

Lifetime Memberships Awarded

Murdock MacKay 49C

Murdock was born to a farm family at Briarlea, Sask. He served in the RCAF from 1942 to 1945 ending with the rank of Flying Officer. After graduating in 1949 he was appointed the Agricultural Representative in Prince Albert. He took upgrading courses in extension at various places during his career. In 1968 Murdock was promoted to Ag Rep

Specialist for the Indian and Metis. From 1972 until 1974 he worked on ARDA and Special ARDA projects in the Carlton, Saskatoon and North Battleford areas. In 1974 he was named Regional Coordinator of Ag Reps on Indian Reserves.

Murdock promoted and participated in a broad scope of programs. He was active in the 4-H program, hosted a half-hour TV program for 10 years and a thrice - weekly radio program for 19 years. He was a pioneer in on-air programs that dealt with farming practices. Murdock established watershed Coop organizations in the St. Louis and Birch Hills areas. He was a key figure along with Alex Kennedy and Red Williams in the Agricultural Development Committee of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations. This led to the formation of the Saskatchewan Indian Agriculture Program Inc. in 1975 with the purpose of developing agriculture on the Indian Reserves. The Saskatchewan Indian Agriculture Program raised \$29M over the first five years and continued until 1985. Murdock has been an officer or director of many local and regional agricultural associations. His awards include an Honorary Life membership in the Canadian Society of Rural Extension, Distinguished Agrologist award, Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada and Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame.



Murdock MacKay is presented with his award by John Hemstad.

Roger Keading 47S



Roger Kaeding receives his certificate from Glen Hass.

Roger grew up in the Churchbridge area. He and his wife Phyllis, established a successful crop and livestock enterprise. They have three children, Warren, Bradley and Leslie.

Roger's interest in new technologies enabled him to employ many of them on his farm and share them with others. His farm has been the site of numerous tours and demonstrations including bunk silage storage, minimum disturbance seeding methods and field scale fertilizer and herbicide trials.

Roger has served the agriculture community well. On the local level, he has been involved with the Churchbridge Agricultural Society, the Churchbridge Economic Development Corporation, the Potashville Canola Production Club and the Churchbridge Kinsmen Club. Provincially, Roger is a founding director of the Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association and served as a director on both the Saskatchewan Canola Growers and the Saskatchewan Canola Development

Commission. He was also the president of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Societies Association.

He received the Saskatchewan Seed Growers' Association Outstanding Service Award and the College of Agriculture Distinguished Graduate Award. Roger is also an Honorary Life member of the Churchbridge Agricultural Society and an Honorary Life Member of the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists.

AGROS - They're Everywhere

Lorne Babiuk 67C - VP (Resarch) U of A

Lorne Babiuk has been appointed as Vice-President (Research) at the University of Alberta effective July 1, 2007 for a five-year term. Dr. Babiuk will champion the UofA's vision by advancing excellence in research, taking a national leadership role in shaping Canada's research agenda and promoting the university's reputation as an international player in research and discovery. Currently CEO and Director of VIDO at the UofS and holder of the Canada Research Chair in Vaccinology and Biotechnology, Dr. Babiuk led development of the world's first genetically engineered vaccine for animal species and has recently expanded the research from animals to human health. Dr. Babiuk is committed to the advancement of science policy and research in Canada through his contributions to the Canada Foundation for Innovation, Genome Canada, Canadian Institute for Health Research and NSERC. He has made significant advances in the commercialization of biological research, serving as an advisor and consultant for investors and companies worldwide on the control of infectious diseases and the health and productivity of livestock. Lorne has been on the faculty at the UofS for over 30 years and holds numerous honors including being named an Officer of the Order of Canada, Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and Fellow of the Infectious Diseases Society of America.

(From the Globe and Mail)

Kenton Possberg 98C - Possberg Grain Farms

Kenton Possberg and his wife, Pam, B. Comm 1999, operate a 13,000 acre grain farm near Humboldt. From when he was old enough to ride alongside his dad in the tractor, there wasn't much doubt which career track Kenton would take. Pam was born and raised in Saskatoon, but after their marriage she took to the farm like a duck to water. The Possbergs direct seed an eclectic crop mix including sunflowers, canary seed, lentils, flax, canola, wheat, peas and barley. By focusing on a high degree of mechanization and effective agronomic practices, Possberg Grain Farms has achieved an enviable production record, even in years when weather patterns were not favorable. With three full-time employees and four part-time workers during the hectic seeding and harvest seasons, the company's success is very dependent on the talents and training of staff. Their strategy in training their employees and incorporating them into important roles within the farming operation helped them win the Saskatchewan region's Outstanding Young Farmers Award last year. Staff members are encouraged to take training courses to improve their skill level in farm machinery operation and maintenance as well as in agronomic techniques. The staff is involved in the farm's budgeting strategy, giving them a heads up on all aspects of the business's operational side. Performance bonuses are used to reward staff for meeting targets. Adapting to the changing face of prairie agriculture has been the name of the game on both the production and business sides of the operation. The Possbergs feel that the combination of Kenton's degree in agriculture and Pam's degree in commerce plays an important role in their farming success.

(From an article by Peter Wilson of the Star Phoenix, Mar.2, 2007)

Call for Nominations

SAGA Honorary Life Members
Degree and Diploma

Please send nominations to:

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Box 460

Asquith, SK, S0K 0J0

Phone her at 329-4414 (home) or
by email at

judy.macmillan@hotmail.com

Reunion Weekend 2008 January 5 & 6

Plan to Attend

SAGA ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008

All SAGA members welcome!!

SAGA MIXER

Saturday, Jan. 5

TCU Place

SAGA BANQUET

Sunday Jan. 6

TCU Place

Reunion Information

VICE PRESIDENT

Jim Bessel

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The Grad Year Reunion years
are:

**1948, 1958, 1968, 1978,
1988, 1998, 2003,**
both the

Diploma and Degree programs.

**Contact Jim Bessel re: class
reunion chairs**

President's Pen

Hello fellow grads.

Over the last few years we have seen a decline in the number of grads who attend the reunion weekend and also a decline in the number of grads purchasing a lifetime membership. With increased newsletter costs we have had to dip into our savings on a regular basis to pay expenses. See the message from Les Henry on this topic.

A number of changes are being made in SAGA this year. First, the Reunion weekend will precede Crop Production Week in 2008. The Crop Production show now runs from Monday to Thursday, thus we have seen a decline in attendance at the Friday Mixer. The Mixer will now be held on Saturday January 5th and the banquet will be on Sunday January 6th, 2008. We have also changed the venue to TCU Place (Centennial Auditorium). We hope to attract more students to the reunion, as was the case with the Smoker in past years. There will be some events at the Mixer to help facilitate this atmosphere. The format for the banquet on Sunday night will also change. The dance will likely be replaced with some other entertainment so that the evening is finished earlier for the working people among us.

We are hoping that grads working at the Crop Production Show will bring their families in for the reunion weekend before the Crop Production Show. We hope that reunion

groups that come in specifically for the weekend will still come and enjoy the fellowship with their classmates and other SAGA members. Keep watching the SAGA throughout the year for updates to the reunion program.

Newsletter printing and mailing are the main cost items for SAGA. Some of you have received the newsletter by e-mail in the past, but the U of S Alumni will not do this for us any more due to privacy issues. We are now trying to set up our own electronic database for email distribution. If you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail in PDF format and help reduce our cost of printing and mailing, send an e-mail to saga.uofs@usask.ca. In the body of the e-mail put, "Please send me the SAGA newsletter by e-mail". If you have done that already, you will get a hard copy and an e-mail copy of this newsletter to ensure that we do not miss anyone during the transition. Hopefully this will reduce our cost and help get the association back to financial stability.

Many changes are happening this year. Keep your eyes on the SAGA and your e-mail for further updates. Come to the Reunion weekend on January 5th and 6th to help make the changes a success. Give us some feedback on how we can continue to improve the Saskatchewan Ag Grads Association for you, the members.

Ken Sapsford

Moldy Money story

By Les Henry 64'C

The Sask Ag Grads Association is unique in Canada. All other colleges at the U of S and all other colleges of Ag across the country would kill to be able to duplicate what we have. It is the camaraderie of Agros and Voc Ags that makes it go and its low membership cost is because it is all run by volunteers.

The Life Membership is one of the main reasons why costs are so low. There is no need to bill members each year to bring in the money. I paid \$35 for my life membership. Interest rates were sky high then and we built a nice nest egg. With lower interest rates, the nest egg is starting to look just a bit skinny- in fact changes are needed or we will be belly up in a few years. Reunion weekend activities are run on a break-even basis so the only ongoing expense is production and distribution of the newsletter – an annual expense of about \$8000 for three issues.

Our executive has put together a three-pronged approach to deal with our financial situation:

1. Raise the Life Membership fee to \$100. The general

membership needs to approve any increase at the annual meeting in January 2008.

2. Switch some members over to email to reduce printing and distribution costs. This was attempted a couple of years ago. The idea was good, but a bit ahead of its time. More details on the new approach are in the President's message.

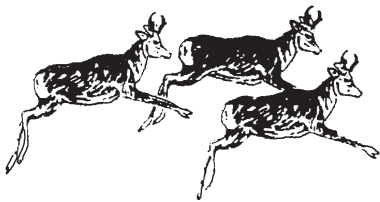
3. An appeal to old crocks like me who ponied up a measly \$35 decades ago and are still receiving free service. About 2 years ago **Terry Gates 68'C** sent a letter to SAGA and said "I am sure my small Life Membership fee of years ago has been used up long ago so here is a cheque to catch me up". The cheque was for \$150. I am following suit. There is nothing magical about the amount; this is an appeal to those of you long enough in the tooth to have long since used up your small Life Membership fee.

If you agree with what we are doing, send a cheque to SAGA at

Box 320, RPO University, Saskatoon, SK S7N 4J8.

Thanks for your help and enjoy the newsletters for years to come and the great reunion weekends only Agros and Voc Ags can muster.

Thundering Herd



Gordon Moore 68S reminds his classmates to send him requested information (resume and picture) now for the 2008 reunion. His address is Box 965, Speers, SK, S0M 2V0.

Jim Bessel, SAGA VP has reunion chairs in place for all the grad years, except for the 1948, both Diploma and Degree grads, and 1968 Degree grads. He could use some help from anyone who knows any of 1948 grads and would be willing to assist in organizing their reunion. He would appreciate their names and contact phone number. He has been turned down by a few grads, because, as some have said, they are too old and tired. He also still needs someone to take the lead for the 1968 Degree grads.

Allen Kuhlmann 70C was listed in an earlier SAGA as missing in action. You'll be glad to know that he's alive and well, and in addition to being the chair of the Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission he's also the newly-elected mayor of "Dog River" aka Rouleau, Sk. which is where he resides. He continues to farm at Vanguard and also farms some of his wife Susan's land at Rouleau (Dog River). She happens to own the patent on the Kirby straw and chaff spreader. They suggest that owners of Case IH combines especially should pony up! Allen likes elections - he recently won election as the mayor of Dog River. He invites one and all to come and

visit the Corner Gas set, shop at some of the few local establishments and visit some of the tourist attractions in the area such as the fabulous Long Creek Golf Course, Dunnet Park and the Claybank Brick plant. You may also wish stop at Notre Dame College or visit in Wullerton.

Arnold Cornea (89C) provided a new address for **Linden Lundback 79C** originally from Watrous, SK. He has moved to Vermillion, Alberta where he works with Lakeland College..

Bob Hart 72C wants SAGA members to know that he is also a member of the Hart Agro family along with **Elwood 59C**, **Mervyn 60C**, and **Jim 62C**. He was missed in the Empty Saddles section when their father died.

Lyle Drew 80C resides in Regina and is employed as a Senior (Silverback) Field Biologist with BASF Canada (25th anniversary with the company). His wife **Carla Drew** (nee **Carlson, 84C**) is employed with AAFC (CAIS program) also in Regina. They have 3 sons - Garrett (16), Bryce (13) and Wyatt (11). Carla owns some farmland that they farm with her father **Charlie Carlson 56C** who still farms at Milestone, SK. Lyle enjoys curling in the winter and likes to fish and hunt in the fall with his kids.

Glenn Annand 78C gave SAGA updates on the whereabouts of people on our missing list. **Janet Graham 55S** is not very well, in extendicare in Moose Jaw. **Philip Burt 78C**, RR #1 Morrinville, AB, T8R 1P4 is married to Glenn's sister **Jill Annand 83C**. They have two sons 18 & 16, and a daughter 8 and are working and raising a family and cats, dogs and horses on an acreage outside Edmonton. Judith and Glenn are still growing seed and

living at Mossbank. Their two sons are both attending the U of R. Luke is studying Film and Video Production and Matthew is studying Linguistics. Matthew is also in the Communication Squadron with the militia and is going to Afghanistan with the army for six months. They run Bird Lovers B&B for bird watchers and hunters to fill the empty beds now that the boys have gone away. They have found some time to travel in the winter with recent trips to New Zealand, Australia and Dominican Republic and Mexico this winter. Glenn is looking forward to his 30 year reunion next year and hopes to get a crew to go on an extended reunion somewhere warm!

Ted Bonertz 79C and **Sharon 80C** send greetings from Sunny North Carolina! They and their three boys Evan (17), Aaron (12) and Owen (7) have enjoyed 3 years in the heat of the South. The summers are steamy but the winters are very easy to take. They enjoy winter by spending lots of time at rinks all along the east coast as all three boys play hockey. They have traveled from Pennsylvania to Georgia and every state in between just to find enough teams at the AA level. Youth hockey is huge (Raleigh and area), needless to say the Hurricane's Stanley Cup win (sorry Oilers) will continue to boost the level of interest in Youth Hockey in the Carolinas. Evan and Aaron also play lots of baseball. Sharon joined the Triangle Curling Club. They curl on hockey ice about 1 hour away in Wake Forest NC. Even curling has become more popular since the last winter Olympics. Ted is still employed with BASF. They moved to N.Carolina with the whole US Agriculture Division. In February 2006, however, Ted began working in Mississauga, Ontario as Business

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Director of BASF Agricultural Products. They anticipate moving the family to the Greater Toronto area in 2007. **Deneen Sebastian 85C** joined the US AG Products Division of BASF after working in Ontario for several years.

Tim Wiens 88S from Herschel and Kelvin Meadows from Moose Jaw have been re-elected to the Board of the Saskatchewan Canola Development Commission. **Jim Caughlin 74C** from Tisdale will serve a one year term as board chair. **Fred Meister 79S** from Radisson is the treasurer.

Baine Fritzler 77C from Govan will serve a one year term as chair of the Saskatchewan Mustard Development Commission.

Kim Riel 03C and husband, Mike, opened Lean Machine Metal Fabrication in Saskatoon in 2005. Kim is the daughter of **Walter Staniec 72S** and grew up on the farm near Lanigan. She graduated from the UofS in agricultural economics. Mike is a journeyman machinist. The business is growing rapidly. Their website is www.leanmachinemetalfab.ca

Clare Phillips 56S, Vaughn McClarity 55S, Louis Sparks 56S, and Clare Cooney 57S all met in Westwind RV and Golf Resort in Yuma, AZ this winter.

Jack Chernoff '67C worked for John Deere till mid 1970 and married in 1971 and began teaching at Cariboo College in Kamloops, B.C. where he is still teaching. Cariboo College has now become Thompson Rivers University. Jack plans on teaching for another year or two. They are involved in an organic farming operation at Verigin. Upon retirement, he hopes to spend

more time on the farm. They have two boys; Egan is currently working on his PhD at S.F.U. and Kevin has a degree in Marine Biology from U.B.C.

Pat Clift 67C worked for Farm Credit Corporation till 1972. During that time he completed his M.Sc. in Ag Economics at the U of S. From 1972-79 he worked for Agriculture Canada in Guelph Ontario and from there he moved to Regina to work as an Agricultural Consultant until 1981. From 1981 till 1996 he was with Credit Union Central of Manitoba. In 1996 he was diagnosed with severe rheumatoid arthritis and retired on long term health benefit. With the help of an excellent team of doctors, his wife Blanche and their two daughters, he is now able to maintain a reasonable state of health and mobility. This has involved surgical removal of the spleen, replacement of both knees and extensive foot surgery. In 2004 a major breakthrough came when he was approved for a test program of new drugs, whereby injections are used to rebuild the immune components destroyed by the arthritis. The results have been excellent. He now keeps busy with Credit Union Central of Man. monitoring publications and web sites for their lending and training courses.

Barry Swanson 72C and wife Marlene have been doing a bit of globetrotting. They visited Thailand in Jan. and China in March. Barry has also been doing a contract project for Parkland Agroforestry Products on Developing a Vision and Strategy for Agroforestry in North East Sask.

Leroy Bader 71C is also an active member of Parkland Agroforestry, working on hybrid poplar and Haskap projects and still doing his developmental thing with Sask. Ag. and Food.

Joanne Kowalski 92C is a newly minted Agrologist working on Communications at the Sask. Forest Centre in Prince Albert. **Shannon Poppy 06C** is an Articling Agrologist in the Agroforestry Unit at the Centre. There is still a use for some old, experienced horses as **Larry White 64C** continues to do contract work with the Centre, but threatens another retirement.

Curling is still in the blood of some old guys. **John Hemstad 63C** and **Phil England 67C** both skipped rinks at the Provincial Masters in Rosetown last month. John played the good sport but Phil did make it to the playoff round before bowing out.

Ed Tanner 72C is enjoying retirement in Tisdale, tending to his bees and enjoyed a holiday in Mexico this past winter with wife Kathy.

Mitchell Japp 02C is still at the Conservation Learning Centre at Prince Albert and doing his riparian project in the North East. He was married to Leah last August and then proceeded to send her to Lakehead College to continuing her education degree. Sounds like Mitchell is already doing early retirement planning!

Sonya Meier 06C is back at the farm at Ridgedale updating dad **Gary 76C** on all the new ways to do things.

News out of Yorkton has **Pete Peterson 50C**, aka the Great Dane, celebrating his 80th birthday and doing just fine. Still a Yorkton Terrier hockey fan to boot. Also over Yorkton way **Zane Lewchuk 67C** is farming and doing crop development work for

Sask. Ag. and Food. **Ken Brice 64C** sold the farm and took wife Karen to

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Texas for the winter. Travis Goebel is returning to Yorkton as a territory rep. for BASF after being exiled in Swift Current for a while.

Baz Fritz 73C is still on assignment in Inner Mongolia, China. Lewis Reeve 68C is living in Foam Lake as a techy/gopher kind of guy for Milligan Bio-Tech. He also has a new home at Fishing Lake which he hopes is still standing after spring run off.

Rich Szwydky 93C has been with the Saskatoon Co-op since August 2006 as the Sr Crop Inputs Manager. He lives at Borden with his wife and daughter and is farming at Blaine Lake.

Dale Domres 76C resides in Yorkton and is married with 3 children. The last of the 3 will graduate from high school this June. Pretty soon - empty house syndrome! For the past 10 years, has worked with the Yorkton Tribal Council as Director of Economic Development advising First Nations (individuals & Bands) in all areas of capacity building for business development opportunities.

Blair McClinton 85C is the Executive Manager of the Sask. Soil Conservation Association at Indian Head. He resides in Regina where he and his fiancée have been renovating his home in preparation for their wedding in August.

Todd Jorgenson 87C has spent the last 17 years with SAF in Lloydminster, North Battleford and currently in Yorkton working in the areas of Forage / Range Management and Environmental issues. Prior to joining SAF, he spent 3 years with PFRA in Regina.

He lives in Canora with his better

half, Sonia. He has 2 kids, Terence 16 and Keeli 14, who keep him busy. He farms on the side with cattle kept near Loon Lake. He still plays hockey but not as intensely as in earlier times.

Allan Polegi 79S and Juanita (Brown) Polegi 83C reside on the farm near Jedburgh. Together they have 3 kids, the oldest graduating from high school in June. Allan is kept busy with his herd of Polled Herefords and grain farming. Juanita is the Assistant Manager of the SSCA in Yorkton.

Jodie (Jankoski) Horvath 00C is working with SAF as a Livestock Development Specialist. Prior to this, she worked as a consultant for Ducks Unlimited Canada, 20/20 Ag Services, and Nature Conservancy. She also had the opportunity to work for PCAB delivering Environmental Farm Plan workshops. Jodie is married to Lindsay and together they have 2 sons. They have a mixed farm near Kelliher.

Rachel (Oysttryk) Kraynick 99C lives in Canora with her husband Clint and son Chase where they currently run both a grain and cattle operation. Rachel has been working with Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food for the past 7 years where she formerly was an Extension Agrologist, but is currently working as the Agri-Business Development Specialist in the East Central Region of the province. Rachel works with clients regarding the start up, retention or expansion of different agricultural business ventures the area.

Wendy (Hall) Waalen 99C is in Norway exploring the production of oilseeds for biodiesel. She completed her MSc in Norway and is working on a PhD in agro-ecology while working for the Norwegian Institute

for Agricultural and Environmental Research, an organization similar to the Research Branch of AAFC. Her work will focus on winter canola, which yields better in Europe than spring varieties do in Canada.

Kurt Klein 63S and 70C , MSc, PhD (Purdue), a professor at the University of Lethbridge, recently presented a paper at the Annual Conference of the Alberta Institute of Agrologists entitled *The Biofuels Frenzy: What's in it for Canadian Agriculture?*

You can find it on the AIA website: www.aia.ab.ca/policy

The paper provides an understanding of what the agricultural impacts are likely to be by identifying and analyzing the opportunities and obstacles for establishment of a viable bio-fuels industry in Canada.

Kurt and his wife, Shirley, will undertake some teaching duties for a few weeks in May in the College of Economics and Management, Inner Mongolia Agricultural University (IMAU), China. Other Canadians will undertake similar short term teaching/research assignments there as IMAU attempts to increase its interaction with Canadian universities and agricultural research institutions.

Barb Stefanyshyn-Cote 87C and John Cote 86C started 2006 with an idea that they should take some time from farming and Barb's teaching at the University to embark on a bit of a learning adventure. The idea was to rent the farm for a few years, travel to South America, explore new farming/business options and learn Spanish. They are now in Mexico and well into their adventure in Spanish. They will tell us about their ongoing experience in the next edition of the newsletter.

Curling Report

There were 8 teams in the regular event and 9 in the Hutcheon event. Everyone played their guaranteed 3 games and some teams managed to get four. It was a difficult number of teams to work with in the regular event, so we created a "consolation" D event to guarantee all teams three games. All games were played at the Hub City Curling Club. Everyone received some sort of prize as Virginia Peters and Lanette Ehman managed to get a variety of donations. Donators included Cargill, Agricore, U of S, Kinsmen, DuPont, Sask Power, Prairie Malt, Co-op and Biggar Transport. All winning teams received an engraved pin. We look forward to more entries next year.



Gordon Thomsen, Doug England, Bill Hunt and John Hoffort won the Hutcheon Event.



The "A" Event was won by Lyle Forden, Dave Thornton Chad Empey and Brian Persson.



The "B" Event was won by Blair Cummins, Ewald Lammerding, Brent Hendry and Gordon Sherwood



Dean Don Rennie presents the C EVENT trophy to Tiffany Peters. Steven Leibel, Kara Kilden and Virginia Peters.



At left, "D" Event winners Lanette Ehman, Glen Trowell and Michael Bateman. Missing is Elton Epp.

Pooped deck



Gary Carlson 61C, MSc 64 has announced his intention to run for the office of Chancellor of the University. He has served fifteen years as an elected University Senator including two years as Chair and as an elected Senate representative on the Board of Governors, chairing its Land and Facilities Committee during his six year term. As a member of the Sodbuster's Club, Gary participated in the 1987-1990 campaign for the new College of Agriculture Building. As an agrologist, community and church worker, he has provided over forty years of volunteer leadership to numerous local, provincial and national groups. He played the lead role in such start-up ventures as the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame, the Saskatchewan Farm Vacations Association and Nuffield Canada, which sponsors a world caliber leadership program to train future leaders in Canadian Agriculture. Gary has received many volunteer recognition awards, including the Queen's Golden Jubilee medal and the Saskatchewan Centennial Leadership medal.

Note: All alumni are eligible to vote for Chancellor candidates. Voting can now be done on line. Voting will

commence about April 15 on the U of S PAWS web site. Eligible voters can obtain a User Name and Password by calling 1-800-699-1907. Paper ballots can be obtained by calling (306)966-4635.

Bruce Smith 36S and Bob Downey 54S are hard at work at the Western Development Museum restoring three tractors to their former glory - 1916 Heider, 1918 Waterloo and a modern 1922 Fordson. It now appears that they may be late for spring seeding, but they will likely be done in time to plow the summerfallow.

Orrin Clayton 58C dropped SAGA a line to tell us that he still enjoys getting the newsletter.

He has been retired since September 2000 after 42 year with the CSGA. He has completed a 100 year history of the CSGA and a 50 year history of the Riverview Park community in Ottawa. He belongs to a barbershop chorus called Aged in Harmony which is composed of retired men. They sing mainly to entertain at seniors homes in Ottawa. He has also accumulated over 5000 names in a genealogical data base encompassing the Clayton, Walker, Dalrymple-Hay, Stuckey, Davey and Newson families. In the process he has discovered relatives across Canada, the U.K. and Australia. Photography is still a passion and he has resurrected pictures taken between 1954 and 1958 while at the College of Agriculture. He plans to attend his 50 year class reunion in 2008.

Allen R. Hingston 69C has discovered another benefit to working internationally. Tanya and Allen tied the knot Dec 23 in their Regina living room. They will do it again in their Ukraine living room so her kids can be there. She has two sons, so between them they now have three sons (and

two daughters-in-law) and three daughters, all between 24 and 30. And one granddaughter! Tanya and Allen met in Ukraine in 1999 when she attended the first three week short course of the Canada Ukraine Beef Forage Development Project. He had always wanted to go to Krasnoyarsk in the middle of Siberia just because it seemed like it should be cattle country and because "no one in their right mind would ever WANT to go there". It turns out that Tanya was born in Abakan and took her Animal Husbandry degree in Krasnoyarsk before moving to Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine about 20 years ago. That sparked a friendship that lasted over time and this past June they got to take that trip to Siberia she had promised to organize since 1999. He met the family and spread the gospel of Canadian beef cattle at her old University in Krasnoyarsk. Great country - very beautiful and lots of grass. They will be living in Ukraine for the foreseeable future as Tanya is working for a research institute and needs a few more years to retirement. She speaks Russian and is learning English while Allen is trying to learn Russian. They communicate by email with on-line translation as much as anything. Allen will continue to do consulting work wherever he can get a contract and will maintain a Canadian residence.

Tom Keeping 61S has retired from farming and now lives in Powell River BC. He hikes on the sea-walk and plays old-timers ball. He still returns to Saskatchewan to visit family and friends two or three times a year. You can contact him at curlytom@shaw.ca

Norman Boe 63S retired from farming in 2005 and now resides in Rosetown.

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Charles Hutchinson 48S and Justine moved to St Albert from Saskatoon to be closer to family. They miss their Saskatoon friends, but are making new friends in St Albert. They describe St Albert as a very nice small city.

Jim Halford 63C can now move to the Pooped Deck section. John Deere has agreed to acquire Conserva Pak Seeding Systems from Vale Farms Ltd., Saskatchewan, Canada. The Conserva Pak hydraulic-shank product line will complement Deere's most recent solutions in the expanding air hoe drill market around the world. John Deere will provide parts and service to existing Conserva Pak dealers.

SAGA Hockey

The SAGA hockey tournament was quite a success this year with 7 teams competing in the tournament at Waldheim. It was a good time on and off the ice. A special thanks goes out to the community of Waldheim as their rink was very accommodating during the tournament. The A-side champion this year was the Oilers, again.



Back Row (L to R) Curtis Russell C04, Jesse Bergen C04, Clint Fladeland C02, Kevin Sandercock, Travis Jauck C04, Jared Mackow C05, Curtis K. and Chris Mighton. **Front Row:** Darrel Monette C03, Dustin Ostrander C04 and Steve Cuddington C04.

College News

Diploma program review

Since 1913 when the first diploma was awarded, this program has played an integral role in enriching and supporting agriculture and the broader constituents of Saskatchewan. Through its academic programs, the College aims to create a community of learning and innovation, and develop leadership skills within our students through a systems approach of problem-based education and critical thinking at all academic levels.

The current diploma program review of 2006-2007 is following up on the integrated planning process of 2003-2007 in which the diploma program was to be assessed. The Project Charter for the diploma review outlined three options for investigation: 1) maintain the diploma program with major changes, 2) discontinue

the diploma program, or 3) replace/complement the existing program with new diploma programming.

This review is an opportunity to make significant and positive changes to our academic programming. Please contact Karen Tanino, Associate Dean (Academic) (karen.tanino@usask.ca; 306-966-4064, College of Agriculture and Bioresources, 51 Campus Drive, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK, S7N 5A8) by April 30 if you would like to share your opinions.

Indigenous Peoples Resource Management Certificate Graduation

On March 28 the Indigenous Peoples Resource Management Program (IPRMP) celebrated the graduation of the first cohort of students. Hailing from First Nations across

Canada, the students came to the College for three, two-week modules of intensive lectures and then returned to their communities to complete their readings and assignments as distance ed students. They returned to the U of S in late March to fulfill the final project requirements and receive their certificates of proficiency in land and resource management.

Congratulations to the 24 students who were awarded certificates by President MacKinnon. Celebration of their achievement continued with a banquet and program at TCU Place.

The graduation brings to a close the pilot year of this exciting program, and congratulations are also due to Marilyn Poitras, program director, and the dedicated staff working with her. The next cohort of students arrives on April 30.

'43 Agro Class Reunion

The Agro Grads of 1943 gathered at the Park Town Hotel in June 2006 for their 63rd anniversary reunion. They spent a lot of time visiting in the hospitality room, but ventured out to lunch at the Western Development Museum and toured the Saskatchewan Centennial addition, including the Prairie Gamble

Their guest at dinner was Dean Ernie Barber, who spoke to them about developments and challenges facing the college and its significance in today's world. He also announced that this year's 43 Agro Bursary had been presented to graduate student **Delia Mavragani**.

Howard Fredeen presented Dean Barber with a Heritage Plaque in appreciation of his interest in and support of the activities of the '43 Agro Grads. The same group plans to meet again in 2007. Pictured are, standing, left to right, Lou Hluchaniuk, Howard Fredeen, Joan Fredeen, Simone Coffey, John Bond, Ernie Barber, Betty Barlow, John Hanson, Cliff Simpson, Vince Coffey, Walter van Haerlem, Herb Dow, Harold Chapman Seated, l to r, Vi Hanson, Edna van Haerlem, Margaret Hluchaniuk, Alice Turnbull, Jock Blacklock, Betty Simpson, Fran Dow, Margaret Fredeen and Mabel Blacklock



10-Year Reunion



Back Row: Lou-Ellen & Ian Mardell, Sherry & Tony Boldt, Barb & Mike Thick, Joyce (Wuchner) Barlage. **Front Row:** Teri (Bartel) & Scott Ife, Kelly Hogg, Heidi Fuhr

Has it been 10 YEARS already?

It is amazing how time flies, that was a common sentiment during our gathering! Right now life is very busy for most of our former classmates, with farming, careers, growing families and the hustle and bustle of life. For these reasons it was great for those who took time and made the journey to Saskatoon after one our most memorable blizzards to reunite over the SAGA weekend.

It was fun catching up on what has been happening in everyone's lives!

Special hugs & thank-you to Heidi – for her assistance with contacting our classmates !

Teri Ife, S'97

10 Year Reunion Co-ordinator

Dinner with the Dean

Dean Ernie Barber will help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the UofS and the College via coast to coast Dean's dinners with alumni and friends. These will be small gatherings of alumni and friends where the Dean shares his vision for the college and takes the opportunity for small group discussion on how society views agriculture today.

Dean's Dinners

- * April 19, 2007 - Ottawa
- * May 15, 2007 - Winnipeg
- * May 22, 2007 - Calgary
- * June 7, 2007 - Toronto
- * June 13, 2007 - Regina
- * September 20, 2007
Edmonton
- * October 11, 2007 - Victoria

For more information contact Michelle Gallucci, Development Officer, College of Agriculture and Bioresources, 306-966-8618 or michelle.gallucci@usask.ca

B.C. Ag Grads Dine with the Dean 60th Anniversary Reunion - 47S

By Peter van Dongen and Clarice Springford

Several U of S Ag Grads now living in British Columbia accepted an invitation to join Dean Ernie Barber for an informal dinner February 17 in Abbotsford, B.C. The small gathering provided an excellent opportunity to meet and greet fellow grads and discuss the Dean's vision for the College.

Those in attendance included **James Reid 47C (MSc 48)**, Surrey; **Stuart McKenzie (51C)**, Abbotsford; **Patrice Rother, 84C (MSc 87)** and husband Wes Rother, Burnaby; **Kim Ross (87C)**, Abbotsford; **Kees Van Den Berg (PhD 88)**, Abbotsford; **Clarice Springford 00C**, Parksville; **Peter van Dongen 00C**, Parksville; and **Jenna Heska 08C**, Abbotsford.

In addition to the Dean, the College was also represented by Development Officer Michelle Gallucci and Marketing and Community Liaison Coordinator Jon Treloar. Conveniently, Jon was already in town for the Pacific Agriculture Show (in Abbotsford, February 15-17) to promote the College and recruit more students from B.C. We were happy to see his booth garner plenty of attention at the trade show.



l-r, Ernie Barber, Erin, James Reid, Wes Rother, Patrice Rother, Kees Van Den Berg, Clarice Springford, Jon Treloar, Peter van Dongen, Stuart McKenzie.

After sharing an excellent meal, Ernie led a casual and candid discussion about his vision for the College and explained the background behind the College's recent name change. Ernie stressed the need to view agriculture through a new bioresources paradigm and as a solutions provider to a broad range of societal challenges. He also explained each of the three pillars of the College's mission: teaching, research and outreach.

The discussion branched in many directions, from the emerging biofuels sector to the growing consumer trend toward local food and everything in between. Overall, the group was supportive of the College's direction and the opportunity to provide feedback. Ernie has indicated his desire to meet with alumni in other regions, especially as the College celebrates its centennial year in 2007. We encourage you to take up his offer and use it as an opportunity to connect with other grads in your area.



The big January storm seriously affected attendance at the reunion. Forty-seven members of the class were invited, 15 said they were coming, but only seven were able to attend. The Group of Seven, Roger Kaeding, Art Sawatsky, Glenn McEwen, Howard Thomas, John Trawin, Joe Martin and Clifford Dunn behaved in good Agro form. Old memories of events and faces were the biggest challenge, but they did manage to indulge in the spirits to enhance their recall. Many of the surviving classmates were unable to attend due to various health reasons and residency in warmer climes. But, they were remembered during the reminiscing.

June 21-23, 2007 U of S Annual Reunion

Honoring All College Graduates of 1947,
1952, 1957, 1962, and 1967,
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from 1928 to 1946

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Class of '67 Reunion:

The college class of '67 participated in the annual SAGA reunion.

Co-organizers Derek Dewar and Keith Head were pleased with the return of 22 of the 55 original graduates.

Many arrived on Friday in time to meet in the hospitality room where refreshments, old photos and memorabilia set the stage for a full evening of re-acquaintance.

A Saturday morning tour of the Agriculture building conducted by Ken Sapsford was the first opportunity many had had to see the facility. The old Crop Science building, still standing and noted during the tour, gave rise to more than a few recollections of college days. The SAGA banquet and dance was followed with group photos - a good memento item for the 50th. A biography booklet with contributions from many of the grads was compiled to mark the 40th reunion. The occasion concluded with a Sunday morning brunch and talk of a plan to get together again this summer during the University's celebration of its 100th anniversary, June 21st to 23rd.



Back row left to right:

Colin Ahrens, Zane Lewchuk, Dennis Stuber, Alvin Barth, Neil Cory, Keith Head, Bernie Wiens, Rudy Wiens, Jim Holm, Sinclair Harrison, Jack Saum, Ralph Atkinson, Roy Button.

Front row left to right:

Gerald Luciuk, Dale Sudom, Lorne Babiuk, Philip England, Ed Gosselin, Lyle Minoque, Hugh Hopkins, Grant Devine, Derek Dewar

College of Agriculture and Bioresources

We invite you to celebrate our 100th anniversary with us:

- Lectures
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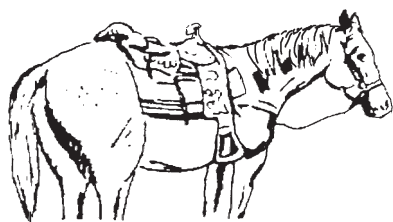
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Empty Saddles



Merlin William Vanstone 66 S

- passed away December 3, 2006 in the Palliative Care Ward at the Pasqua Hospital in Regina at the age of 62 years, after a long courageous battle with colo-rectal cancer. Merlin was born September 6, 1944 in Carnduff. He married Carol Tollifson November 4, 1972. They moved to the family farm in the spring of 1974 where they raised their two children, Diane [born 1978] and Malcolm [1981]. Merlin was a devoted Lions member and served his community as councilor and later reeve for the RM of Mount Pleasant #2. He volunteered wherever he was needed. He was what small communities thrive on. In his battle with cancer, he remained positive throughout the low periods and lived life to the fullest during the high periods. He made numerous trips; to his 40yr SAGA reunion in Jan 2006, trips to visit family at the west coast, attended provincial curling tankards, Toronto Blue Jays games and he showed great strength as he walked his daughter down the aisle at her wedding on Oct. 14/06. Merlin is laid to rest in the Carnduff Cemetery.

Walter Douglas Brice 40C passed away peacefully on Jan. 11, 2007. He was born on August 14, 1918, in Wadena. After graduation with his BSA at the UofS he joined the RCAF

where he served as a flight instructor in Canada and England. Following the war he joined the Veterans Land Administration and rose to the position of Western Director. Walter was a proud member of his church, the Canadian Legion, AIC and the Appraisal Institute of Canada. After retirement he served two years with CUSO in Papua New Guinea and a year in Somalia with SETA. He and his wife, Velma, spent their retirement years at Emma Lake, Apache Junction and traveling.

Harold Horner 33C died Jan. 17 after a short illness. He was born in 1911 in the family farmhouse near Creelman. His BSA was followed by a MSc in 1936 after which he worked at the Scott Experimental Farm. He married in 1939 and joined the Canadian army shortly thereafter where he served first as a training officer and then in the Netherlands. He joined the provincial civil service in 1946 and became Deputy Minister of Agriculture about five years later and continued in that capacity until 1971 when he took over the provincial railway line rationalization effort that reported to Justice Emmet Hall's royal commission on that subject. He retired in Regina in 1976. He was directly involved in many important initiatives: the Prairie Agriculture Machinery Institute, the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, the South Saskatchewan River Irrigation Project and the Saskatchewan Research Council. He received many honors in recognition of his accomplishments including Saskatchewan Order of Merit, Agricultural Hall of Fame, AIC Fellow and honorary doctorate from the UofS. He was an active member of the Rotary Club of Regina.

John Lloyd Douglas Stein 63C passed away on November 4, 2006,

in Calgary at the age of 75. His family includes his wife of 48 years, Lillian, two daughters, Nancy and Brenda (Dustin Lagler) and two granddaughters. Lloyd was born and raised in Simpson where he farmed until 1959. He and Lillian then moved to Saskatoon where he completed BSA and BEd degrees. He taught vocational agriculture and farm sciences in the Estevan area until 1973. He subsequently worked in Weyburn and Swift Current for both the provincial and federal departments of agriculture. He retired in Calgary in 1996, but remained a Roughrider fan. He was active in many community activities including Co-op boards, Credit Union Central, Masons, Salvation Army and United Church. A memorial service will be held in the spring/summer of 2007 in Watrous.

Tom S. Phenix 52C passed away peacefully in Saskatoon on Feb. 16, 2007. He was born on May 8, 1919 in London, England, and moved to Canada at an early age. He is survived by his wife, Rose, one brother, three children and three grandchildren. Tom served in the RCAF during WWII and in the reserves afterwards. He worked as a PAg for the federal government for 33 years. His community and personal interests included St. Timothy's Anglican church, archeology and lapidary.

Clifford Wallace Walker 43S passed away in the Rosetown Health Centre Feb. 25, 2007. He was born in Rosetown on Nov. 16, 1924. He attended the Glamis School and then the School of Agriculture at the UofS. He worked as a grain buyer for 4 years and then pursued his dream in 1950 of becoming a farmer. He served his community in many ways including the Rosetown Co-op Board,

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Wheat Pool committee, the Rosetown Community Hall and the United Church. He is survived by his wife, Audrey, two children and several grandchildren.

Joseph Maurice Roland Brassard'58C was born at Paradise Hill SK and died at the Lloydminster Hospital on March 4, 2007 at age 74 years. He is survived by his wife Rose whom he married 47 years ago. Surviving also are sons Michael (Wendy), Robert (Lanna), daughter Michelle (Ed) Wasyliv; seven grandchildren. Roland's work career was with Saskatchewan Agriculture as Agricultural Representative at Ogema and Lloydminster. Roland enjoyed working with rural families and they in turn appreciated his efforts in their community. In retirement he devoted many hours to his community especially the agricultural society.

James Frederick Rooke'51C was born on June 26, 1926 at Eston and passed away at Victoria BC on February 8, 2007. Following graduation he joined with Walter Doyle'51C and Art Strautman'48C for a three year stint as operators of a large agricultural project in the Anglo Egyptian Sudan. Following this Jim moved to London England where he was employed by Shell Chemicals until he retired in 1982. Jim married Sheila Dean, a London policewoman and on retirement they moved to Victoria BC. Sheila died in 1994. Jim enjoyed a party, especially ag grad parties. He rarely missed a class reunion even when he had to cross an ocean to get to it. He is survived by Holly Hollingsworth, his second wife, by his sister Gladys Leggett and brother Bill.

John Stoyko'49C of Regina, died suddenly on March 13, 2007 at the age of 88 years. He is remembered by Grace, his wife of 59 years; daughter Linda (Bill) Burness; granddaughters Elan (Jerry) Ward and Megan Burness and great granddaughter Morgan Ward. John was born on the family farm at Hubbard SK and served as a navigator with the rank of Flight Lieutenant in the RCAF. He was shot down and spent several years as a prisoner of war in Germany. Following graduation from the College of Agriculture he was employed as an agrologist with Saskatchewan Agriculture, later with Agriculture Canada, then as a consultant. John loved sports, especially golf and curling and pursued these with enthusiasm until his death. He and Grace also enjoyed traveling.

ASA Message

Hello Agros.

We hope all is going well and that everyone is starting to warm up after the winter. The school year is winding down as students and professors prepare for exams. Grads are arranging their full time jobs and undergraduates are starting their summer ones. The 2006-07 school year was a successful one for the ASA. Telemiracle was a big hit again this year, and we are proud to say that the ASA contributed in helping the Kinsmen achieve a record breaking total. To raise money we held our annual Monte Carlo night, as well as an Exec auction, a steak supper and a pancake breakfast. Cummoni wannalaya was held earlier this year on March 9th with an excellent turnout and those who attended seemed to enjoy the atmosphere of the new venue. All the best from the ASA and we hope Mother Nature brings you a great growing season.

Sincerely,

Angela McKague 2006-07 PRO and

Stephanie Dreger 2007-08 PRO

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NOVEMBER 1, 2005 to OCTOBER 31, 2006

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENSE</u>	
MEMBERSHIPS	1040.00	NEWSLETTER	8067.79
HOCKEY	353.00	HOCKEY	188.92
CURLING	2664.29	CURLING	1465.53
BANQUET	9777.00	BANQUET	9809.05
MIXER	1450.00	MIXER	2319.49
INVESTMENT	7000.00	MISC EXPENSES	1571.19
BANK INTEREST	2.34		
INVST. INTEREST	1081.22		
HISTORY BOOK	165.00		
DONATIONS, Etc.	380.00		
MISC INCOME	8.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$23,921.77	TOTAL EXPENSE	\$23,421.97

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