualty with the AAFRD restructuring & has moved on to Caribou Land Co as a land man. She hears he's enjoying his

new job as there's less travel. He's still living in Grande Prairie and has a busy family life with wife Norma girls Stephanie and Denai.

Richard Guitard, 8?C, bit the bullet & married Jane Bourlon last fall. He also worked for Alta Ag until restructuring and is currently living in Valleyview.

Garry Krause, 74C worked with AAFRD as well as Acting director for the Peace Region. With restructuring he is now with Alberta Economic Development based in St. Paul, close to the lakes and closer to his new twin grandchildren, a boy & a girl, Erik Sterling & Sienna Cindy Gullickson who are in Edmonton with Garry's daughter Kristine and her husband Tristan. Garry is the Regional Manager with AED as well as Manager of the Northeast Information HUB Alliance.

Colin Steen 95C and wife **Angie** are heading south of the border to Omaha, Nebraska where he recently accepted the position of District Sales Manager for the Nebraska region with Syngenta Crop Protection. They are looking forward to learning about corn and soybeans, the Farm Bill, and Cornhusker football, and are willing to entertain anyone that finds themselves driving through Nebraska.

Wendy Elliot 86C a dairy product manager, recently moved from Fergus Ontario to Beaconsfield Quebec. The move comes from the acquisition of Pharmacia by Pfizer Animal Health.

Kevin Daniels 86C is with Agricore United in Saskatoon.

Louis Bossaer 95C is a Territory Sales Rep with Philom Bios in

Saskatoon.

Lindsay R. Hanson 83C 95MSc says he's still with the Pest Management Regulatory Agency in Ottawa - 10 years! He was involved in toxicological assessments dealing with human health effects, but didn't find any! He's currently managing a project dealing with urban use pesticides - "cosmetic use".

He was back to Saskatchewan this summer and really enjoyed visiting with a number of '83 grads at the Aulie's summer reunion at Regina Beach, especially since he missed the 20-year reunion last January. **Lindsay** and **Elaine (BSPT'85)**, Britt (11) and Kristjan (9) continue to enjoy the Ottawa region, but love coming back home.

Monique Detillieux (Hannotte) 87C quit SAMA in 1999 to partner up with hubby, Martin, in opening up an Ag business at Meota. The business venture includes retail sales of crop inputs (chemicals, liquid fertilizer & seed). Any spare time is spent running the four kids around. Never a dull moment.

Doug Brown 57C, formerly a professor at Bishop's University, is now retired to a country property in the eastern townships of Quebec. He's doing part-time teaching and project supervision.

John Hickie 56S 59C was recently named to the board of directors of Community Pork. He is vp of investment management with Crown Investments Corp of Saskatchewan and has extensive board experience with companies involved in value-added processing. Hicke is also a director of other companies, including

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Big Sky Farms, Hypor/Genex Swine Group and Centennial Foods.

Ryan Heavin 00C started farming full time in 1996, working with his father, two uncles and a cousin on a 6,500-acre pedigreed seed farm northeast of Melfort. Ryan is working towards becoming a Secan and CSGA member. His father and uncles are all U of S ag grads.

Lloyd Johnston 71C is the general manager of the Alberta Chicken Producers. The Alberta Dairy Board wound up operations Aug 1, 2002, with the team responsible being awarded the Premier's Gold Award. He says it was easy to turn "chicken". The transition from dairy/government to chicken/private has been challenging and enjoyable. His "By the Lake" bed and breakfast continues to expand. Travel has included Thailand, France, Switzerland, Costa Rica, Mexico, USA and across Canada in the last two years.

Marcel van Staveren 92C continues to own and operate Precision Ag Services, which provide complete farm supply services, in Griffin and Carlyle, with Greg **Gerry 92C** and **Jay Gerry 92C**. He also farms with brothers **Vincent** and **John 81S** in the Creelman and Fillmore districts.

HYSTERICAL HISTORICAL

Don 72C and **Nancy 73C Lidster** says at his 30 year reunion one fellow recalled the first time he met "Moose". It was on a cold day that they had to find their way from the Animal Science building all the way to the Arts building for their next class. This "person" remarked what a long cold walk it would be. Moose suggested that the "campus cop's" truck that was sitting empty idling by the curb was probably warm and available. Off they went with the truck, parked it at the Arts building and went to their class, on time, warm and with great memories. (*Editor's note - how about more dirt on "Moose", including what the name is on his birth certificate?*)

AG GRADS ACROSS THE POND

Eli Partyka 81C is now living in Seoul, South Korea with his family, working as a marketing guy for Syngenta Korea since April 02. Though rent is expensive, he makes up for his losses with cheap cigarettes and whiskey. He says he keeps his weight down because he's unable to use chopsticks very well.

His job at Syngenta is to help Korean farmers survive the farm economy restructuring due to ag-market reforms that are reducing rice subsidies and allowing a flood of cheap fruit and vegetable imports to drive farmgate prices down. Growing up on a farm near Speers makes him well qualified to do this.

Before coming to Korea, he lived in Sydney, Australia for a year and an half where he managed Syngenta's crop marketing programs in cereals and cotton in the Asia-Pacific region. Prior to that he lived in India doing marketing stuff for Zeneca, which later became Syngenta. He says the next time anyone's in Seoul, he's got a place to stay and makes a good tour guide.

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	Crop Development Centre, U of S.
11:00 am	Resolutions Committee Report
11:30 am	Adjourn
11:35 am	Member to Member Session
	Closed to Seed Growers only
	Moderator - Donna Edwards, SSGA Past President
	Canadian Wheat Board Meeting
	Friday, January 16
	Location: Saskatoon Inn
8:30 am	Registration and Coffee
9:00 am	Opening Remarks
	Earl Geddes, Vice-President, Farmer Relations
	Canadian Wheat Board
9:10 am	Operations/Market Opportunities/New
	MDCP Programs
	Adrian Measner
	CWB Chief Executive Officer
10:15 am	Coffee and Networking
10:30 am	Weather Outlook - Bruce Burnett,
	Director, Weather & Crop Surveillance
	Canadian Wheat Board
11:00 am	Market Outlook for 2004 - FSU Focus
	Brian White, Vice-President, Commodity
	Analysis and Risk Management, CWB
12:00 am	Lunch
1:00 pm	Agronomy Outlook
	Mike Grenier, Agronomist
	Market Development, Canadian Wheat Board
1:30 pm	Marketing Programs for CWB Grains
	Pat Weatherald
	Farm Business Representative, CWB
2:00 pm	CWB Directors Q & A
3:00 pm	Wrap Up
3:05 pm	Coffee with Directors and Staff

Empty Saddles



Robert James Bens 64C was born at Rosetown on May 12, 1942 and died at the Biggar, SK Union Hospital on July 5, 2003 due to complications of diabetes. Bob is survived by his wife **Joan (B.Ed.65)**, daughters Susan Bens (Julian Demkiw), **Marlis Bens 94C** (Steven Pangracs) and Sarah Bens (Michael Hydomako); two grandchildren, brother Allan (Lesley). Following graduation and a masters degree in economics, Bob combined farming south of Biggar and consulting in Saskatchewan and internationally, with visits to China, Sudan, Barbados and Kazakhstan. Bob enjoyed the camaraderie and friendship of the agros and took a turn as president of SAGA. Bob retired from farming in 1997 and devoted himself to his lifelong interest in history. Bob was a joyful man who shared his enthusiasm for life with his family and many friends.

NOTE - Bob Mc Kercher 54C says the following ag grads attended Bob's funeral: **Colin Ahrens 67C, Stan Barker 63C, Carmen Berg 68C, Gordon Bonnor 64C, Dennis Bulani 78C, Tom Burwell 64C, Bill Cooper 51S, Bob Dodds 53C, Gail Dyck 99C, Marcel Dubois 61S 65C, Frank Dunlop 63C, Jim Hammond 69C, Keith Head 67C, Les Henry 64C, Bob Mc Kercher 54C, Don McKinley 73S, Don Sanderson 63S, Tom Senko 95C, Gary Story 63C,**

Bill Turner 66C, Rudy Wiens 67C. Bob and Les Henry compiled the list and apologize for any omissions.

Harold (Harry) Elvadore Gullett 40S 51C was born at Alpha, SK on October 10, 1919 and passed away in Saskatoon on June 19, 2003. He is survived by Lillian, his wife of 52 years; their daughter Joan, son Robert (Charlene); two grandchildren: brothers Charles (Adamae) and Don (Jeanette) in Arizona. After getting his Diploma in Agriculture, Harry served 3 1/2 years in the 9th Field Squadron Engineers in World War Two, following which he spent three years at Fort San recovering from TB. He was employed by the Saskatchewan Assessment Branch from 1951 until suffering a debilitating stroke in 1975. Though disadvantaged physically and in his ability to speak, Harry never gave up: he was always good natured, never complained, had a smile for everyone. His calm acceptance of adversity was truly remarkable.

Maurice Taylor 40S 50C, was born Oct 31, 1915 and grew up on the farm at Truax. He met his wife Doris in Montreal while with the RCAF and they returned to the farm in 1946. Maurice had graduated from the School of Agriculture in 1940 and following the war he enrolled in the College of Agriculture, receiving his degree in 1950. He worked as a research officer and later as information officer for Agriculture Canada. Other interests include various service groups, the Legion and the Anglican Church. He is survived by wife Doris, children Sandra, Bob and Pat, plus nine grandchildren.

Jim Banting 50C MSc PhD passed away June 6, 2003. Born on the family farm near Eston, SK, Jim took high

school at Regina College in Regina, then worked in gold and copper mines in Northern Ontario. He returned to the prairies at the start of WW2 and joined the RCAF, training as an observer navigator. He spent 23 months flying missions with 407 Squadron, then returned to Canada in 1945 and enrolled at the U of S. After receiving his PhD, he worked as a research scientist with Ag Canada for 22 years, retiring to Victoria in 1979. He was widely known as a leading weed research specialist. He leaves wife Monica, sons Geoffrey and Christopher, daughter Louise and seven grandchildren.

Norman Fitl 49C was born at Wilbur, Nebraska, Dec 14, 1924 and died in a car accident July 2, 2003 in Edmonton. His family moved to a farm in the Rosetown area in 1931 and Norm graduated from Rosetown high school. He helped on the farm in the summers, attended the Technical School in Saskatoon and graduated from the College of Agriculture in 1949.

Norm worked in the airline industry in California in the early 50s and married Margaret, from California, in 1950. They returned to Saskatchewan in 1952 and eventually started farming near Stranraer in 1955. Norm farmed in the summer and worked in Saskatoon at various jobs in the winter, including an accountant with the city transportation department, teaching at Kelsey Institute and other things. In 1968, the family, including children Wendy, Mary, Doug and Ken, moved to Edmonton where Norm taught building construction in high school. From 68 to 73, he commuted weekends spring and fall to work on the farm. He taught school until 1986, when he retired.

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Norm maintained a lifelong interest in music and marching bands. He enjoyed sports and was involved in the United Church. He is survived by his ex-wife, four children and six grandchildren.

Frederick John Hartley Fredeen 43C 51MSc, born in Macrorie, Sask. on Sept 23, 1920, died September 10, 2003 in Saskatoon. He is survived by wife Margaret and six children, Shirley, Edward, Alan, Kenneth, Arthur and Lawrence, plus 15 grandchildren.

After graduation, Hartley started as a research scientist in entomology with Agriculture Canada, specializing in black flies and their control. Work took him to Montreal and West Africa with the World Health Organization.

Hartley's many interests and causes, included the United Church, Cubs and Scouts, the SIA and AIC. He chaired the Entomological Institute of Canada, was involved with many cooperative associations, Seniors for Peace, Habitat for Humanity and was an avid bird watcher. Ten years ago, he completed a stage in the Jasper to Banff running relay as part of the Fredeen Family team.



Home Grown



Trudy and Curtis Letkeman 96C are very excited to announce the birth of their first baby on Friday Sept. 26, 2003. Carson Andy Samuel was born - 8 lbs 11oz, 22 inches long - a healthy baby boy.

Louis Bossaer 95C and **Michele** had a baby boy, John Cooper Bossaer, on March 12, 2003. He was 6 lbs 11oz.

Rob Eichorst 91C and wife **Allison** are pleased to announce the birth of their third son (yes, the curling team is complete), Jay Jeffrey Robert born on December 26, 2002 weighing in at a hefty 10 lbs 14 oz. A fun Christmas for Mom! Brothers William (6) and Adam (3) are quite pleased.

Marcel van Staveren 92C and **Kym** recently added a new son, Nathan, to the family. Nathan arrived from the Ukraine at the age of 17 months. Alexander (4) is pleased to have a brother. Marcel says some of his Precision Ag customers have said there is finally a "smart" Dutchman in the family.

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