



College 100th anniversary events

Kick-off to Centennial Year, Friday, Jan. 6, 2012 AM, Atrium, College of AgBio Building.

SAGA Reunion Banquet and Mixer, Saturday Jan. 7, 2012, TCU Place Saskatoon.

Barbecue and Open House, Friday June 22, 2012, AgBio Building and grounds.

SIA Fall Student Barbecue, Blue Week, September 2012, AgBio Building.

100th Anniversary of the first AG GRAD!

Saturday, January 7, 2012

One BIG day of events at TCU Place, Saskatoon
(formerly Centennial Auditorium)

SAGA Banquet

4:30 Cocktails

5:30 Dinner

Program :

Follows Dinner

Group Pictures:

4:45 p.m.

Mixer:

8:30 - same location

SAGA AGM:

8:30 - adjoining room

Reunion Years Degree & Diploma:

1952, 1962, 1972, 1982,

1992, 2002, 2007

For reunion details contact:

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or 306.283.4626

Vice President's Report

Honour Years: 1942, 1952, 1962, 1972, 1982, 1992, 2002, 2007

Reunion celebrations are well underway for 2012. I appreciate all of the volunteers who have stepped up and taken on the role of reunion chairperson for their respective year. These volunteers are busy making plans for their classes and, most importantly, to attend the banquet and mixer.

If you haven't heard from your reunion chair (or had a message on Facebook), please contact your class chairperson listed below. In the meantime, please mark January 7TH, 2012 on your calendar. Feel free to contact me or your reunion chair if you have questions. I also encourage you to book accommodation in Saskatoon as soon as possible. We look forward to a great weekend of camaraderie and reminiscing.

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Reunion Chairpersons

Year	College	Year	School
1952	Art Delahey Saskatoon, SK delahey@shaw.ca	1952	Grant Plewes Saskatoon, SK 306.934.2906
1962	Bernie Sonntag Saskatoon, SK bsonntag@shaw.ca 306.653.7215 Ellwood Fleming Saskatoon, SK 306.374.1415	1962	Art Belanger Saskatoon, SK 306.220.3036
1972	Bill Laing St. Albert, AB 780.460.2616 b.laing@shaw.ca	1972	Lyle Findlay Semans, SK lylefindlay@aski.ca
1982	Eric Johnson Battleford, SK pejohn@sasktel.net Jim Ferrie Saskatoon, SK 306.955.4730	1982	Lucie Baillargeon Edam, SK glbailla@xplornet.com
1992	Jon Greuel 306.584.9674 greuel2@sasktel.net	1992	Chad Bruynooghe Outlook, SK admin@springcreekconsulting.ca
2002	Michelle Sandercock 306.540.4775	2002	Geoff Bedard Nokomis, SK gbedard@sasktel.net
2007	Log onto Facebook 2007 5 year reunion	2007	Log onto Facebook 2007 5 year reunion

President's Report

The ongoing ability of SAGA to provide service to its membership is in no small measure the result of the efforts of a small, dedicated group of volunteers who sit on the SAGA executive. During my time as SAGA president, I have concluded that these individuals deserve much credit. They keep the books, maintain our website, edit the newsletter and work diligently during the weeks leading up to our reunion events to ensure their smooth operation. Their only reward is the personal satisfaction of giving back to the Agriculture industry. If you meet a SAGA executive member, be sure to thank them for their efforts.

There is a sense of optimism in agriculture, and that optimism is being translated into a strong rise in student numbers in the College of Agriculture. For example, the enrolment in Agriculture 111 (our common

first-year Agriculture course) has swelled to 270 students this year compared to 200 in 2010. This is of course very rewarding for the College and it bodes well for the Ag industry who require trained professionals. As your president I am also excited about the opportunity to attract a large number of these new grads to the SAGA organization.

Our 2011 reunion was a great success thanks to the efforts of our reunion chairs and the SAGA executive. Approximately 100 grads celebrated their anniversaries and our organization recognized the good works of **Irene Ahner** and **Barry Rugg** by presenting them with honorary life memberships in SAGA. We also honored the accomplishments of Mr. Bruce Smith, an

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Honorary Life Member 2011

Barry Conquest Rugg 48S was born December 24, 1923 in Elstow. His Dad homesteaded there in 1904. Barry had 2 brothers, **Alan (37S, 42C)** and Bill, and one sister, Dorothy.

In 1942, Barry joined the RCAF and served as an airframe mechanic in Canada and England. Upon his return he attended the School of Agriculture and graduated in 1948. He and Betty Hayes from Wynyard were married in July 1948. Barry farmed with his father and brother, Bill, and then his nephew Bill. He is still active on the farm with his son, **Bob 71C** and grandsons, **Brian 97C** and **Barry 03C**.

The Rugg family has grown pedigreed seed since about 1916 and Barry has been a member of the Seed Growers for 60 years. He has faithfully attended the Sask Seed Grower's annual meeting and many Canadian Seed Grower conventions and received an outstanding service award from the Canadian Seed Growers Association in 1971.

Community service has always been an important aspect of Barry's life. In 1955-56, he canvassed his local area to get farmers to sign up for electricity, which he describes as "the greatest advancement made to farming since the introduction of the tractor".

With the help of Ag. Rep. Frank Payne, he reorganized the Elstow Junior 4-H Grain Club and was a leader for 22 years. He sat on the District #22 4-H Council and the Provincial 4-H Council. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Elstow Coop and



Honorary Life Member Barry Conquest Rugg 48S pictured with his grandsons Brian Rugg 97C and Barry Rugg 03C

Colonsay Coop as well as other boards and councils. He belonged to the local Wheat Pool Committees in Elstow and Colonsay and was a Saskatchewan Wheat Pool delegate for eight-and-a-half years. Barry was made an Honorary Citizen of Saskatchewan for the year 1971 and in 1986 he received a Distinguished Graduate in Agriculture Award from the University of Saskatchewan. His involvement in the Elstow

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Ag grad of 75 years.

Our 2012 reunion has the potential to be even bigger, because it will include a wider celebration of the College's 100th anniversary. In addition, the decision to combine the banquet and mixer to one day, Saturday Jan 7, should make it easier for grads to attend both functions. Let's aim for 1000 people to attend the banquet.

In future, the success of our organization will lie in three important areas: Attracting volunteers to fill executive positions, attracting a greater percentage of recent grads to the organization and increasing the frequency of yearly contact with our membership thru better use of our website, email and perhaps social media such as Face Book and Twitter.

I have enjoyed my term as your President, particularly the opportunity it has afforded me to meet so many dedicated, enthusiastic Agros. It is also gratifying to hear of the high regard that our grads hold for their alma mater.

Let's make our 2012 reunion a roaring success. I'll see you there!

Terry Tollefson
SAGA President

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Agricultural Society led to a life membership in the Saskatchewan Association of Agricultural Societies and Exhibitions (SAASE) in 1995.

Barry and Betty have five children; Bob, Jim, Laureen, Carol and Lois, 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. He is a life member of the Royal Canadian Legion and he and Betty are faithful members of St. Matthias Anglican Church in Colonsay. Barry spends countless hours creating intricate crafts in his woodworking shop. Barry has attended SAGA functions and meetings over the years and still stays in contact with many of his classmates.

Dean Speak

Dear Friends,

Writing these letters always makes me stop and think about the preceding months – and it never fails but that there are so many things to celebrate and appreciate! Those of you who are either “primary producers” or directly connected with “production agriculture” (don't you just love university jargon?) will know that, despite a really rough spring, overall we had a really good year, and prices are strong. We remain deeply conscious of our neighbours and friends nearby and around the world who are still suffering from the after-effects of rain and hail and storms and disasters, and count our blessings as we keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

As always, the College at this time of year is bubbling with student energy – overlain with some angst as midterm grades come rolling in. Do you remember the feeling??? You may also remember Ag Bag Drag, which I am assured was as big a success this year as always. We have a large crop of new students this year – a larger percentage increase than any other College in the University.

We have been working hard for a few years now to get the message out about the great future in agriculture, which has been emphasised by the increasing public awareness of the urgent need to provide global food security and improve health through better diet. Meeting these needs while also developing bioproducts to replace commodities currently derived from non-renewable resources, like energy and plastics, while improving the quality of our environment, is increasingly bringing agriculture to the public's attention, and we are determined to provide the graduates that the world needs to meet these critical demands. But rest assured that lots of student energy remains firmly focused on pranking the Engineers, planning events like the bed push, and other things the Dean tries to not hear about!

In a couple of short months, the year 2012 will usher in the College's 100th anniversary of providing Agro grads! There will be a few special celebratory events, and lots of opportunities through the year to celebrate past, present and future Agros, and the wonderful Agro spirit. Today's students will graduate with skills and a will to learn that will take them to more adventures than any of us can imagine – just as all of us did. Keep an eye on our website (www.agbio.usask.ca) for all the fun, and join us for one of the big events, or just drop by anytime to say 'Hi'! And do try to come for the first big public anniversary event, the SAGA Reunion in Saskatoon in January - - the party of a century!

I wish you a wonderful winter, full of wonderful moments creating the kind of memories you'll always cherish.

Yours in Agro Spirit,
Mary Buhr
Dean and Professor

Time to Tape Your Sticks or Put on Your Sliders

The Annual SAGA Hockey Tournament & Bonspiel

Prizes to be Won!!! Lotsa Fun to be Had!!!

Please Contact as Soon as Possible:

Hockey Tournament

Aaron Bouchard
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aaronbouchard79@gmail.com

or

Neil Booth
(c) 270-535
n_booth147@msn.com

\$400/team - \$40/player
Three games
Aberdeen Rec Complex
Jan. 7, 2012

Bonspiel

Don Mitchell
374-1240
blucher@sasktel.net

or

Ewald Lammerding
477-1369
eflammerding@sasktel.net

\$100/team-\$25/player
Granite CC, Saskatoon
Jan. 7 & 8, 2012

Please Note: Banquet Tickets WILL NOT be sold at either event.

Mixer tickets are available - \$15

2012 SAGA Reunion Weekend

2012 marks the 100th anniversary of the first Agriculture graduate. The SAGA reunion weekend will be the first celebratory event to honour this milestone. The weekend will begin with a 100th Anniversary Kick-off on January 6th, 2012 in the Agriculture Building Atrium on the campus. For details and time of this event, please go to <http://agbio.usask.ca/2012events>

There will be a tour of the Agriculture building on Saturday, January 7th starting at 1 p.m. in the atrium.

Please join us to celebrate this milestone in our College's history. The special 100th banquet will include a special presentation by one of the College's most beloved faculty members, as well as a display of memorabilia. The banquet will provide grads with a chance to renew old acquaintances with grads and faculty

SAGA is trying something new this year by having the banquet and mixer on the same evening, January 7th, 2012.

- The festivities will be at TCU Place.
 - Cocktails start at 4:30 p.m.
 - Banquet & Program start at 5:30 p.m.
 - Mixer at 8:30 p.m.

Prices are as follows:

	Early Bird Price until Dec. 16 th /11	Regular Price Dec. 16/11- Jan 4/12	Ticket at the Door
Banquet	\$50.00	\$60.00	N/A
Mixer	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$20.00
Banquet & Mixer	\$60.00	\$75.00	N/A

This year SAGA will be using a central registration office, so reunion chairs are not selling tickets. You can purchase tickets two ways:

- By phone 306-966-5539.
- Online at ccde.usask.ca/saga
- Ticket purchase deadline is January 4th, 2012

Jill Turner, SAGA VP

College of 1961 Reunion

The College 1961 class met during the January, 2011 reunion weekend for a class reunion banquet on Saturday evening, a class brunch on Sunday morning, a tour of the Agriculture Building on Sunday afternoon, and the SAGA reunion banquet on Sunday evening.

From the original class of 38 students, 21 returned for the 50-year reunion. Spouses of three deceased classmates also joined in the reunion. As a reunion project, the Class of '61 donated \$8015 to the College for use in undergraduate bursaries.

The photo at right includes the following participants: Back row, L to R, Bob Gilmour, Jack Shields, Wayne Clews, Gary Rice, Bob Bullock, John Chuey, Dan Beveridge, Jack Drew, Gus Peesker; Middle row, L



to R, Brian Bittner, Tom Pringle, Ron Johnson, Gary Carlson, Bob Baker, Howard Mattila, John Hoffort; Front row, L to R., Dennis Allen, Dennis Wobeser, Ray Wheeler, Syd Pickerell. Missing from photo is Don Wilkins.

Alumni Association Achievement Awards

Terrence (Terry) Veeman 62C enjoys an active career at the University of Alberta (as Professor Emeritus for the last six years).

After further training at Oxford University (BA'64) as a Rhodes Scholar, and doctoral studies at the University of California, Berkeley, he and his wife, Michele, joined the Departments of Economics and Rural Economy in 1970. Regarding teaching and the mentoring of graduate students as a high calling, Veeman's main teaching areas include development and resource/environmental economics.

Major research contributions focus on agricultural and forest productivity, sustainable development, and renewable resource policy, especially for water. From 1995 to 2010, he was heavily involved in research management with the national Sustainable Forest Management Network NCE.

Terry served as President of the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society in 1995-96 and was elected a CAES Fellow in 2003. Currently, he maintains his life-long interest in world food issues.

Edward (Ed) Hudek 40C used practical experience, applied research and innate ingenuity to expand and develop the practice of agriculture on the Canadian prairies and delivered public policy solutions to greatly improve the lives and viability of the Manitoba farmer. Ed graduated from U of S with a BSA in 1940 and farmed in Hafford, SK until 1945 when he began

teaching in the Agricultural Engineering Dept. at U of S.

He left the U of S in 1956 to start working in the Manitoba Dept. of Agriculture as the Extension Engineer. His work involved designing structures for storing potatoes and other vegetables, and housing dairy cattle and pigs. He also designed rural water systems, among other projects.

In 1971, Ed was appointed Director of the Technical Services Branch of the MB Dept. of Agriculture. In 1975 he was appointed Assistant Deputy Minister and in 1977 he was made Deputy Minister. He was made Associate Deputy Minister and Special Advisor to the Minister in 1980. He retired in 1981.

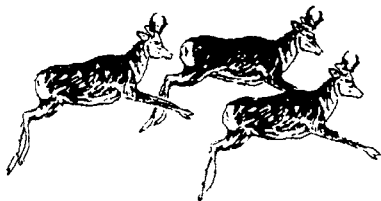
Following his retirement, Ed and his wife, Christine, managed a 10,000-acre Research and Development CIDA project in Sudan for three years. He also had contracts with the World Bank.

In 1971, Ed was presented with the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Papal Medal. From 1972 he spent 11 years serving on the local board, executive committee and national board of CCODP (Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace.)

Woodworking was one of Ed's hobbies. A specialty was making grandfather clocks mounted in wood from a Russian olive tree grown in his yard.

The Alumni Achievement Awards reception to honor the 2011 recipients was held on Oct. 28 at the Radisson Hotel Saskatoon

Thundering Herd



Russell Fersch 95S, was awarded the West Central School District SHSAA High School Coach of the Year.

George Heidgerken 80C has accepted a position as Global Head of Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health GmbH in Ingelheim, Germany. George and his family will relocate from Kansas City, Missouri to Wiesbaden, Germany. Over the last 10 years, George has managed the USA business unit of Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. in St. Joseph, MO.

Gerry Hertz' 84C farm has increased to 800 cultivated acres, family size has decreased as Shayla left for Williston State College to take Agriculture and play volleyball with the Tetons, coaching has decreased to one team as Keisha will be playing either 17 or 18U volleyball this winter and housework has increased as Alanna Koch spends more time at the Walter Scott Building as Deputy Minister. **Bill Aulie 83C** is now 50 as witnessed at a shop party with **Lorne Klein 83C**, **Brent Bender 82C** and **Ron Gilmour 84C**. **Cathy Gale 85C** did a great job summarizing Agro life back then . . . even with kids present.

Kurt Sawatzky 66C retired from the agricultural appraisal business on January 1, 2011. The new owner/valuation consultant of Sawatzky Appraisal Services is **Richard Marleau 99C**.

For the last 20+ years the Class of 1979C has been meeting for a summer reunion. This year was no exception. The reunion weekend took place July 15- 17 at the farm of **Murray Walker 79C** and **Jill Turner 80C** at Langham, SK. In attendance for the weekend were Eric Gustafson and Deanne Belisle; David and Carol Lundquist; Bob and Carol (Hass) Meister; Alan and Gail Balfour; Kathy (Moen) Connor and Glen Connor; Ken and Joy Sapsford; Claude and JoAnn Carles; Garry and Karen Schultz (All 79C), and **Sharon (Korsak) Bonertz 80C**. The weekend involved a lot of visiting, reminiscing and of course

laughter. The highlight of the weekend was a road trip to Rosetown for the wedding celebration of Lindy Vancha and Collin Gabriel. Lindy is the daughter of **Jim 79C** and **Kathy Vancha 05C**. Lindy and Collin were gracious enough to put up with a bunch of old Agros for the evening. Next year the reunion will be held at Palliser Park hosted by **Gwen (Sheppard) Wensley 79C** and Laurie Wensley.



Back Row, L to R : Murray Walker, Glen Connor, Kathy Connor, Alan Balfour, Jim Vancha, David Lundquist, Garry Schultz, Eric Gustafson, Ken Sapsford, Sharon Bonertz. Middle Row: Gail Balfour, Jill Turner, Bob Meister, Joy Sapsford, Claude Carles. Front Row: Kathy Vancha, Carol Meister, Carol Lundquist, Karen Schultz, Deanne Belisle, JoAnn Carles.

Sharon (Korsak) Bonertz 80C and **Ted Bonertz 79C** were back in SK and AB for a number of reunions this summer. Sharon and Ted live in Chapel Hill, North Carolina with their three boys Evan, Aaron and Owen.

Lyle Forden 00C, along with his wife Leanne and son Carter, are moving to Raymore. Lyle is increasing his role in the family farm while his dad, **Ken 70C**, slowly steps back and enjoys some time away. Lyle has been with Farmers of North America for nearly 11 years and will continue with them working on special projects.

Curtis Pozniak 99C and Peter Hucl (86 PhD) at the U of S Crop Development Centre are playing leading roles in an international team focused on wheat breeding. A feature article in the Fall 2011 *Green and White* alumni magazine describes their role in a multi-million dollar project. www.usask.ca/greenandwhite The goal is to complete a high quality reference sequence for the complete wheat genome and from there to new commercial varieties.

Jodi Holzman 08C is on a three-year assignment with Mennonite Central Committee in Dodoma, Tanzania, as a community agronomist.

Agro history quiz

1. In what year were there no graduates from the School of Agriculture (Diploma) program?
 - A. 1933-34
 - B. 1941-42
 - C. 1918-19
2. What year was the largest single graduating class from the School of Agriculture?
 - A. 1979
 - B. 1947
 - C. 1969
3. How many years did C.M. (Red) Williams teach in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources?
 - A. 46
 - B. 48
 - C. 53
4. What was the name of the ad hoc group that raised the initial capital that funded a feasibility study of the College of Agriculture. This study subsequently led to the construction of the new College of Ag. building.
 - A. The Prairie Pioneers
 - B. The Sod Busters
 - C. Friends of the College of Agriculture
5. What faculty member from the College of Agriculture shocked the agriculture community of the day by criticizing the practice of summerfallow?
 - A. Dr John Mitchell
 - B. Dr Don Rennie
 - C. Dr John Spinks
6. Approximately how many acres of arable land are there in Saskatchewan?
 - A. 45,000,000
 - B. 60,000,000
 - C. 74,000,000
7. How many classes of Canadian Wheat are there?
 - A. 3
 - B. 8
 - C. 14
8. Who was the first Dean of the College of Agriculture?
 - A. L.E. Kirk
 - B. W.S. Lloyd
 - C. W. J. Rutherford
9. Who was the first life member of SAGA?
 - A. Harold Moss
 - B. John Mitchell
 - C. Gus Bell
10. In what year was construction completed on the College of Ag building?
 - A. 1989
 - B. 1991
 - C. 1993

Submit your answers to **President Terry Tollefson** - terry.tollefson@usask.ca

Highest score wins a prize to be awarded at the SAGA banquet; lowest score may have degree/diploma revoked.

The Pooped Deck



Doug Watson 48C made a brief visit to Saskatoon and had a great visit with Gord and Marion Wilson and Eldon and Mildred Norum. They recounted their enjoyment with various Professors. Some of them were younger than some of the students, but they were smarter. He claims that the Class of '48 was the best class to ever pass through those hallowed halls and learned more than academic values. Participation in drama, debating, social and sports, prepared them for future leadership. The Class of '48 had, by the skill of **Ed Docking**, constructed a special Chain of Office which was to be worn by the President of the class when they gathered for reunions. When Bill Carr passed on, the Chain was given to Doug as Senior Stick to wear. He became concerned that if he departed this world, his family would wonder what a piece of horse harness with a horseshoe and 48 welded on it, was all about. He visited the U of S campus, and left the Chain with the College in the hope it would be added to archive items for display. He sincerely hopes that each and every class shows enthusiasm at their reunions, and through their pride will come financial support for this fine college.

Ossie Lakness 49C continues to enjoy the *SAGA* newsletter. When **Lyn Boyes 48C** was the editor he 'shamed' some members into sweetening the *SAGA* pot and thinks it's time to do it again (he did). He hears occasionally from **Chet Piercy 49C** in Kelowna. Ossie belongs to a men's over-50 golf club and plays 2-3 times a week.

Lorne Fisher 59C looked under his mattress and dug out a donation to keep *SAGA* viable.

Wilson Russell 54S has moved from his farm acreage to Regina to avoid snow shoveling and grass mowing.

Bob Mitchell 62C and family are going to Chile and Peru on a family vacation. Sons and daughter-in-law will be participating in a half Ironman in Pucon Chile. The grandparents are required to look after the three grandchildren during the race, etc. They leave for Santiago on January 7th and return on the 29th. Bob hopes that not too many of his classmates make the same mistake re. missing the 50th class anniversary. Bob is finally fully retired; life has been good except for a bad case of shingles last February, which continues to give him some pain. At age 71, he says it could be a lot worse. Life is good.

Ronald Galloway 48S and Marguerite of Estevan celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary on Oct. 19.

John Svenson 56C reminded *SAGA* that his wife **Joan (Whitehead) Svenson 59C** is also a *SAGA* member.. They reside at the same address in Brandon.

Eighteen 1956 School graduates and their wives held a 55-year reunion at the Manitou Beach Hall, Watrous, on Aug. 16 and 17.



1956 graduates pictured above are (back row, l to r) Earle Paterson, Bob Campbell, Bob Hicks, Gordon Silverthorn, Ron Buck, Murray Smith and Les Freeman. Front row (l to r), George Wilson, Chev Hillis, Clare Phillips, Dave Kimber, Peter Sundquist and John Pascoe.

Those present were: Don Biehn, Lanigan; Arden Body, Luseland; Ron Buck, Meadow Lake; Art Bonstrom, Saskatoon; Bob Campbell, Wolsely; Les Freeman, Fleming; Bob Hicks, Moose Jaw; Chev Hillis, Macklin; Allen Irving, Kelvington; David Kimber, Saskatoon, John Pascoe, Medicine Hat, Earle Paterson, Colinton, AB, Clare Phillips, Tisdale, Gordon Silverthorn, Outlook; Murray Smith, Swift Current, Jim Stukings, Eston; Peter Sundquist,

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Watrous; and George Wilson, Saskatoon. Registration began on Tues., Aug. 16, at the hall followed by a get re-acquainted gathering over muffins and coffee.

Later some took to the golf course while the ladies went for lunch and shopping. Peter Sundquist was MC for the evening banquet. The main event was reminiscing about their years since graduation. They all met again for a pancake breakfast the next morning followed by more golf and visiting. At noon the reunion came to a close with a BBQ, many good byes and hopes to meet again before their 60th.

Bob 54C and **Norma McKercher** were in Scotland in the fall doing genealogical work on both sides. They encountered **Derek Dewar 07C** in the Saskatoon airport on his way to a rafting trip on the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon. His role on the raft was to “hang on”.

Bryan Harvey 60C was featured in an article in the Fall 2011 *Green and White* on Breeding a Better Beer. He is still living by the Benjamin Franklin view that “Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy.”

Jim Webster 49C claims to be still working – but not as hard as formerly. He formed his own company, EXP Consulting Limited, after retirement from the Sask. Dept. of Agriculture in 1984. He contracted agricultural project work for the next 12 years. As well as completing a number of studies in Canada, he managed international projects for CIDA in Zambia, Sudan, Jamaica and China. In 1996 EXP Consulting switched to a focus on Project Management Training and that has been their focus ever since. Their website is www.expcconsult.com and they invite Agro friends to have a look.

Gary Carlson 61C and Jessie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Regina on October 7 with a dinner for family plus the wedding party. **Bob Gilmour 61C** was the best man. A Come and Go event was held on October 8. To celebrate, all eleven family members enjoyed a July Alaskan cruise. On their return, Jessie and Gary attended the 50th celebration for Bob and Doreen Gilmour at their Carrot River farm.

Bill Robertson 65C and Bev celebrated their 50th anniversary in Lethbridge on Oct. 1, 2011. Bill took most of his classes with the 61C class, but delayed graduation until 1965. Bill farmed for some years on the family farm north of Indian Head before taking a

job with Alberta Agriculture. He and Bev are retired in Lethbridge.

Gerry Luciuk 67C received the 2010 Ukrainian Canadian Congress Saskatchewan Provincial award in recognition of his contribution to the community-at-large.

Hugh 45S and **Clara Taylor** celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Oct. 29/11. Hugh ran a service station in Vanscoy for many years. He also served as mayor of Vanscoy. In an Ag Grad many years ago he curled with **Fred Fulton 50C**. During one game he noticed a coin frozen in the ice, took out his pocket knife to dig it out and ignored Fred’s pleas to sweep.

Canadian Temperature Guide

How to prove Canadians are a Hardy Breed.

1] **50 F (+10 C)** : Californians shiver uncontrollably. Canadians plant gardens.

2] **35 F (+1.5 C)**: Italian cars won’t start. Canadians drive with the window down.

3] **32 F (0 C)**: American water freezes. Canadian water gets thicker.

4] **0 F (-17.9 C)**: New York City landlords finally turn on the heat. Canadians enjoy their last BBQ.

5] **-60 F (-51 C)**: Mount St. Helens freezes. Canadian Girl Guides sell cookies door to door.

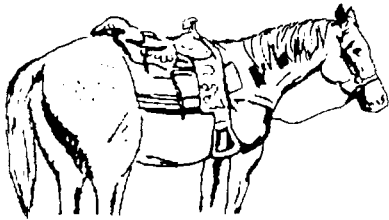
6] **-100 F (-73 C)**: Santa Claus abandons the North Pole. Ottawa opens canals for skating.

7] **-173 F (-114 C)**: Ethyl alcohol freezes. Canadians get frustrated when they can’t thaw the keg.

8] **-460 F (-273 C)**: Absolute Zero. All atomic motion stops. Canadians start saying “Cold, eh?”

9] **-500 F (-295 C)**: Hell freezes over. Leafs win the Stanley Cup.

Empty Saddles



John George Braidek (Jack) 51C Born May 14, 1927 in Hafford, Saskatchewan to Pearl and George Braidek, Jack was raised on a farm near Speers. He passed away on Friday, August 19, 2011, at the Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon. Jack is survived by his loving wife Joan and his children: Jeff (Lynne), Carla (Garry), Ian (Brenda), Alan (Cathy), Sheila (Yvette) and Bruce (Navneet); 12 grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; sister Betty Klisch; his Aunt Mary Jensen; sister-in-law Jeannine (Darrol); and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He graduated from the College of Agriculture in 1951 and received a Masters in Extension from the University of Wisconsin. Jack always appreciated and took strength and enjoyment from his many friends and family throughout Saskatchewan, Canada and elsewhere. He started his career as an Ag-rep, first out of Delisle and later in Moose Jaw, where he met Joan. He moved his family to Regina, where he worked for the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool for many years, including three years in Zambia. On his return to Saskatchewan, he joined the staff of the *Western Producer*, where he finished his career as Managing Editor. Jack was the recipient of many awards, and was particularly proud of being inducted as a Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada in 1992. He was active in his profession and community; as a member, and often a board member or president of: the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists, the JOEL Club, the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, the Redberry Cemetery Association and the Mayfair United Church and a founding member of the Meewasin Rotary Club. Donations may be made to the U of S College of Agriculture Endowment Fund.

Donald James Tait 55S of Elrose passed away peacefully in the Rosetown & District Health Centre on August 28, 2011 following a lengthy battle with cancer. Born at Tuberosa, Saskatchewan on May 13, 1936 to Sarah and William Tait, Don was raised at Sanctuary, where his father was the agent for the

Beaver Lumber Company. The family moved to Elrose in 1963. He farmed in the Mondou district for many years.

Don was an early producer and avid promoter of Saskatchewan pulse crops. He believed strongly that crop diversity is necessary to a vital and viable agriculture in Saskatchewan and, further, that strong grower organizations are necessary to support and assist producers in crop development, production and promotion. He spent a great deal of time and money in organizing the Saskatchewan Pulse Growers Association and the Pulse Crop Development Board which in turn led to the formation of the Western Canada Pulse Growers Association. He was a member of the Agri-Food Innovation Fund, the Saskatchewan Food Council and the Standards Committee of the Canadian Grain Commission. He was also an advisor to the Crop Development Centre at the U of S. Don was an Honorary Life Member of the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists and SAGA. He was inducted into the Saskatchewan Agriculture Hall of Fame, received a Distinguished Agriculture Graduate award from the University of Saskatchewan and was recognized as the Pulse Promoter of the Year by Cyanamid. Don served on the Elrose Library Board and the Wheatland Regional Library Board. He was a member of the Elrose Lions Club and served on the home care and hospital boards. He will be remembered as a people person who enjoyed friendly repartee and was always ready with a witty comeback. He was a long-time member of the Liberal party and closely watched political developments and debate both nationally and provincially. Don is survived by his partner, Darlene Ellis of Elrose, her children, his brother Bill Tait and his three children. Donations in memory of Don may be directed to Elrose Health Centre Auxiliary.

Thomas Misfeldt Skogsrud 43S was born on his parents' farm in Dahlton in 1925. He farmed that land most of his life. Tom also taught agriculture at the U of S and later at SIAST. He served most of his adult life on the boards of Dahlton Luthreran Church and the Archerwill Credit Union. He was also involved with UGG and other organizations. He judged livestock at many fairs and shows. He was a thoughtful and principled man. He was serious about his work, but he also loved to play – scrabble, crossword puzzles, curling, hockey, singing, stories and games for kids, and dancing. Failing health led to stays in Sunnyside Adventist Care Home and Stensrud Lodge. He passed away in Royal University Hospital on July 31, 2011.

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Allan McLeod 49C was born on a farm at Dilke on June 20, 1925 and passed away on June 23, 2011. He spent his entire professional career with the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool. He was a key influence in public policy and producer response in the 1970s and 80s. He served in WW2 before obtaining his BSA in 1949. He served in rural extension, communication and advertising before transferring to the research division in 1962. He became corporate secretary in 1986. He served terms as president of the SIA and the AIC. He was a founding board member of the POS Pilot Plant Corp.

He made important contributions as an economic and policy researcher through the research division during the many debates and discussions around grain storage and transportation policy. In later years he participated in several overseas consulting assignments through CIDA – Lesotho in Africa, St. Lucia and Estonia. He made it his life's work to find the meeting place between the cooperative prairie ethos and the competitive global economy. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jeanne-Marie, three children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

John (Jack) Quick 52C passed peacefully at the Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon on October 12 at the age of 83 years. He was born December 25, 1927 to Andrew and Philippa Quick in Senlac. He will be lovingly remembered by Eileen, his wife of 55 years; his children Judy (Roger) Piche of Moose Jaw, David of Edmonton, Shirley (Eamonn Crosby) of Northampton, England, Joan of Vancouver; and his granddaughters Carolyn (Dustin) and Amy of Moose Jaw, and Ciara and Jenny of Northampton. He is also remembered by his brother William (Elsie May) of Regina; sister Mary of Unity; sister-in-law Lydia Scott of Vernon; and nephews and nieces.

Jack went to school in Senlac and then attended the U of S where he received his BSA in 1952. He married Eileen Scott of Thackeray in 1956 and they raised their family in Unity. He worked for more than 30 years in various positions in the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture (including land assessment and the Land Bank). Jack was devoted to his family and friends. He planned enjoyable expeditions to places far and near, whether it was looking for the first signs of spring in the fields near home or taking the tent trailer on the road for camping adventures in the mountains. He enjoyed annual reunions with classmates from his university days and looked forward to his daily discussions with his friends from coffee row at the Unity Co-op and Luther Place. He was actively involved with

local organizations such as the Unity United Church, New Horizons, and Odd Fellows. A main interest through life was all things agricultural and horticultural. With Eileen, he took special pride in nurturing an orchard at their home-away-from-home at Trevesa Beach on Jackfish Lake. Apple and plum trees, beautiful lilies, and vegetables (including his famous pumpkins) flourished through dedicated care and attention.

Robert Franklin (Bob) Wright 48S died Saturday, May 28, 2011 at the age of 86. Bob is survived by his wife Iva, two daughters, Joanne Palecek (Ron), Donna Peters (Joe), three grandchildren, Mark Palecek (Rosie), Janice Ewen (Chad) and Maddie Peters, one great grandson Leo Robert Ewen.

Bob was born June 10, 1924 in Cabri, Saskatchewan, the only son of Frank and Emma Fay Wright. Bob received his education at Ohioville School, Luther College and the School of Agriculture at the U of S. Bob farmed with his dad until he married Iva Bollinger in 1954 at which time they took over the family farm and raised their two daughters. Bob continued farming until he was 70 years old. Bob was very involved in all community activities. Bob and Iva retired in Swift Current and later moved to Regina.

John Emile Cammert 50S of Rockyford, AB, died June 17, 2010.

A.Wray Breadner 76S passed away on Oct. 26/11. He was born on Sept. 22, 1918 at Imperial. After serving overseas from 1942 to 1945, he returned home to Kenaston and purchased the land that his father had been renting. He married Belva Hughes in 1946 and they subsequently had three children. Wray held various community service roles including school board, rural telephone board, rural electrification program, wolf pack, Royal Canadian Legion and Masons. The farm was sold in 1974 and they moved to Saskatoon. After graduation from the School, he worked briefly for the College as a field manager. He then worked for the Saskatchewan government in municipal assessment.

In 2007 he and Belva moved to Wetaskiwin and in July 2011 celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. He celebrated his 93rd birthday in September, but congestive heart failure claimed him a month later. He is survived by his wife, three children, six grandchildren and three great-grandsons.

College Development Office News

Since this is my first contribution to the *SAGA* newsletter, it seems fitting to provide a little personal history. I am both an alumnus (Horticulture major, 1991) and a past employee of the College (Department of Plant Science). I left the University in 2004 to work as an Investment Advisor for RBC Dominion Securities, and later as a consultant in the area of business development. It is very gratifying to come full circle into the Development Officer role.

The Development Office is staffed by me and Trina Mortson, who plays a central role in alumni relations. We work with a wide range of stakeholders and assist those with a current philanthropic interest in the college. We also attend to our past donors to ensure that their charitable experience with the college lives up to their expectations. I have already learned that no two days are alike, due in part to the diversity of our donor base. A constant theme, however, is the fulfillment that comes from dealing with the generous people who give to this College and support our students, our research, and this world-class facility.

2012 marks 100 years since the University of Saskatchewan produced its first BSA graduate. In 1912, how could anyone have imagined the changes that were to come in our sector? This graduate marked the beginning of agriculture training at the University and paved the way for a new college, which has now contributed to incredible industry change. What a milestone!

Our office is also involved with the College's cen-

tennial celebrations; the following are a few highlights. The centennial kickoff event will take place on January 6th with a presentation by Dean Buhr. This event precedes the *SAGA* reunion on Jan 7th. On June 22nd, the College will host an open house including a lunch comprised of local foods, departmental tours, and an exhibit of 100 plant cultivars released by the college. A number of other centennial events are still being developed.

To communicate one hundred years of our history, the college has partnered with the *Western Producer* to publish 52 articles in 2012 editions. These stories will highlight the successes from our College's past and present, as well as looking at where agriculture is moving in the future. With so many stories to tell, it will be a challenge to select the 52 finalists.

Finally, the College of Agriculture and Bioresources Centennial Award Fund will be established to support ongoing student and college development initiatives. We expect this fund will have particular appeal to the centennial year classes but all graduates are welcome and encouraged to include it in their giving plans. Contact us at the following numbers: Hamish at 306.966.8893 or Trina at 306.966.4063. Our website is www.agbio.usask.ca

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Home Grown

Ian MacMillan 76C and **Judy (Oram) MacMillan 79C** are the proud first time grandparents of a baby boy born to their daughter Teddi and husband Jonathon Dear.

Oliver Reginald Dear came into the world on July 14, 2011, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

Little Ollie kept them waiting a few days for his appearance, so he is already running on "MacMillan time".

The Hitching Post

Bill 62C and Barbara Jean McLaughlin were recently married in Australia and spent their honeymoon in North America – visiting relatives and friends in BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario. One highlight of their adventure was an evening BBQ at the home of Mary and **Bernie Sonntag 62C** aided and abetted by **Wilson** and **Agnes Blair 63C**, **Ellwood Fleming 62C** and Jean, **Frank 63C** and Jean Dunlop and other non-Agro friends.

They also visited **Bob Bradley 62C** and Faye in Brandon. Their return to OZ included stops in the western USA. Any Agros wishing to send wedding wishes can find them at barbara-bill@bigpond.com

Krista Connick 00C, daughter of **Don 65C**, and Norma, wed Craig Todd, June 20, 2009, in Gull Lake, SK. They reside in Tompkins, SK and ranch nearby. Krista is a Rangeland Agrologist with Sask. Water Authority.

The Global Institute for Water Security

The University of Saskatchewan is a powerhouse when it comes to water research. With a Canada Excellence Research Chair (CERC) in Water Security, five Canada Research Chairs and more than 65 faculty members actively searching for answers to water issues, the university is strategically placed to deal with water challenges both nationally and internationally.

Building on this reputation and experience, the Institute was officially launched in March 2011. The institute focuses on developing the science and tools to help manage the world's water resources through uncertainties like climate change and protect these resources from hazards such as flooding and drought.

Professor Howard Wheeler, director of the institute and CERC in Water Security, has extensive international experience studying and advising on flood, water resource and water quality issues.

"Fresh water is essential for human life and well-being, for economic development and for entire global ecosystems, yet water resources worldwide are under pressure," says Wheeler. "At our institute, new interdisciplinary research that links science to resource management and policy will help protect and manage this precious resource."

The research is already underway. Faculty and researchers work on multi-disciplinary science, engineering and social science teams with industrial and government partners to address four broad research themes: climate change and water security; land-water management and environmental change; sustainable development of natural resources; and socio-hydrology.

Institute research is happening at experimental sites throughout the Saskatchewan River Basin, including a site close to the heart of many in Saskatchewan - Lake Diefenbaker. This vacation hotspot and storage reservoir on the South Saskatchewan River provides drinking water for more than 65 per cent of the province's population and water for irrigation. However, possible threats to the health of Lake Diefenbaker from climate

change, nutrient runoff and increased urban development remain largely unknown.

This past spring, a research team from the institute began gathering water and sediment samples from Lake Diefenbaker to identify the types and origins of contaminants in the lake. "We don't have a lot of information or historical data on Lake Diefenbaker," says Jeff Sereda, a university post-doctoral fellow and research team member. "By quantifying the effects of past and present human activity such as agriculture, aquaculture and wastewater discharge on the lake, we'll be able to better predict what could happen in the future if certain activities go unmanaged."

These various samples from Lake Diefenbaker provide key information. Back at the lab, samples are analyzed for contaminants and a variety of nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen, which at high levels can contribute to excessive plant growth called algal blooms. These blooms starve the lake of oxygen and harm aquatic life such as fish.

Fertilizer runoff, urban wastewater and livestock operations may all lead to increased nitrogen and phosphorus, making it hard to link any particular practice with algal blooms. Fortunately, each of these activities has a signature ratio of nitrogen isotopes or a "stamp," allowing researchers to identify which activity may be causing excessive plant growth. Understanding these stamps provides knowledge for better management practices and policies to reduce nutrient loading and algal blooms.

To ensure this research knowledge is useful to the community, the institute works with organizations and groups responsible for the protection and management of Lake Diefenbaker to keep them informed and invite their participation.

For more information about the Global Institute for Water Security, visit www.usask.ca/water

