

College Report - Name Change for the College?

Dear Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduate Association Members:

I suspect that all of you at some time in your lives have been both apprehensive and excited at the same time. That is how I feel as we announce the intention to seek a new name for the College of Agriculture.

I begin by acknowledging the pride we all share in the history of our College and the privilege we enjoy of working in and close to agriculture. Over the years, we have seen many changes in agriculture, and the College has continued to lead and to serve this sector. Our commitment to agriculture today remains firm. We will continue to engage enthusiastically with the agriculture sector at all levels. We will continue to nurture academic programs in agricultural science and business. We will work with all of you to position agriculture in the minds of the public as a solution provider for many of society's greatest issues.

Alongside the commitment to agriculture, we are challenged as an academic institution to give greater expression to other applications for our applied sciences expertise, in agro-forestry and forestry, and in non-agricultural land and bio-resource management. We know from countless conversations with individuals, government, and industry that the current name of the College does not signal this involvement and interest across these renewable resources sub-sectors. We also know that the work we do in food and bio-products science, and in the rural economy, is often overlooked by a majority of our public who take from the name of our College that our work ends at the farm gate. I and many others are convinced that it is sensible to group all of these bio-science applications within a single college. I personally believe that agriculture is well served by framing it within a natural resources paradigm.

And so we ask the question: Could a name be chosen that would invoke an

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Call For Nominations

SAGA awards Honorary Lifetime Memberships to graduates who have distinguished themselves in both their careers and in their community involvement. Traditionally there is one recipient from each of the School and College programs. SAGA would like your help to ensure we are aware of worthy recipients. Just send us a note and tell us about the work and community involvement of your nominee. The nominations committee will take it from there. Send nominations to Don Mitchell email blucher@sasktel.net or call 374-1240.

Alumni Award of Achievement

Presented in recognition of outstanding contribution to profession, community and/or the University of Saskatchewan.



Dr. Bryan Harvey
(BSA'60, MSc'61,
PhD'64)

Dr. Bryan Harvey is an internationally renowned scientist, academic, administrator, and public servant. Affiliated with the University of Saskatchewan since 1955, Dr. Harvey's ground-breaking research on malting barley breeding irrevocably changed malting and brewing around the world and attracted hundreds of millions of dollars to the industry in Canada. His passion for science and research is evident not only in his successful efforts to develop a national accreditation program for Canadian baccalaureate programs in agrology, but in his deep commitment to teaching and his resolve to increase research inten-

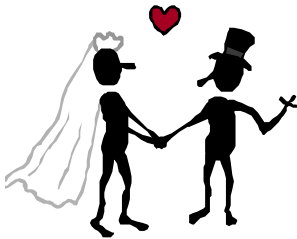
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sity to serve the people of Canada and the world. A dedicated scientist and researcher, Dr. Harvey is also a prominent figure in his community, serving as President of the Saskatoon Nutana Rotary Club, as a board member of the Granite Curling Club, and as the Charter President of the Saskatoon Chapter of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada. He is truly a contributor to Saskatchewan, Canada, and the world.

Hitchin' Post

Lorence Peterson 65C married Lee Bristow on October 29, 2005 in Saskatoon.



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understanding by the public, by prospective students and their parents, and by prospective research partners, of our 21st century mandate, inclusive of agricultural production of course, inclusive of the entire value chain from farm inputs to finished bio-based products and services, inclusive of the overall rural economy, and inclusive of our mandate for responsible development and utilization of bio-resources throughout the entire renewable resources sector?

As we proceed now into consultations and toward a decision, let me assure you that we will not be reckless in our actions concerning the College name. Consultations with students, alumni and other stakeholders will take place over the next six months and it is possible that we might arrive at a recommendation for faculty and University consideration by the fall of 2006. No name has been chosen yet, and no decision has been taken about whether the name will be a single word or something longer.

I know that you are proud of your College's history and the important place it has in society. I anticipate that you will be just as concerned about the College's future. I would be extremely disappointed if our closest friends were to pass judgment without first engaging in thoughtful conversation with the College. It is my sincere hope that you will think deeply and creatively with us about the College's mission, and about the College name, so that this College and its graduates can continue to provide exemplary leadership and service to our Province and our World.

Your comments are invited. Email: ernie.barber@usask.ca

Ernie Barber, Dean

2006 SAGA Executive

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The President's Pen

Greetings agriculture graduates and current students.

The 2006 SAGA reunion is approaching quickly, so I hope you have made plans to be involved with SAGA activities. Whether you curl, play hockey or just want to get together with classmates and friends I'm sure you will have a great time attending the various SAGA activities. Details concerning the various events can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

SAGA is run by volunteer members. I would like to commend the current executive for all their work in organizing the reunion activities. We are always looking for new faces on the executive, so please let me know if you are interested in volunteering for this great organization.

The SAGA executive is still working on a few problems associated with emailing the newsletter to members. This issue was mailed to ensure that all members received it.

1. Some members have requested a hard copy of the newsletter instead of an electronic version. This seems like a simple request, however, our SAGA database, which is maintained by the University, does not allow us to do this. The database system does not allow us to segregate people who have provided email addresses, but want hard copies.

Once we enter your email address in the database, you are off the hard copy mailing list.

2. Email addresses change frequently. We need to develop a system to handle incorrect email addresses, email address changes and bounce backs (undeliverable email). These members will not receive a newsletter since they will not be on the hard copy mailing list.

3. University Advancement has created an on-line update form to address the problem of updating information. SAGA uses this database. The website can be accessed at the following URL: <http://www.usask.ca/alumni/alumnisite/services/addressupdate.shtml> In the future, check the College of Agriculture website for the same on-line form.

To conclude, I hope to see you at the 2006 SAGA reunion. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the activities on January 13th-15th. It will be a wonderful weekend filled with good times, allowing you to reminisce with your classmates and friends about the good old days not so long ago.

Colin Peterson, C95
SAGA President

Reunion Weekend 2006 - Plan to Attend

SAGA ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, January 13, 2006 at 7 p.m.
THE SASKATOON INN Saskatchewan Ballroom A
All SAGA members welcome!

SAGA MIXER

Friday, January 13, 2006 at 8:00 p.m.
Saskatchewan Ballroom B & C
TICKETS: \$10.00 per person (available at the door)

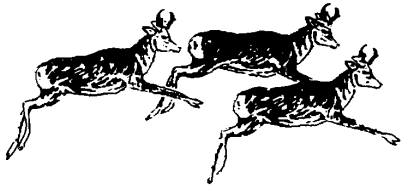
SAGA BANQUET & DANCE

Saturday, January 14, 2006
5:30 p.m. Cocktails
6:30 p.m. Banquet
Saskatchewan Ballroom A, B & C
\$32.00 per person - Advance tickets only

Contact Mike Kirzinger: 944-4244; email - kirzinger@bogend.ca or Teri Ife: 249-2932; email - ife@duke.usask.ca
Tickets will be available at the Mixer Friday, January 13, until 10:00 p.m.

***** NOTE - Absolutely no tickets will be sold after January 13, 2006 at 10:00 p.m. or at Door on Saturday, January 14, 2006 *****

Thundering Herd



Kirsten Gaudet (Gustafson) 97C and **Donald Gaudet 93S** are still in Bellevue, Sk. grain and hog farming. Farming has been challenging in the last 5 years, but they are still suckers for punishment. They now have 3 kids, Brianne (8 years old), Annette (6 years old) and Joel (3 years old). They have been very preoccupied since February 2005 when Brianne was diagnosed with a brain tumor. She has been through surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy, which should be done in Nov./Dec. 2005. They are hopeful that these treatments will be successful and life will resume to "normal." They appreciate everyone's thoughts and prayers. To keep in touch they would like old friends to send them their email addresses at donald.kirsten@sasktel.net .

Gord Flaten 89C normally resides in Winnipeg with his wife Louise Pelletier, daughter Elise (10) and son Patrick (8). From August 2005 to September 2006 he is taking a sabbatical from his work at the Canadian Wheat Board to live in Latin America. They started by driving to Morelia, Mexico where the kids are enrolled in a local school and Louise and Gord are studying Spanish for a few months. Travel plans after Christmas include Ecuador, Peru and Argentina.

Doug Higgins 85C has been in Regina with Farm Credit Canada for

the past 17 years. He's currently FCC's Director of Administration, taking care of the company's business infrastructure. Doug and Rosalie have three children - Jordan who's at the University of Regina and playing with the Rams football team; Aaron who's at Leboldus high school and is a busy Special Olympian; and Kimberley who's in Grade seven and a busy girl involved with softball, basketball, piano and riding horses.

The family of **Derald 65C** and **Irene 65C Ahner**, who were married on May 15, 1965, hosted a 40th wedding anniversary for them on Oct. 8 in Maple Creek. Farmers and ranchers don't have time to celebrate anniversaries in May, though they apparently had time to get married in May! Attending this event were Birdene and **Gary Keefe 65C**, Weyburn; Donna and **Brian O'Keefe 65C**, Saskatoon; Norma and **Donald Connick 65C**, Gull Lake; **Peter Hecker 75S**, **Heather Macnab 81S** and **Ian Bowie 71C**, all of Piapot; **Elayna Bowie 94C**, Outlook; and Eileen and **Daryl Tumbach 72C**, Maple Creek.

After spending nearly 10 years in Saskatchewan, **Clarice Springford 99C** and **Peter van Dongen 00C** have decided it's time to be closer to their families. They recently moved back to their home province of British Columbia, settling in the small community of Parksville, on Vancouver Island.

The couple, who married in 2003, have launched a new company called Sincera Group Communications Inc., specializing in writing and event management services for the agriculture industry in BC and SK. In addition, they are enjoying the chance to help out on the Springford family farm, a purebred beef operation located just

south of Parksville. They look forward to connecting with other ag grads in BC and welcome anyone visiting the Island to contact them for a visit at 250.954.0145. Email - pvandongen@telus.net

Brian Wintonyk (81C) is still working in Calgary with Dow Agro Sciences and has just been promoted to the title of Research Scientist. **Terri (81C)** is now working for Sears as a Business Development Lead. Their nest is starting to empty as Krista (20) is attending University of Lethbridge, studying music, and Zach (18) is in Halifax at Mount Saint Vincent University studying Applied Human Nutrition. Ben (16) is still keeping them company and has made them avid football fans as that is his passion. He plays in a city league for the spring season and at school for the fall season.

Terri thanks SAGA for the note in the last edition regarding the passing of her father (Leo Kristjanson). And a special thanks to all in the ag community who sent cards and flowers to Terri's Mom and the family. Terri notes that it was truly awe-inspiring to recognize the impact Leo had on his community; locally, nationally and internationally. He was proud to be included in this community. Email - twintonyk@shaw.ca

Don Folden 89C is the Eastern Territory Manager for FP Bourgault Tillage Tools in St. Brieux looking after East Sask., Man., North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota.

He recently became International Product Specialist and will be developing markets in Eastern Europe, focusing on Russia, the Ukraine and Kazakhstan. He attended the SIMA farm show in Paris in Feb., will attend

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Agritechnica in Hanover, Germany and will travel to Kazakhstan for a 2-week trade mission following the German show. When not working, he is a competitive walleye fisherman and participates in 8 to 10 tournaments per year, averaging over 350 hours on the water per year. It paid off this year as he and his brother won the Nipawin Vanity Cup Walleye Tournament Oct 1 and 2 and took home the grand prize of \$50,000. It features teams from across North America. It is one of the richest walleye tournaments in Canada. Here is the link to the news story:

[mhttp://www.nipawinjournal.com/story.php?id=188505](http://www.nipawinjournal.com/story.php?id=188505)

Jaki and **Joe Esquirol 83S** continue to work and raise kids in North Battleford. The kids are Benjamin (11), Morgan (8), Noah (5) and Dominique (2). Joe is the owner of Empire Welding & Machining Ltd. established in 1986. Jaki, a certified General Accountant, is the owner of her own accounting practice. Email - joe@ewam.ca

Raelene (Ostrom) Mercer 97C is the Green Certificate Program Coordinator for Alberta Agriculture Food and Rural Development, Edmonton. Email - raelene.mercer@gov.ab.ca

Lee Melvill 74C and Sandy (B.Mgt. U of L) are still at Brooks where Lee is a Market Specialist with the market analysis crew at Alberta Ag. Lee really enjoys the constant changes in the markets and advising farm managers on how to deal with the markets. In fact, he often wonders why he wasted so much university time taking production courses! (He expects reactions from classmates!) Lee occasionally

gets calls from Saskatchewan farmers looking for market outlook or marketing strategies and he welcomes calls or e-mails from Agros who are looking for marketing strategy suggestions.

Lee and Sandy's oldest bank-account-wrecker graduated in the spring with a B.Sc (Nursing) from U of A. The other two are a few years away from wreaking similar havoc on the family finances. Lee and his Dad, Walt, are still farming at Cereal, Alberta and they managed to get their wheat crop into the bin dry and in good condition. This summer the Melvill family dragged their trailer to Homecomings at Gull Lake and Watrous where Sandy's relatives have farms. Lee can be contacted at work at lee.melvill@gov.ab.ca.

Don Saelhof 72C is the Executive Director of APAS and continues his efforts to provide organizational management and consultancy services to agricultural organizations and companies. He has provided these services over the last 15 years to Brandt Industries, Millstreet Development, FCC (Stettler), Leon's Manufacturing and now APAS. The focus at APAS is developing and lobbying for implementation of public policy that will benefit farmers and ranchers, especially for improved income and profitability. Email - dsails@sasktel.net

Glenn Stacey 83S is now attending the College aiming for a major in Agricultural Economics with a minor in Agribusiness. The intention is to graduate in 2007.

She is also transporting kids to diving, figure skating and soccer practice.

Bazil Fritz 73C, formerly a livestock extension agrologist with Sask Ag, is now a Long-Term Technical

Advisor on the second phase of a sustainable agriculture development (CIDA) project in Inner Mongolia, China. You can contact him at batou_18@hotmail.com

Carmen Read 76C left Monsanto in 2004. He and his wife, Nancy, started their own company, C&N Partners Inc., and are doing work for various groups and organizations from their new property at Sylvan Lake, AB. Their three kids have all left home. They are looking forward to the 30-year reunion in '06 and are helping to plan the event, Email - cwread1@telus.net

Home Grown

Declan Lee Poppy (7lbs 4oz), future Ag Grad, was born on September 17 to **Lee Poppy 93S** and **Malina Poppy 98C** of Swift Current. Big brother Chase is keeping Mom and Dad organized with the new baby.

Nichole (91 BEd) and **Arnold Cornea 89C** had a big, bouncing baby boy on January 3, 2005 weighing in at 10 lbs 15 oz. Dante Mikhail is a good baby brother to his sister Anastasia and brother Nick, though for some reason he does like to eat a lot. Arnold's sister, **Michelle 93C** and her husband Raymond LeHeiget (93 DVM) decided to try keeping up by having their own baby boy the very next day, January 4, 2005. Daniel Michael, 4 lbs 8 oz, was a little premature and spent some time in the Neonatal ICU in Winnipeg before getting home to St. Claude early in February. Brothers Jean and Stephane are intrigued by this latest addition to their family.

Pooped deck



Julian Dumanski 62C and wife Evelyn attended the 100th anniversary of the Village of Sheho (incorporated as a village in 1905). It was once a (potentially) thriving rural centre, with several stores, a bank and it's own newspaper. However, times change, and currently there are only about 150 lonely souls left. But, almost 900 people showed up for the anniversary; everyone still loves a party! They had a great time visiting with former classmates and acquaintances. Fortunately everyone wore name tags

Gary Carlson 61C received the Centennial Leadership Medal at the 2005 Sask. Ag. Hall of Fame Ceremonies for his leadership in establishing the SAHF. Gary and Jessie continue to enjoy operating Daybreak Bed and Breakfast as well as their world travels

Jack Drew 57S and **61C** admits that he didn't do much when he was working, but is doing less now. He spends his time curling, golfing, traveling and visiting grandkids. Since Gayline retired this summer he doesn't even have to cook or clean house anymore. They are enjoying good health and city living.

Ted Turner 48S wrote about a 1948 School of Agriculture get together in Estevan, July 13 and 14, 2005. They spent some time on social attitude adjustment followed by a group dinner. They then got a little culture adjustment at the Souris Valley Theatre where they took in a presentation of "Dandelions and Grasshoppers"; a three generation look at the settlement and development of Saskatchewan - appropriate in a centennial year. The group educated themselves some more on tours of Roche Perce, Shand power plant, a greenhouse operation and strip mining. This was followed by more attitude adjustment and a luncheon at the home of Marguerite and **Ron Galloway 48S**. Others attending included **Agnes** and **Bill Small**, **Elsie** and **Jack Henshaw**, **Betty** and **Barry Rugg**, **Evelyn** and **Delbert Enns**, **Jean** and **Cliff Murch**, **Betty** and **Hewitt Murch**, **Frank McLeod**, **Maxine** and **Ken Hendrickson** and, of course, **Mel Turner**.

Curtis Boe 52S reports that he and wife, **Betty**, are both in good health in Swift Current. They built a new house in the Ashley park area beside the creek and walking path. They regret having both retired from golfing a year ago.

Liz and **Art Delahey 52C** hosted the semi-annual gathering of some of the '52C class in late October. The group tries to get together in spring and fall for potluck dinners to catch up on health matters (NB) and seasonal activities and travel. The vintners in the group supply copious quantities of their finest stock - consumption would indicate that all appreciate good wine. The group is basically those in or near Saskatoon, although some come from a fair distance to enjoy the fellowship.

Present were **Tom (Joyce) Gordon**, **Bob (Joyce) Brack**, **Tom (Dorothy) McCloy**, **Jack (Eileen) Quick** (Unity), **Chuck (Jeanette) Piefer** (Nipawin), and **Don (Marie) Lambie** (Regina). Despite approaching their 55th reunion all were quite spry with no more than the usual aches and pain! Normally **Don (Alisa) Sutherland** are part of the group but Don had unfinished business on the farm. Also **Don Spicer** was on his way to Arizona to keep his golf game in shape. Art and Liz are spending November in Arizona with Don Spicer and the Piefers. Art will return to the curling wars in December.

A number of senior ag grads are not completely pooped and participate regularly in the Nutana Curling Club senior leagues on weekday mornings. They include **Don Acton 57C**, **Bob McKercher 54C**, **Art Delahey 52C**, **Elwood Fleming 62C**, **Bernie Sonntag 62C**, **Stan Campbell 50C**, **Eiler Humbert 50C**, **Don Torrie 73S**, **Gary Storey 63C**, **Bob Norman 70C** and **Les Henry 64C**.

A CP news item extracted from the London Free Press:

ESTON, SASK. — The intimacy of small-town life has taken on a whole new dimension in Eston, where local men — some well into their harvest years — have posed naked for a fundraising calendar.

"By God, I'm 76, I've got nothing left to hide," said Keith Richardson, pictured streamside naked except for his fishing rod and hat.

The Real Men of Eston is a 15-month calendar produced to raise money for a health centre. Town Coun. Al Heron came up with the idea after his 97-year-old father-in-law needed treatment from an electrolyte

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machine. The one in use locally was 20 years old and unreliable. Models for the calendar include the mayor on his riding mower, Eston's Zamboni driver and its fire chief. **Merle Byrnes, 69C**, also known as Mr. May, who posed on his golf cart wearing nothing but knee-high socks, says he's proud of his participation. His wife, however, wasn't so sure. Merle didn't tell her about it before they left for their annual retreat to Arizona. She found out about the scheme reading a copy of the local paper that had been forwarded to them. "My wife looked at me and said, "Who would be stupid enough to do that?" Merle recalled.

More than 500 of the \$20 calendars have been sold; enough to pay for a new electrolyte machine.

Lyle McNichol 63C retired from Manitoba Agriculture and Rural Initiatives on Dec. 31/04 after 32 years as a livestock specialist in Dauphin. He is now self-employed as a consultant in livestock nutrition, on-farm food safety pro-

grams and as an animal protection officer for the province. He and his wife, Frances Stewart, enjoy visiting grandkids in Calgary and old friends and classmates. Retirement does not mean slowing down.

Gary Storey 63C, Stan Barber 63C and Bill Turner 66C and their much better halves spent several weeks visiting France in September and October, 2005. They rented two villas for one week each, first in the hills of Provence, and then in new Montpellier. From there they did day trips seeing the sights, ate wonderful French food and drank a bit of the stuff France is famous for. Prior to their first stay, Stan and Donna Barber did a two week tour of Italy and Greece and Bill and Joan Turner attended the wedding of their niece in Tuscany. Following their villa stays, they spent time seeing the so-called "Most Beautiful Villages in France". All that was left of the crops to harvest was maize, but winter wheat and canola were up and growing. At the end of their part of the French trip, Turners were able to see their daughter, Nancy, married to new son-in-law, Simon, in England where Nancy is now working.

SAGA 2006 REUNION CONTACTS

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1996 Diploma - Jodyravy 249-4332

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20 Year Reunion

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1986 Diploma - Judy MacMillan 329-4414

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30 Year Reunion

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1976 Diploma - Donna Falkevitch

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Jim Tanner 757-7017

40 Year Reunion

1966 Degree - Bill Turner 723-4969

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50 Year Reunion

1956 Degree - Norman Bray 586-5401

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Charlie Carlson 586-4602

1956 Diploma - Chev Hillis 753-2652

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Clair Philips 445-3234

60 Year Reunion

1946 Degree - Judy MacMillan 329-4414

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60 Year Reunion

1946 Diploma - Mason Simmons 373-9496

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1950 College Class Reunion



Front row - Cam Casswell, Denise McCannel, Phyllis Casswell, Ross Evans, Elizabeth Evans, Edna Downey. Second Row - Ted McCannel, Howie Rice, Doris Taylor, Fred Fulton, Norma Fulton. Third row - Dot Bews, Fred Langley, Herb Dow, Keith Downey, Rionet Rothery. Fourth row - Stu Given, Bill Hamilton, Mae Given, Esther Hamilton, Bob Bews, Eiler Humbert, Jean Humbert, Monica Banting

The 1950 class returned to campus to attend the 2005 University reunion festivities which coincided with their 55 year anniversary. This was their 7th class gathering with others as class reunions for 20, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 year anniversaries. Participation was down from earlier events, but 13 were able to be present. They included Ted McCannel (Denise), Bill Hamilton (Esther), Keith Downey (Edna), Fred Fulton (Norma), Howard Rice (Dorothy), Eiler Humbert (Jean), Ross Evans (Elizabeth), Stan Campbell, Cam Caswell (Phyllis), Stu Given (Mae), Bob Bews (Dot), Herb Dow (Fran) and Fred Langley. They were particularly happy that wives of former classmates, Monica Banting (Victoria), Marg Crowle, Doris Taylor and Rionet Rothery were able to attend. Regrets were received from others unable to attend.

The group participated in the scheduled University alumni activities, tours that included the Agriculture Building, lunch in the Atrium and the highlight event, the Chancellors Banquet at the Bessborough. Their own presentation of "Those Were the Days" accompanied by Marg Crowle netted them a standing ovation and a request for a copy of the song for the University Archives.

A class breakfast and attendance at the President's Luncheon the following day completed the program. Each member of the class received a "Fifty Five Year Alumni Certificate". They are now getting ready for their 60th. Good Luck!

COLLEGE FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE IS ON!

The October issue of the SAGA newsletter outlined details of a challenge issued by the College of Agriculture Degree class of 1966 to help mark its 40th anniversary. The fund-raising challenge was issued to all other Degree and Diploma classes ending in six (i.e., '36, '46, '56, '76, '86 and '96).

The challenge is to see which class can pledge, by January 14, 2006, (i.e., the evening of the SAGA dinner and dance), the most seed funds over the next three years towards establishment of a new feed technology processing facility. The winning class and other classes that have committed contributions will be announced at the SAGA dinner with appropriate special recognition.

This initiative is aimed at helping the University of Saskatchewan reach its goal of \$100 million under its major new funding campaign - "Thinking the World of our Future." Dean Ernie Barber has indicated that the top priority of the College of Agriculture for research infrastructure is establishment of a new feed processing research facility. It is envisaged that the new facility, costing up to an estimated \$10.0 million would become an integral part of the feed technology "cluster" at the U. of S.

Discuss the idea of "playing the game" with your reunion class representative. For further information, please contact **George Pearson 66C** (306) 653-7004 or **Bill Turner 66C** (306) 723-4969.

Kimball Crusaders

There has been a quiet little group of Ag grads and spouses secretly meeting annually at Kimball Lake. Their mission: To figure out how the hell to make money in Agriculture and how best to gracefully regain composure after a spill in the lake. Although they have been at it for the better part of a decade, they are still no closer to a viable solution.

Members of the group include:

Craig Rath 86C, manager/owner in training, Wendland Ag Services, wife Audrey and daughters Katelyn and Grace

Corey Loessin 86C farmer/trucker, wife Joan Heath (Sask Canola Commission) and kids, Aiden and Audra

Peter Sandercock 92C greenhouse guru, wife Dorothy Long (consultant), offspring Kate and Josh

Ellis Clayton 87C field sales agronomist, Pioneer Hi-Bred and spouse Susan (home care specialist), daughters Trisha and Shannon and **John Coté 86C** farmer and wife **Barb Stefanyshyn-Coté 87C** (speaker, lecturer) and their brood Josh, Erin, Morgan and Lyndon.

On occasion, the group has received guidance from Kelvin and Shelley Meadows and kids, Kirsten and Shae.

Although the team has yet to be called to service to solve the world's agriculture dilemma, they continue to meet under the cover of a restful family outing. However, as their children grow older and require less supervision, the group may be forced to imbibe to a greater extent, in hopes of regaining the same alcohol-induced inspiration of their college days. Old habits die hard.



The gang's all here at Kimball Lake.

SAGA Hockey

The Annual SAGA Hockey Tournament is set for Jan 13-14 in Asquith. There are still spots available for teams and individual players. Fees are \$300.00 per team. This guarantees 3 games. As part of an initiative to entice more graduates to join us for the Mixer on Friday Night, we have included free admission tickets with team fees.

Gather up some guys and gals and come join us for a weekend of hockey and socializing. There will be a female hockey game on Saturday; cost will be \$10/player. The deadline to enter is Dec 23. For more information please contact Kristian Holden at 244-6644 or Jeremy German at 343-7017.

55 College Class Reunion



Back L-R: Omar Bilokury, Art Domes, Fred Silzer, Ross Kingdon, Clint Houston, Darrol Driver, Roy Crawford. Front L-R: Jack Walker, Stewart Palmer, Stan Smith, Don Grant, Bill Lambert, Cliff Hayes, Don Allewell, Lorne Jackson. Missing: Art Goll, Dick Kosick, Ted Kuervers, Don Murray, Marvin Nyborg, Bob Widdup.

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The Lighter Side

In a trial, a small town prosecuting attorney called his first witness, a grandmotherly, elderly woman. He asked, "Mrs...Jones, do you know me?"

She responded, "Yes, I do know you, Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a young boy, and frankly, you've been a big disappointment. You lie, you cheat on your wife, you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you never will amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you."

Stunned, the lawyer pointed across the room and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know the defense attorney?"

She replied, "Why yes, I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. He's lazy, bigoted, and has a drinking problem. He can't build a normal relationship with anyone and his law practice is one of the worst in the entire state. Not to mention he cheated on his wife with three different women, one of them your wife. Yes, I know him." The defense attorney almost died.

The judge asked both counselors to approach the bench, and in a very quiet voice, said; "If either of you bastards asks her if she knows me, I'll throw your sorry asses in jail for contempt."

Note from editors:

This edition has reverted to the old distribution method via postal service. This is to ensure that all SAGA members get this edition. There is still some uncertainty concerning reliability of email distribution.

If you were an intended email recipient for recent editions, but did not receive the October issue, we would like to hear from you, preferably via email. SAGA's longer term plan is to revert to email distribution for future editions and to get as many members as possible onto email.

The format for future newsletters will be changed slightly to make it a little easier to read on your computer screen.

The plan down the road is to produce three issues per year - hopefully spread out a little better than the last two

issues. This plan cannot work, however, if SAGA members at large don't provide a good proportion of the input.

While we prefer email input, we'll take it any way you can give it to us - email, fax, letter, phone call or in-person contact.

You can now update contact information yourself on the University Advancement website. Please use the following link to update your information.

<http://www.usask.ca/alumni/alumnisite/services/address-supdate.shtml>

If you have any trouble please inform SAGA.

SAGA Bonspiel

Saskaton

January 13 - 15, 2006

Draw Times: The First games will be played on January 13 at 2 or 4 p.m.

Location: Hub City Curling Club

Notification: By phone or email. Draws will also be posted on the Crop Production website.

Rules: Every team will play at least 3 games.
 All games will be 8 ends
 Ties will be decided by skip rocks with sweepers
 Hutcheon Event curlers must be 50 years of age or older
 Eligibility - 3 SAGA members or Ag students per team. (The curling committee is considering some relaxation of this requirement to encourage more participation. Contact curling coordinators to determine eligibility.)
 Graduates must be paid-up members
 Limit of 32 rinks in the regular draw and 16 in the Hutcheon Event
 Entries close on January 10, 2006. Student teams may enter later, if space is available.
 Entries from individuals are welcome. Attempts will be made to find you a team.
 Cost: \$27 per person or \$100 per team - includes a pass into the Mixer.
 There will be prizes for winning teams in all events
 Contact: Ewald Lammerding at 477-1369 or email eflammerding@sasktel.net
 Lanette Ehman at 665-6008 or email ehman@sask.usask.ca
 Please complete the entry form below and forward it to the above contacts.
 Entries will be accepted by email and confirmed via email. Mail entries may also be sent to 2014 Preston Ave., Saskatoon, SK, S7J 2E8

Ag Grad Bonspiel Entry Form

Position	Name	Address	Year	Life?
Skip				
Third				
Second				
Lead				

Team Name: _____ **Hutcheon Event?** _____

Team Contact: _____

Email address: _____

Phone for Team Contact: _____

ASA Report

Hello Agros! We hope everybody finally got their crops off and are looking forward to the future. Here at the College of Agriculture we have survived another intense AG BAG DRAG month. This is what we did when we weren't studying:

- On October 3rd Drag kickoff in the bowl. We sold 150 burgers and about 40 Drag tickets. Moody's Equipment Ltd brought in a tractor for the event

- A couple of days later we had our annual United Way Blitz. In one day we gathered \$2830.82 in spare change from people on campus.

- On October 20th we had our Hillbilly Havoc event in the Bowl. A competition was held among Commerce, Engineering, Kinesiol-

ogy, and Agriculture. Events included the Goose Waddle, the Rubber Boot Toss, Weiner Dangle, and the Milk Chug/Suck. The Agros of course were victorious! Throughout the month we stunted each of their lounges.

Stomps were held on October 19th, and 27th. We hit up the Engineering, Kinesiology, Arts and Science, Commerce, Chemistry, Biology, Geology, Education buildings to get the word out about Drag.

On October 28th we ran a charity for Breast Cancer. We made a deal with Dean Ernie Barber that if we raised \$750 in three hours (that is \$1/Ag student), he would shave his head.

In three hours, a representative from the House of Eve Salon came to

the Atrium and cut hair. About \$300 was raised from this, and another \$700 was brought in from donations for a total of \$1030. 21, so off with the Dean's hair.

About 40 past grads came out to Grad Pub. AG BAG DRAG followed at Prairie Land Exhibition Park. Longshot played to a crowd of 800 people until 1:30

Overall, October was a successful month. The University of Manitoba sent up about 16 student representatives, Olds brought down about 14, and the University of Alberta made their appearance for Drag.

Thank you to all who came out to our events.

Trent Dewar
Public Relations Officer, ASA

Agriculture: Big Business in China

Population: 1.3 B; expected to reach 1.5 B; 2/3 rural:1/3 urban, but urbanizing rapidly

Agricultural land: Arable land -130 M ha, 50 M ha irrigated; Grassland - 400M ha

Water: 2/3 of water use is for irrigation, but urban water demand rising rapidly

Annual precipitation: Wide range from <200 mm in NW to 2000 mm in South

Cropping intensity: One crop/yr in north and west, double cropping in central areas and three crops in the south

Main crops: 500 M T of wheat, corn and rice annually

Other important crops: Soybeans, rapeseed, fruits and vegetables, cotton

National food security: One of the most food secure countries on the planet

Agricultural trade: Positive agricultural trade balance for over 20 years. Main imports are wheat, corn and oilseeds; main exports are horticulture and animal products

Trend in trade: Import land intensive products (grains and oilseeds); export labor intensive products (horticulture and livestock)

Livestock: Pigs - 600 M annual slaughter, Cattle - 124 M, Sheep and goats - 270 M, Poultry - 14 B, Aquatic products - 40 M T

Rural poverty: 30% of population (300 M people) below international poverty line 25 - 30 years ago; now 3 % below poverty line which is better performance than any other country

Agricultural environmental problems: Degradation of grasslands, soil erosion, salinity on irrigated lands, aquifer depletion, water pollution from pesticides and fertilizer

More information: See China's Agricultural and Rural Development, published by the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research, website - www.aciar.gov.au

B - Billion, M - Million, T - Tonnes



Monday, January 9 to
Saturday, January 14, 2006

Flax Day 2006 "Growing Opportunities" – January 9

Saskatoon Inn
(Sask Flax Development Commission)

Pulse Days 2006 - January 9 & 10

Saskatoon Inn (live) and Prairieland (video)
(Sask Pulse Growers)

Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association - January 10 & 11

Saskatoon Inn

Saskatchewan Mustard Development Commission - January 11

Saskatoon Inn

Canaryseed Association of Canada - January 11

Saskatoon Inn

Canola Days - January 11 & 12

Saskatoon Inn
(Sask Canola Development Commission & Sask Canola Growers Association)

Saskatchewan Herb & Spice Association - January 12

Heritage Inn

Canadian Wheat Board - January 13

Saskatoon Inn

Saskatchewan Fruit Growers Association - January 13 & 14

Heritage Inn

Saskatchewan Ag Grads Association - January 13 to 15

Saskatoon Inn

Special Session • Saskatoon Inn

Wednesday, January 11 • 7:30 p.m.

What's the future of the prairie grain industry?

- Terry Hildebrandt, Past President of APAS • Ken Rosaasen, Ag Economist, U of S
- Trenton Baisley, CEO of FarmPure • Dennis Wiebe, Farmer

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1966 Degree Class 40th Anniversary Reunion Plans

Just a reminder from President **Bill Turner 66C** that plans for the 1966 degree class reunion are as follows:

- * Friday, Jan 13 - class dinner (members and partners), Wig and Pen room, Saskatoon Inn.
- * Saturday, Jan 14 - Members and partners at SAGA dinner and dance.
- * Sunday, Jan 15 - Class brunch (members and partners)

at the Faculty Club. Plans are to arrange a tour of the newly re-opened College Building.

- * A class hospitality suite at the Saskatoon Inn will be open Friday evening and Saturday.

Bill says, "We've already heard from a number of class members who are planning to come for the reunion, but we'd like to hear from the rest in order to facilitate final booking arrangements."

Feeding the World - A History of the FAO

Margaret and I moved to Rome about three years ago where I took up a position as an Economist with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. We had lived in Saskatoon for some six years previous to moving to Rome where I did international consulting work and Margaret worked for the Centre for Second Languages at the U of S and kept food on the table between consulting jobs. Before that, we had lived in Pakistan and West Africa with shorter periods in Bangladesh and Trinidad. Those of you who have earned your living consulting know only too well the paranoid feeling that you will likely never get another consultancy job again after just finishing the last one. It was on such a day that I applied to FAO and a year later we found ourselves in Rome.

Few people know that FAO started its life in Canada. The first session of FAO was held in Quebec City in 1945 and FAO remained in Canada until it was moved to Rome in 1951. Canada was one of the 44 founding members and has a permanent representative to FAO attached to the Canadian Embassy in Rome. FAO is a large organization with some 3,500 staff of which 1,500 are professional positions. Most of the staff resides in Rome but there are country representatives based in most of the developing countries. There are 188 member

countries. The annual budget is about US\$ 750 million.

FAO is basically the world's agriculture department although the corner of it that I work in is somewhat different than the rest of the house. I work in the Investment Centre Division of the Technical Cooperation Department. Through the Investment Centre Division, FAO designs and prepares investment projects for funding by major donor agencies such as the World Bank, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The FAO and World Bank established a joint work programme in 1964 for projects funded by the World Bank. About one-half of the Centre's work is now with the World Bank and the remainder is distributed among the other donor agencies. The Investment Centre was involved with projects that totalled US\$ 3.2 billion in 2004.

The Investment Centre has five Services covering major geographical regions. I work in the Asia and Pacific Service. The others are the Latin America and Caribbean Service, the Southern and Eastern Africa Service, the West and Central Africa Service and the Europe, Near East, North Africa and Central Asia Service. Most of my work has been in Vietnam, Bangladesh, India, Mongolia, Pakistan and the Maldives.

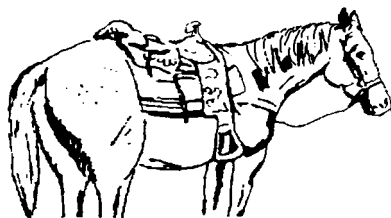
I have also worked for some of the other services and have been to Egypt, Iran and Serbia. The Centre has about 90 professional staff including agricultural economists, agronomists, engineers, sociologists and anthropologists. Each year, the Centre sends over 600 missions to some 100 developing countries and countries in transition. We are on the road about 5 months of the year.

The work is very challenging, always working to deadlines, and wondering what country one will be in next month. Living in Italy has given Margaret and me a new perspective after previously living in several developing countries. The first year in Rome was very difficult. Rome is a rather chaotic noisy city to live in and it takes some time to get used to it. The Italians, God bless them, have their own way of doing things. However, the Italian wine is great and to get up into Tuscany is bliss and when I come to work every morning and come up from the Metro station, the first thing I see is the Circus Maximus, the Palatine hills where the Caesars lived and further down the road is the Coliseum.

But, if the price of wheat was high enough, I would be back on the farm in Saskatchewan.

**Invited contribution on FAO by
Joseph G. Nagy 72C**

Empty Saddles



Keith Higgins 48S passed away on February 8th, 2005 after a short battle with cancer. He died in St. Paul's Hospital Palliative Care Unit, of which he was a founding member. He was born in 1923 in Rosetown, SK, and grew up on the family farm there. He served three years in the Canadian Army in WWII. He worked for the Potash Company of America, the National Farmers Union and then ran his own income tax, bookkeeping and investment company for two decades, serving dozens of farm clients, many of whom were also war vets. Keith was predeceased by his wife Sylvia in 1984 and is remembered by his children Diane (78 Home Ec), Lynne (80 Engineering), Doug 85C and Scott (01 Masters U of T). He was a strong supporter of the Lupus Society of Saskatchewan, an organization of which he and Sylvia were founding members.

Sam Reimche 44S has completed his journey on earth. He died April 22/05, at his home in Leader, Sask. He farmed there on the family farm from 1936 to 2000. He always felt that his two years at the U of S were among the most useful of his life in terms of training, and he certainly went on to work with what he'd been given.

Doreen Alice Misfeldt wife of **Jim Misfeldt S'42, C'51** of

Saskatoon, died in her sleep at home on October 16, 2005. She was born at Fort-A-Lacorne, SK on Feb. 18, 1927 and trained as a teacher, a vocation she loved and returned to three times during her life. Doreen leaves to mourn her husband, son R. James (Bette Sellers); daughters Jimeen (Al Thurston), Valrie (Allan Stewart), Trudy (Ed Huget), Marlys (Doug Miller), Karen (Marcus Shields), Kim (Brent Fordham), daughter-in-law Tarena, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. Doreen was a very hospitable and kind person, spending her last day visiting a sick friend.

Isabell Wright, wife of **George Cameron (Cam) Wright C'49**, died at age 90 at Jubilee Lodge, Kinistino on October 21, 2005. She left to mourn her husband of 58 years, sons Jack (Arvella) and Tom, (Wendy), six grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Isabell was a teacher in Sanctuary, Saskatoon, Melfort and on the James Smith Reserve. A number of reserve residents were in the large crowd at her funeral, and the chief and a former chief praised her devotion to teaching and ability to inspire their children.

From *The Green and White*:

Ira "Millen" Dunbar, 30S, of Brandon, MB, died December 9, 2004.

Donald Ferguson McDougall, 42S, of Kindersley, SK, died April 18, 2005.

Clark H Lewis S.V.M., 48S, of Moosomin, SK, died March 2, 2005.

Dr. Allan Norman Myhr, 49C,

MS(oth), PhD(oth), of Geulph, ON, d. August 8, 2004

Keith Forrester Best, 50C, of Kelowna, BC, died February 20, 2005.

Neil Colvin 50C, of Fort Saskatchewan, AB, died May 12, 2005.

George Clifford Becker 56S, of McLean, SK, died April 11, 2005

SAGA COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE



SAGA was founded in 1935. The above plaque was placed outside Room 104 in the Administration Building in late 1974 by SAGA. At the 40th AGM of SAGA in January 1975, a special Ceremony of Founding was held and three of the original members, Sol Sinclair, Howard McDonald and Harold Moss attended.

During recent major building renovations, the plaque was left in place. The building was originally called the College Building as it housed the Colleges of Agriculture and of Arts and Science.

When the colleges vacated the building, it became the Administration Building, and now, following the re-opening in 2005, has returned to the original name.

