

## University research park expanding



A gigantic PCL construction crane is hard at work, trying to achieve the 1997 completion date of the Atrium Building expansion, that will be the home to the park's planned biological fermentation facility. The new facility will cost \$9 million, \$3 million of which is being provided by the Canada-Saskatchewan Infrastructure Works Program. Innovation Place is putting up the \$6 million balance through a capital investment for engineering, design and construction.

Innovation Place, located along the north edge of the campus, is one of the most rapidly growing and successful university related research parks in North America. It builds on the strengths of the university in agriculture, information technologies, resources and life sciences, as well as the strengths of federal and provincial agencies located in or immediately adjacent to Innovation Place. The role of Innovation Place is to supply facilities on a commercial basis, to support the research and development community in Saskatchewan.

The 1500 staff employed by 95 organizations in 19 buildings within Innovation Place, contribute over \$120 million per year to the economies of Saskatoon and Saskatchewan.

Thirty-three of the 95 park occupants are agriculture related firms, making Innovation Place an internationally known centre of agricultural biotechnology.

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## Diploma program review needs your thoughts

By Jim Bessel'88S

The university committee that is reviewing the diploma in agriculture program, is counting on information from grads to lead it to sound recommendations.

The committee has developed a questionnaire and is sending it to all School of Agriculture graduates of the last ten years. Answers that they receive from the grads who respond will be valuable in identifying what the program should look like in the future. If you are asked to respond, please do so.

Those of you who do not receive a questionnaire should also consider sending in your views.

Graduates of the diploma program can be found on many farms, but they can also be found in many other important jobs in agribusiness, government and commerce. It seems that the diploma program of the future, while it may be changed, should focus on educating future farmers. But it should have the breadth needed to prepare students for off-farm employment, primarily in agriculture related jobs. These skills would also be of value in employment outside of agriculture.

I ask that you send your thoughts along soon, because the report will be completed by March. Check the August issue of THE SAGA for more information.

# The Thundering Herd



**Paul McAllister**'85C predicted in a letter received by ye editor on September 10, 1996 that he would shoot a bigger buck than his hunting buddies, **Dan Ornowka**'81C and **Wayne Cubbon**'83C, both of whom farm in the North Battleford district. We suspect this prediction was based on the likelihood that Paul had more time to devote to locating the 'big one' than his farmer buddies. In fact, as a senior territory manager for Cyanamid Crop Protection he is expected to be fully aware of what goes on in the territory.

**Lindsay Folk**'88C, normally a land manager with Agri-land/FCC, Regina has taken maternity leave till January, 1997. Hubby **Mark Folk**'88C, sales and leasing agrolgist with Sask. Agriculture and Food, Lands Branch, has been busier than usual in the home and grain farming near Holdfast. At least so he says.

**Darren Petriew**'89C and his growing family moved from Shaunavon to Humboldt on August 12, 1996 - and the wheels won't stopped rolling! You see, Darren is now a mobile account manager, or is it a remote account manager, with the Royal Bank. He works out of an office in his home (if the wife is willing) and travels to the clients place (if the client allows him on the home quarter). This is a new position in the

Royal Bank and will no doubt be watched with considerable interest by bankers and farmers. Doctors who quit making house calls some 50 years ago might also take note.

**David Beckie**'87C, a banker of the TD brand, has moved down to take over as manager at Hanna, AB after 21 months at Grande Prairie. Says he is enjoying the short grass cattle country, so he must be looking about but says nothing about house calls.

**Robert Martin**'78S, writes that he left UGG in January 1996 to join Ramboc Enterprises as Western Canada sales manager based in Winnipeg. Then he moved to Red Deer, AB to take on the job of operations manager with Ramboc. The company is a supplier of fertilizer and chemical application equipment and facilities to agribusiness. The Red Deer office serves customers in BC and Alberta. Home for Robert, wife Lorraine, daughter Karris(5) and son Cameron(2) is at the nearby, beautiful Sylvan Lake. They hope for no more moves.

**Lee Melvill**'74C carries on as marketing specialist with Alberta Agriculture at Brooks. He has been there for two years but still misses the Peace where he spent the previous eight years. Lee notes that **Wes Horvey**'74C and his wife Audra now have two children but he had no specific details - like when, weight, gender or name of the recently arrived #2. Wes continues to work for CO-OP Feeds in Edmonton and he and Audra have an interest in a purebred Charolais herd south of Edmonton.

**Russell Horvey**'73C became crop specialist for Alberta Agriculture at Oyen on Aug. 16, 1996, after a couple of years as regional conservation coordinator at Red Deer. He is still raising Galloway cattle at Delburne, about 20 miles east of Red Deer. In

late September the moving date for the Horvey herd and family had still not been set.

**Brad Arran**'86C, distributor sales manager with Viridian Inc., has moved from Regina to Saskatoon. Call around to 630 Delaronde Place if you want to see him.

**Bill Hurd**'59S,'63C, Outlook, turned in his last expense account to Sask. Agriculture on June 21, 1996. Yep, he retired and finally has time to keep the weeds in his garden under control. He even had time last summer to visit with **Les**'71C and **Barb Bohrson** at Swift Current, and while there bumped into **Hovey**'59S and **Betty Reese**, ranchers at Milk River, Alberta. They happened to be in Swift Current for a family reunion. Many School of Ag grads will remember Betty as Art Stilborn's secretary. (Editor's note: Betty followed the lead of at least one other School secretary: Elizabeth Dickey, secretary to School Director **Bill Baker**'44, married **Ross Evans**'46S,'50C.)

**Don Saelhof**'72C, Regina, has been working with Millstreet Ag Depot since May 15, 1996, as manager, Precision Agriculture. Don is excited about the challenge of introducing the precision agriculture concept to Saskatchewan farmers. They aim to have a majority of farmers on the prairies adopt the concept in the next 5 to 10 years. Don and his wife Connie celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on August 7 and their family is growing up. Michael works with CP Rail in Calgary and Jileon is in grade 10.

**Mark Odegard**'78C moved from Brandon to Oakville, ON, at the end of August with wife Pat, daughter Alana and son Eric. Mark is now vice president, sales, business banking, with the Royal Bank. A new challenge for a prairie boy. Good luck!

## Bicycle poker derby

What do bicycles and five-card stud poker have in common? Well, when you put the two together you soon have plenty of fun and socializing.

The 17th annual Gustafson/Blenner-Hassett bicycle poker derby was held in Regina on August 17th, at the home of Ray '78C and Lorna McVicar. The winner of the previous derby was their son Ben, who was awarded the Challenge Cup and the privilege of being the 1996 match director and host.

This year's derby had an Olympic theme, and all 35 cyclists of all ages gathered for the opening ceremonies on the host's front lawn. Bonnie Blenner-Hassett, the 1984 derby winner, lit the Olympic Torch and the derby was underway when Lorna McVicar fired the starting water gun.

The cyclists wound their way through southeast Regina with three rest stops, at the homes of Lawrence Baschak '79C and Ingrid Theissen, Eric Gustafson '80C and Deanne Belisle '79C, Michel '87C and Linda Tremblay.

A post-derby barbecue was held at the McVicar home with 38 Agros and friends of Agros attending. The closing ceremonies included Rick Blenner-Hassett '75C presenting the awards and Brandon Leask extinguishing the Olympic flame.

**Kim Cunningham '95C** turned in a couple of pages of news about recent grads, gathered in part at the Ag Bag Drag. She advises that she and **Lindsay Good '96C** are planning to marry next fall. In the meantime Kim will leave her job with Enviro-Test Laboratories, Saskatoon, and spend much of next year in Toronto with the Nature Conservancy of Canada, as

Olympic medal winners were: Doug Leask '75C, Cal '75C and Patti '79C Kelly and family, Mitchell Blenner-Hassett, Katherine Baschak, Mark McVicar and Kim Meister. The ceremonial barbecue sauce went to Jack Spruyt.



*The winner of the 1996 Gustafson/Blenner-Hassett bicycle poker derby was Owen Spruyt of Regina. He was presented with the Challenge cup and is shown holding it (above) with Rick Blenner-Hassett beside him. Owen's poker hand was a full house with queens over threes. He and his family are gearing up to host the 1997 derby.*

Saskatchewan director in training.

**Trish Meyers (nee Bardak) '94C** and **Shannon Meyers '95C** were married on July 13. Trish has completed her MSc. in soils this summer and is now working as an agronomist at Enviro-Test Laboratories in Saskatoon. Shannon is scheduled to complete his masters in animal science in the coming year and to start

work for Elanco Animal Health.

**Kalla Horsman '95C** resigned from her job at Cargill Seeds to return to school in Regina and finish her accounting degree. She is enjoying the course but misses her ag. ec. buddies **Justin Watson '95C**, who is with UGG at Yellow Grass and **Brad Hanmer '96C**, who is in Govan with Hanmer Seeds.

**Mike Edwards '96C** and **Cynthia Henderson '97C** got engaged earlier this fall. **Jay Bruggencate '96C** is working for DowElanco and has recently taken over the North Battleford territory.

**Jeff Hammond '96C** is farming and teaching computer courses at Pincher Creek and Blairmore, AB. **Nanette Thomasen '96C**, **Curtis Sinnot '96C** and **Aaron Backman '96C** have returned to masters programs at the U of S, Nanette in animal science, Curtis in business and Aaron in agricultural economics. **Dale Glover '95C**, who has been seen hanging around Nanette, should complete his masters in animal science within the year.

**Christie Berner '96C**, who is known to associate with Curtis Sinnot is working as a CPS coordinator with UGG in Stoughton. **Carrie Rogers '96C** is in Burdett, AB, with Cargill, as an agronomist.

**Travis Wiens '96C** has settled in Carrot River, working for Gates Fertilizer. **Mike Kurzinger '96C** has also made the move to Alberta, to work for Monsanto under the wise(?) and wonderful(?) guidance of **Carman Read '76C**.

**Tyler Friesen '96C** returned to Swift Current to farm for the summer and will be starting to work for Eastman Feeds this fall. **Devlin Wiens '96C** works for Quadra Management at Outlook between

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## The pooped deck



**John Moore'43S**, Speers, pointed out an error in the August issue of SAGA. In it **Olive Churchill (Erb)'46S** had been identified as the first woman to graduate from the School of Agriculture. This is not correct. John's wife Roberta (Phillips) Moore (now deceased), and her classmates Irene Doll and Joyce Hodson graduated in 1944. John also noted that their son **Gordon Moore'68S**, is probably the first "true agro", that is, ag grad parents on both sides!

**John Burton'51C** was upset with what ye editor did not say in the August issue. John did attend the reunion of the best agro class - the 1951 gang, but wasn't mentioned once in the writeup.

**Glenn Gutheil'54C** sends word from Bakersfield, California, that they have sold their five bedroom house and moved into a condo. He admits to some health problems in the past year and hopes he is on the mend. They expected to be in Sask. in October to help his brother and sister-in-law celebrate 50 years of togetherness. They celebrated 38 years of marriage on August 30. He sends best regards to all agros left in Canada.

**Ivan Boe'52S** says he is now totally retired as is his good wife Betty. They plan to golf and do whatever else strikes their fancy. On August 26 they moved into a new, retirement home down by the creek, in Swift Current, of course.

**Merv Johnson'44C** and wife **Elaine (Aseltine)** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 5, 1996. They are enjoying retirement in Victoria, playing tennis with **Peter'46C** and **Sylvia Balogh** and golf at Uplands where Merv is past president. They are also members of the Saanich Probus Club. Merv and Elaine were at the university alumni reunion in Saskatoon in June, celebrating 50 years since he passed his exams for his BA degree.

**Ross Edwards'64C**, Edmonton, retired on June 30, 1996 from Alberta Native Land Claims and become self employed in the field of land acquisition and land claims.

**Wilson McIntyre'41S** has finally joined the Golden Ks (Kiwanis Club) after being a charter member of the Nutana Kiwanis club. He notes there are a number of agros in Golden K, including **Jock Blacklock'43C**, **Lorne Paul'30C**, **Milt Bell (U of A)**, **Art Sawatsky'47S**, **Maurice Taylor'40S**, '50C, **Doug Wilkinson'41C** and engineers **Bill Lampman'49** and **Gerry Zoerb'48**.

An article in the September 20, 1996 issue of the StarPhoenix says that **George'59C** and **Kasandra O'Bertos** have developed Barrier Chaparral, a vacation farm that caters to Europeans, mainly Germans, interested in an array of interesting rural Saskatchewan activities and its clear fresh air. Log cabins at their ranch half an hour south of Tisdale can accommodate up to 18 people at a time and they have bookings into 1998.

**Gary Carlson'61C** reports that their Daybreak Bed and Breakfast Homestay in Regina continues to be a success. He and Jessie spent seven weeks in the spring of 1995 backpacking in Europe and visited eight countries and 28 cities. They are planning a trip to Scotland in the spring of 1997.

**Ross Richards'50C**, Melfort, sent along news about his family and asked for the whereabouts of some of his classmates. Be warned, he got that information. Ross retired from his Municipal Affairs job way back in 1982 and he swears that the 1/2 acre VLA plot on which his house stands has grown to 3/4 acre the last three years. He married Katherine Selinger in 1946 and they have four children and eight grandchildren. Son Allan RossBE(Mech) married a Jamaican girl and lives in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Jo-Anne is married to a BA and commerce grad in Calgary; David Arthur is a BA and accounting major from Royal Roads and Kingston Military Colleges who married an English girl and Raymond Stuart has a BE(Mech) from Royal Roads and Kingston Military College and married a girl from Peterborough, Ontario.

**Jack'48S** and **Elsie Henshaw** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Southey on the afternoon of October 13. Jack says the real anniversary date was October 19, but chose to celebrate a bit early. It turned out to be one of the few beautiful harvest days so their farmer friends were torn between cashing in the crop and celebrating the anniversary. **Fred Switzer'48S** compromised by riding the combine and sending his wife to the party to represent the

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## The President's pen

A task force has been established by the University of Saskatchewan to look at the future of the School of Agriculture program. Our organization was asked to appoint a member to this task force and our choice is Jim Bessel '88S. Jim has a strong interest in the future of vocational agriculture and will do a good job of representing the views of our organization.

A related issue is the professional recognition (or lack thereof) of diploma graduates. Our executive has appointed a committee to consider this situation. In fact the executive feels that the School of Agriculture issue is important enough to warrant special discussion at our annual meeting on January 11, 1997. A panel will discuss the question, "Professional association or status for School of Agriculture graduates". The forum will begin after the business meeting has ended.

One of the fringe benefits of my job as president is to represent SAGA at the School and College of Agriculture graduation ceremonies. I also attended the college bean feed and awards night. I can report that our college still turns out top quality degree and diploma grads. Also - the spirit within these programs is unsurpassed!

I also represent SAGA on the Crop Production Week Committee. The week continues to get bigger and better because of the forward thinking individuals, many of whom are SAGA members, that represent the various organizations that take part in the event.

Our major event, the Ag Grad Reunion, takes place on January 10, 11 and 12, the last few days of Crop Production Week. Please make plans to attend.

On behalf of all SAGA members I again thank Jack Braidek, The SAGA editor for the last five years. Jack has done an outstanding job and we thank him sincerely. As I write this we still do not have a replacement but that situation will be rectified soon.

This is my last letter as SAGA president. Thank you to all executive members for your hard work this year. It was a pleasure working with you. I wish incoming president Rod Delahey good luck in the coming year.

Sincerely,

**Bob Rugg '71C**  
President

## Home grown



**Mark and Lindsay Folk (both '88C)** are proud to announce the birth of Carter, on February 26, 1996. A brother for three year old Tyler.

**Paul McAllister '85C** and his wife **Kathy '83BSHEC**, North

Battleford, are pleased to announce the birth of daughter Emilie Anne, born on August 17, 1996. Weight- 6lb, 10oz. A new playmate for brother Sam.

According to Paul, there was a pretty good crop of babies in the North Battleford area this year. They include:

Quinton Cubbon, born to **Ken '81C** and **Karen Cubbon** on June 27, 1996. He weighed 8lb, 15oz, a big brother for Craig.

Alexyn Janae, born to **Ernie '83C** and **Donnell Nycholat, North Battleford**, on April 25, 1996. A 6lb, 14oz sister for Samantha.

**Kurt '89S** and **Tonya Althouse**, Kelvington, announce the first birthday of their daughter Amy Victoria Ruth, born Nov. 15, 1995 in Royal University Hospital. She is keeping her sisters Becky and Mary very busy.

On August 16, 1996, at 1:10 am, **Sean Doroz '93C**, Vimy, AB, put on a new suit of being Daddy. Miranda Donaldalda weighed in at 6lb., 3oz. and at last report was growing quickly. She has made the lives of Sean and Valerie very busy. Grandparents **Edmund '66C** and **Sandra Doroz** are thrilled with their first grandchild.

**Angela Waite '89C** and hubby **Greg Paterson** of Gull Lake announce the birth of their daughter Katelyn Waite Paterson on August 26, 1996. An additional 7lb, 11oz to an already good harvest.

**Keith '83S** and **Jan '81BSN (nee O'hara) Berger**, Central Butte farmers, announce the birth of son #4, Denvin Joseph on May 2, 1996. His brothers, Orrin (6), Ethan (5) and Garrison (2) are enjoying the new addition, who is expected to fit in well with the crew.

Angela Waite reports that her classmate **Tracey (Mick) Logan '89C, '93DVM** and her husband **Cal Logan**, Oyen, AB, welcomed a daughter Justin Mick Logan on August 27, 1996. She weighed 6lb, 12oz.

## The 1997 Ag Grad Reunion and other related events

In the past the association has held some of its reunion activities at the University of Saskatchewan. This year, for the first time, all activities except the curling and hockey, will be held in the Saskatoon Inn.

Of course there is likely to be a lot of traffic between the University and the Inn, with grads visiting at their alma mater and college staff and students dashing across town to the reunion activities and other Crop Production Week events.

### Schedule of Ag Grad events

#### Friday, Jan. 10

- 9:30 am - S.A.G.A. annual meeting(Saskatoon Inn)
- 11:00 am - forum on the School of Agriculture
- 4:00 pm - curling begins
- 4:15 pm - hockey begins
- 8:00 pm - mixer, Saskatoon Inn.  
Members \$7. Ag students free.

#### Saturday, Jan. 11

- 8:00 am - curling and hockey games start
- 5:30 pm - reception, dinner, dance at Saskatoon Inn.  
\$25/person for dinner and dance  
\$20 for students and \$5 for dance only.

#### Sunday, Jan.12

- 9:15 am - hockey consolation final begins
- 10:30 am - hockey championship final begins
- 12:30 pm - curling finals begin, presentation of trophies and prizes to follow.

#### Special general session

#### "Agriculture in 2050:High tech or?" 7:30 pm, Wed. Jan.8, Saskatoon Inn

Moderator: Kevin Hursh

- 7:30 pm Welcome and opening remarks  
Gordon Cresswell, chairman
- 7:40 pm "High tech agriculture and the environment: What are the global issues"  
Hartley Furtan, Centre for Studies in Agriculture, Law & the Environment.
- 8:00 pm "Technology is the key to sustainable agriculture"  
Dennis Avery, Hudson Institute.
- 8:30 pm "Alternative agriculture can be sustainable!"  
John Reganold, Washington State University
- 9:00 pm Discussion and questions
- 9:30 pm Cash bar

This general session is sponsored by: AgrEvo, Ag-West Biotech Inc., AIMS, CJWW, Imperial Oil, Monsanto, Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, Western Producer.

*Everyone welcome!*

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jaunts to Europe.

The marriage of **Garth Massie'92C** to Mary Muriel McGowan took place at Paddockwood on August 24,1996. They went to Jasper for their honeymoon and now live in North Battleford.

**Brian Stevens'79S**, who was once listed as an employee of Revenue Canada, but who is now controller of Dasher Transportation Services Ltd., Saskatoon, is one of the newest members of the Certified General Accountants Association(CGA) of Saskatchewan.

**Bob Morgan'73C** was elected president of the Canadian Seed Trade Association recently. The CSTA has 180 corporate members engaged in all aspects of domestic and international seed research, production and marketing. Bob is

manager of Agricultural Research and Development , Sask. Wheat Pool.

**Allan Daku'72C**, Parkside, got a real nice writeup, complete with picture in the Rosetown Eagle. And so he should. Allan was the judge at the Rosetown and District Horticultural Society's annual fruit, flower and vegetable show. He told exhibitors they had to remove dust and insects from the posies if they wanted to win a prize.

**Bob Gordon'79S**, Saskatoon, was an honorary ambassador at the 1996 Saskatoon Folkfest. He has been an active volunteer for many years; a founding member of the Scottish Societies and volunteer with the Saskatoon Boy's Pipe Band being two of his activities. Bob and many other volunteers have made Folkfest a great annual event.



## January 6 to 11, 1997 – Saskatoon Inn

### Sponsors

AgrEvo  
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#### Mon. Jan. 6 Flax Growers Western Canada Annual meeting.

- 8:30 am • President's report  
 • Flax council of Canada report  
 • Variety update  
 • Chemical research and applications
- 1:15 pm • Market update for flax and linola  
 • Health benefits of flax  
 • Fertilizer and seed placement

#### Mon. Jan. 6 Saskatchewan Forage Council Seminar and annual meeting

- 8:45 am • Alfalfa in crop rotations  
 • Tame forage stand renovation  
 • Breeding and variety testing update
- 1:30 pm • Green plan grass seed project update  
 • Perennial ryegrass/brome hybrids  
 • Manitoba forage seed scheme  
 • Ergot on grass seed

#### Mon. Jan. 6 Sask. Winter Cereal Growers Annual mtg. and production workshop

- 9:00 am • Annual meeting  
 • 1996 crop review  
 • Helping wildlife by growing winter cereals  
 • Winter wheat markets  
 • Managing w. wheat to maximize protein
- 1:30 pm • Rye and its value for humans and animals  
 • The grain net  
 • Rye as forage and feed  
 • Triticale: What's happening?
- 4 pm • Bear pit session

#### Mon. Jan. 6 Sask. Pulse Crop Develop't Board

- 1:30 pm • Annual meeting  
 7:30 pm • Wine and cheese reception, Prairieland  
 Exhibition

#### Tue. Jan. 7 Sask. Pulse Crop Develop't Board

- 8:00 am • Chickpea varieties for Saskatchewan  
 • Producer experience with Desi chickpeas  
 • Managing diseases in chickpeas  
 • Producer experience with Kabuli chickpeas  
 • Market outlooks for chickpeas, peas, lentils  
 • Sask. Pulse Crop Development Board,  
 - past present and future
- 1:15 pm • Bean varieties for Saskatchewan  
 • Producer experience for dry beans  
 • Managing weeds and diseases in dry beans  
 • Processing and marketing dry beans

#### Tue. Jan. 7 Sask. Seed Growers' Assoc.

- 12:30 pm • Annual meeting  
 • Panel discussion
- 6:00 pm • Banquet and awards presentation

#### Wed. Jan. 8 Sask. Seed Growers' Assoc.

- 8:30 am • Canadian Seed Growers' Assoc. update  
 • New varieties update

#### Wed, Jan. 8 Sask. Canola Growers Assoc., and Sask. Canola Development Com.

- Canola Days
- 1:30 pm • Future of biotechnology  
 • Canola yield study  
 • Sk. Canola Dev. Commission annual mtg.

#### Wed. Jan. 8 General Session

- 7:30 pm • Agriculture in 2050: High Tech or?  
 (see detail on opposite page)

#### Thur. Jan. 9 Canola Days Program

- 9:00 am • Future of transportation & grain handling  
 • Practicality of GPS and GIS  
 • '96 Canola Production site results
- 12:45 pm • SK Canola Growers Assoc. ann. meeting  
 • New canola futures contract  
 • Canola market outlook  
 • Agribusiness:  
 Growing in the new millennium
- 6:00 pm • SK Canola Growers reception & banquet

#### Fri. Jan. 9 Native Plant Society of Sask.

- Issues, Challenges, Opportunities
- 8:00 am • Native plant industry market:  
 Assessment -Solutions 2000  
 • Grazing of native grass species  
 • Ecovar development and winterfat project  
 update.  
 • Extension/communication summary &  
 panel

January 7 to 10, 1997  
 Crop Production Show  
 Prairieland Exhibition



# 9th Annual Ag Grad Hockey Tournament

January 10,11 &12,1997  
Agri-Place Twin Arenas, Saskatoon

## Teams

\* There will be two divisions, with a maximum of eight teams in the competitive division, and four teams in the recreational division.

\* The first 12 teams will be accepted, including one student team from the diploma and one student team from the degree program.

\* Due to limited ice time, only the first 12 teams submitting a \$100 deposit will be confirmed for the tournament.

\* A minimum roster of 10 players per team is to be registered by December 27, 1996. Individuals interested in playing should contact Corey or Jim(see below).

## Entry fee:

Competitive: \$420/team - 3 games minimum

Recreational: \$280 /team- 2 games minimum

\$100 per team deposit required by Dec. 27,1996

Grad participants must be S.A.G.A. members(\$10/yr or life membership). Since we must pay for ice time in advance, receiving a deposit in advance, and the balance of the entry and membership fees before the first game begins is imperative.

Telephone, fax, mail or deliver entries to:

**Corey Loessin, Box 324, Radisson, SK S0K 3L0**

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**Shelley Jones '84C**, reports from command headquarters in Moose Jaw, that she and husband Tim Anderson welcomed the arrival of their daughter Avery Lynne, a sister for Zakary, their two year old son. Tim farms near Marquis and Shelley returned to work for the Western Canadian Wheat Growers in November. So they make their home in Moose Jaw but Tim commutes to the farm and Shelley to Regina.

**Darren'89C and Kim(Bruce)'89BSc(Nutr) Petriew** announce the birth of Evan Andrew Petriew, on September 7, 1996. He joins Eric, 13 and Sarah, 3.

Telephone 966-4049(office) or 827-2022(home), or fax 827-2064.

or

Jim Bagshaw, telephone 975-1312(office) or 221 4947(cell)

## Rules:

\* Each team roster must have at least 75% School or College grads or undergrads.

\* Teams may be organized on a regional, grad year or other basis. Student teams are to be a mixture of talent.

\* Non contact, no slapshot rules will apply. S.A.H.A officiating.

## Game Schedule

\* Friday: 4:15 pm to 8:30 pm

\* Saturday: 8:00 am to 6:15 pm

\* Sunday: 9:15 am to 12 noon

Consolation final - 9:15 am

Championship final 10:30 am

## Girls Hockey

If there is enough interest, a game between agro student girls and ag grad girls can be organized for Saturday. Interested players should contact Corey.

## Attention Agro Grads

### Free yearbooks available

The A.S.A. has many old yearbooks that may be of interest to you.

The years available are: 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1985, 1986, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, and 1995.

If you want any of these free yearbooks, 'phone the A.S.A. office at 966-7742 and ask for Tannis, or another executive member or stop by the Agro lounge(Room 1E04) in the Agriculture Building.

It would be great to see you.



# Ag Grad Bonspiel

**Saskatoon: Jan.10,11,12, 1997**

## Draw times and locations

All rinks will have their first game on Friday, Jan.10 at 4 pm. (Depending on the number of teams entered in the Hutcheon Event, there may be a 2 pm draw.)

A schedule will be in the sport section of the Wed. Jan.8 and Fri. Jan.10 issues of The StarPhoenix.

## Rules

- \* Every rink will play at least three games.
- \* All games, including the finals, will be eight ends.
- \* A buzzer will be sounded 25 minutes before the hour. This will be the signal for the teams to complete the end and play one more end only.
- \* Ties will be decided by skip rocks with sweepers.
- \* Each rink will have at least three SAGA members.
- \* Non-members can play lead only.
- \* The entry fee will be \$18 per player if paid by January 3, and \$20 if paid later.
- \* Graduates must have paid their annual or life membership in S.A.G.A. before curling.

## Bonspiel Entries

- \* Limit of 32 rinks in the regular draw and 16 in the Hutcheon event.
- \* Entries close at midnight on Friday, Jan.3,1997.

\* Entries from individuals are welcome: you will be assigned to a team. Please indicate the position you prefer to play.

\*Please complete all parts of the entry form and forward it with payment to:

**Daryl Kratchmer** or  
**Box 1223,**  
**Watrous, SK**  
**S7N 1N9**  
**946-3358 (o) 946-2337( home)**  
**946-3957 ( fax)**

**Trevor Herzog**  
**#1 - 109 107th St.**  
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## Prizes

There will again be prizes for the two finalists in all four events. Ted Boychuk'71C, Regina, arranged for these with the Royal Bank, Regina; Cargill, Saskatoon; Monsanto, Saskatoon and John Deere, Regina. The Sask. Agricultural Graduates Association thanks those firms for their support of this event.

**Daryl Kratchmer'84C, drawmaster**  
**Trevor Herzog'93S, assistant drawmaster**

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## Empty saddles



**Walton James Anderson '42C** died at his home in Ottawa with his family on the morning of August 29, 1996. He is survived by his wife Marney (Dixon) '42 BSE, children Dianne, Paul and Chris, five grandchildren, a great granddaughter and his sister Margaret.

Walton had a distinguished career in agricultural economics. He taught at the University of B.C., directed the Agricultural Economics Research Council of Canada and during the 1960s worked in Ghana for the Harvard Development Advisory Service. His career culminated in the position of senior policy advisor to Agriculture Canada. He was a Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada and of the Canadian Economics and Farm Management Society, and a recipient of the Merit Award for public service in Canada.

**Donald Charles Milton Bell '84C** of Saskatoon, died on October 12, 1996, in Royal University Hospital. He was 46 years old. Donald had served in the developing countries of Ghana with CUSO, and in Zambia with CIDA for a total of six years and was working at the university Crop Development Centre in barley research at the time of his death. He is survived by his parents Joan and Milton Bell, Saskatoon; sisters Joyce (Dave) Heggie, Cochrane, AB, Marion (Bob) Nazar, High Prairie, AB; brothers Douglas (Lynn Williams) Bell, Enderby, BC, and

Keith (Theresa Bradel) Bell, Regina.

**Alvin James Binnie '48S** died of a massive heart attack in his Tregarva district farm home on October 15, 1996. Al had been in apparent good health in the days leading up to his passing. He is survived by his loving wife Betty (Olesen), their daughters Barbara, Carole (John) Spencer; five grandchildren; sisters Eunice (Harold) Jorgenson, Gwen (Norm) Henderson, Betty (Fred) Gnam; brothers Don (Evelyn), Lorne (Gail), Barclay (Joye), and Ken (Mabel). A quiet, reserved person, Al will be much missed by his family and friends.

Following graduation Al worked at the University and on stock farms in the Regina district before moving onto the home grain farm at Tregarva.

**John Reginald de la Hey**, much loved family patriarch and committed community leader passed away on Oct. 29, 1996, at Moose Jaw Extencicare Nursing Home at the age of 89 years. Reg is survived by his wife Verna (Shook) and their family: **Art '52C (Liz) Delahey**, Saskatoon, Lois Carter, Chicago, Mavis Byford, Regina Beach, Jerold (Barbara) Delahey, Tuxford, Dorita (Stan) Wheatley, Moose Jaw; 15 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. Two of the grandchildren are ag grads **Rod Delahey '80C** and **David Delahey '85S**.

**Hartford Allan Lewis '28S**, Regina, died on September 22, 1996, at 91 years of age. Hal is survived by his wife Dorothy, daughter Marjorie Steve, daughter-in-law Flo (Al) Simmonds, stepsons Bill (Sheila) Carnegie, Calvin Carnegie, Chris Carnegie, step daughter Nelda (Rod) McDonald, brothers Cliff (Pauline)

Lewis, Earl (Margaret) Lewis and Orval (Elva) Lewis, four grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and five great great grandchildren. Hal started farming at Gray, Sask., the year he graduated and in 1937 began a 25 year career as sessional lecturer at the U of S agricultural engineering department. In 1946 he designed the popular CCIL discer. He was active in many organizations and served as president of the Sask. Agricultural Graduates Association in 1954, the Sask. Seed Growers Association and the Canadian Seed Growers Association. He was a founding member of the Palliser Wheat Growers, charter member of the Canadian Society of Agricultural Engineering, served on the advisory committee to the College of Agriculture and as a director of Pionera.

**Thomas Wendell Moore '41S**, born at Speers, SK in 1920, died at North Battleford on November 12, 1996. He leaves to mourn his wife Eva, sons Roy (fiancee Julie) of Speers, Jim (Susan) of Delta, BC; five grandchildren, brother **John Moore '43S**, Speers; sister-in-law Esther Pederson, Congress, Sk and brother-in-law Arthur Pederson, Congress. Wendell was a very good farmer and dedicated community worker. He and Eva had retired recently from their Speers farm to North Battleford.

**Margaret Ann Munro**, a resident of Saskatoon since 1928, died on August 21, 1996 in her 101st year. Predeceased by her husband Alexander David in 1973, one son, John Gordon and her eight brothers and sisters, she is survived by sons **Donald David (Nora) '45BE**, of Salmon Arm, BC, and **William Bell**

**Munro'49C** of Indian Wells, California, ten grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

The death of **Hobart Frank Peters'45C** occurred at the Queensway-Carleton Hospital, Ottawa, on October 12, 1996. He is survived by his wife Ema, daughters Margaret Waller (Rob), Renda (Jean Errecaret), Teresa Pearson (Gerry), sons Frank (Madeline), Laurence (Fiona), four grandchildren, his brother Archie and sister Betty Aldred. Hobart was employed as an animal geneticist with Agriculture Canada and he was stationed in Lethbridge after graduation, then in Ottawa. He was interested in helping developing nations and contributed to CIDA projects in eight countries. If desired, remembrances may be made to the College of Agriculture, University of Saskatchewan.

**Friedrich Ludwig Quincke'35C** was born in 1902 in Germany and died at Tisdale, SK on July 26, 1996. He is survived by his sister Cristel Theyssen, brother Ludwig Quincke, family members and friends in Germany and Tisdale.

Fred came to Canada in 1930: He liked the prairies and became a citizen in 1935. Following completion of his MS degree in 1937, Fred was employed as a plant breeder with Agriculture Canada Research at Saskatoon and Melfort until 1942. He then went into the bee business and ran a market garden out of two greenhouses at Star City. A generous and farsighted man, Fred provided the financial support needed by the University of Saskatchewan to create the Centre for Studies in Agriculture, Law and the Environment in 1995. The focus of the Centre is the sustainability of agriculture in this province.

**Margaret Aileen Sonmor**, Saskatoon, passed away on August 17, 1996, at the Royal University Hospital, following bypass surgery. Aileen is fondly remembered by **Lloyd Sonmor'50C**, her husband of 48 years; sons Dean (Mariene), Robert (Selma), Ronald and Keith (Rose); four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

**Walter Cerkowniak** of Oliver Lodge, Saskatoon, died on August 23, 1996. He was 90 years old. He is survived by his wife Sally, sons Gordon (Joan) and David (Karen) of Saskatoon; grandchildren Terry Cerkowniak, Regina, **Darrel'87C (Gwen) Cerkowniak**, Saskatoon, Karen (Brent) Upton, Saskatoon; four grandchildren.

The death of **Sarah Tait (Mitchell)**, Elrose, occurred at the Elrose Health Care Centre on July 24, 1996, at the age of 99 years. Surviving are her sons, **Donald Tait'55S**, William (Helen) Tait and three grandchildren.

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family. **Ted'48S** and **Mel Turner**, Regina, **Bill'48S** and **Agnes Small**, Craven, **Frank'48S** and **Beryl McLeod**, Regina, **Gerald Malin'48** and his wife of Regina, **Sieg'49S** and **Viola Orthner**, Regina, were among the guests.

**Bill Hamilton'50C**, Ottawa, is hail and heart as usual and easing out of golf mode and into curling as of mid October. Brother Bert had arrived for a visit and updating them on the state of farming at Semans, SK.

**Frank Payne'47C** has long retired from Agriculture Canada but persists with Payne Enterprises, despite five pneumonia attacks last year. The

attacks followed their visit to Holland, where they were treated royally, but the weather was wet and miserable. His wife Elsie is recovering nicely from a recent heart operation. Frank still keeps his special beef herd but leases them out to two farmers. It gives him an excuse to get out of Ottawa and into the country.

**Jim Elliott'51C** is living the good life of retirement in Ottawa. He belongs to a low-stakes poker club for fun and a lawn bowling club for frustration. As club president he is currently being challenged to grow better grass. He may enlist the help of classmate **Bob Sheard'51C**, Guelph, who has had an enduring interest in soil and sod.

## News about 1940 college grads

### Reunion planned

The college grads of 1940 are organizing a reunion in Victoria June 15 to 18, 1997. Walter Brice and Bill Thode are liaising with the alumni office in Saskatoon, while Bruce Martin, Victoria, claims to be doing the real job of organizing the reunion.

### William Montieth Wilson'40C (deceased)

The exploits of Bill, sometimes referred to as "Wee Willie" (perhaps because he was one of the biggest guys in his class) were mentioned in the fall, 1996 issue of *The Green and White*. Oldsters will recall that Bill coached the women's hockey team at the U of S then married the team captain, Marion Terpena. Their son is director of Huskie Athletics and his children now participate in university athletics, extending the family involvement in university sports to three generations. Give the article a read if you haven't already done so.



# Message from Dean Stewart:

Greetings to all SAGA members. Since there is limited space I will be brief.

The 1996 academic year is well underway. This year there are 705 B.S.A. registrants (an increase of 40 over last year) and 173 Diploma students, an increase of 20.

Following are selected College developments of potential interest to our alumni.

## **Program for Agricultural Co-operative Education(PACE).**

Twenty-five students went out on their first work placement in May, 1996. Twenty are presently out on their second work placement. Students and employers are most enthusiastic about the program.

## **Plant breeding agreement**

The Western Grains Research Foundation(WGRF) and the Crop Development Centre (CDC) signed an agreement in 1996 which provides for a multi-million dollar partnership over the next ten years. The WGRF is a producer-controlled organization whose mandate is to support research on grain production, utilization and marketability. The money directed to the CDC will be used to develop new wheat and barley varieties.

The CDC is one of the most successful plant breeding organizations anywhere. It has released 90 crop varieties since 1977, including Harrington malting barley, Brier feed barley, Plenty durum wheat, CDC Teal spring wheat and CDC Kestrel winter wheat.

## **College web site**

(<http://www.ag.usask.ca>)

The college has developed an internet site containing information on courses, timetables, researcher profiles, tours, etc. The site will serve as an interface for information exchange

between the college and the agricultural community.

## **PBS television series**

A 13-part television series called Agro Issues: Sustainable Agriculture for a Shrinking Planet, to be broadcast on PBS across North America later this year, was shot on campus last February. Produced by Nutana Productions, Saskatoon, the half-hour-long segments feature round table discussions of agricultural issues ranging from genetic engineering and food safety to global trade. Several well known American experts participated in the series, as did a number of U of S academics, including professors Don Buckingham, Law; Iain Christison, Harold Gonyou and Fiona Buchanan, Animal and Poultry Science; Bryan Harvey, Crop Science, Jim Gerimida, Soil Science, and Mary Lou Lloyd, Philosophy. Moderator and series host was Saskatoon journalist Kevin Hursh.

## **CAP receives further recognition**

The Saskatchewan Association for Lifelong Learning presented the 1996 Adult Education Program of the Year Award to the Certificates in Agriculture Program. This is the third major recognition this program has received since it was started in 1991.

## **Diploma program review**

The review committee is co-chaired by Dr. Cedric Gillott and Dr. Bob McKercher. The review is in progress and the final report will be presented to the university vice-president (academic) in March, 1997. (see related stories elsewhere in this issue and in the August 1996 issue of SAGA.)

## **Distance education**

AGRIC 111.3(Agricultural Science 1) and AGRIC 112.3 (Agricultural Science 11) are being developed for off campus TV delivery. These are

required first year B.S.A. degree courses.

## **TV vignettes on sustainable agriculture**

Over the last several months, nine B.S.A. students have worked with faculty and the Division of Audio Visual Services in the production of public awareness TV vignettes. Funding for this project was provided under the Canada-Saskatchewan Agriculture Green Plan Agreement. College involvement in the project was coordinated by Assistant Dean Iain Christison.

## **Dupont Canada Inc. donates to college**

Under the university's First and Best national campaign Dupont has donated \$45,000 to support the development of agriculture production and management courses for off-campus delivery. This will increase access to agricultural material for people unable to attend on-site course offerings. Distance education is considered a good way to move new technologies into leading edge farming.

## **Mahidol University exchange students**

Eight undergraduate food science students from Thailand are taking U of S courses in term one for credit towards degree completion at Mahidol University. The exchange is proving valuable to the students in terms of academic learning and cultural awareness. Saskatchewan College of Agriculture students are eligible to participate in such reciprocal exchange programs.

I hope to see you at the 1997 Ag Grad Reunion activities.

All best wishes.

**John Stewart**

Dean of Agriculture



## Ag-Challenge

by Nicole MacDougall

### The story of Ag-Challenge

Ag-Challenge was created by the Agricultural Students Association (ASA) at the U of S in 1989 and has been held every year since. Its purpose is to give additional academic opportunity to Saskatchewan students and increase the level of interaction with agriculture students at other universities in North America.

Perry Aulie '88C was the chairperson and Tawni Silver '90C was coordinator of the 1989 Ag-Challenge committee. Each year a group of hard working, dedicated students organize Ag-Challenge (and gain valuable experience in developing and conducting such an event).

Participants in Ag-Challenge compete in academic events, attend the Western Canadian Farm Progress Show, tour agricultural industry sites such as high throughput elevators, farm equipment manufacturers, potash mines and farms. There are social events too.

Over the years students from the following universities have joined students from the U of S at Ag-Challenge: McGill University, University of Guelph, Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Montana State University, Université Laval, University of British Columbia, Oregon State University, University of Arizona, University of Idaho, University of Alberta, University of Washington and University of Manitoba.

Corporate sponsors have played an important role in the continuation of Ag-Challenge. Every year it receives financial support from the agribusiness sector, with many sponsors returning year after year. In 1989, the Agriculture Class of 1949 made a special donation from their reunion fund and this helped to launch Ag-Challenge.

A number of participants from visiting universities have chosen to do graduate work at the University of Saskatchewan as a result of their visit here. And Ag-Challenge has led to a number of long-lasting friendships between students from different universities.

### Ag-Challenge '97: June 17 to 22

It will begin with debates at the Farm Progress Show and of course an opportunity to see the show and take part in other activities at Regina. The teams will then move to the University of Saskatchewan for the paper presentations and team challenge. There will be tours to interesting things in Saskatchewan agriculture.

The following are on the 1997 committee: Chairperson, Sandra Eppich; faculty advisor, Professor Ken Van Rees;

academic advisor, Professor Graham Simpson; academic director, Sonia Blechinger; sponsorship director, Miles Mackow; hosting director, Tricia Ward; communications director, Nicole MacDougall; financial director, Tanya Szauner; first year representative, Gillian Brown.

An effort is being made to locate former Saskatchewan Ag-Challenge committee members and competitors as a step toward developing solid contacts with industry. So if you have been involved in the past or have a question or thought to pass on to the committee, call the Ag-Challenge office at (306) 966-8890.

### Sask-Challenge

Sask-Challenge will be held on January 22 to 24, 1997 to select the team that will represent the University of Saskatchewan at Ag-Challenge '97.

The tentative dates and times for these selection competitions is as follows:

January 22, 7pm - Team challenge. Room 2C71, Agriculture Bldg.

January 23, 7pm - Debates. Room 165, Physics Bldg.

January 24, 11am to 2pm - Paper presentations, Room 144, Kirk Hall.

You are invited to attend these events.

To confirm the locations and times call (306)966-8890.



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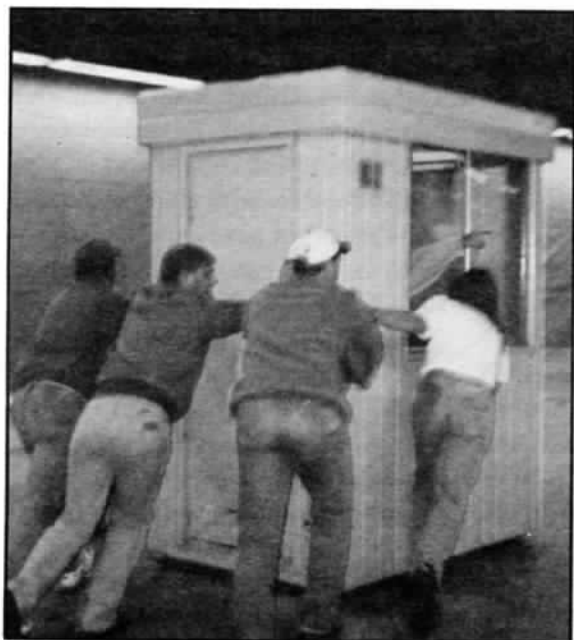
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## Ag Bag Drag a success



Four students push a ticket booth into position in preparation for the 43rd annual 'Drag', held on October 25. The event drew an energetic crowd of 3300 people to the Jubilee Building at the Prairieland Exhibition grounds. Ed Schafer, Agriculture Students Association public relations officer, dubbed the event successful because it drew a big crowd and put about \$2500 into the ASA bank account.

## Seager Wheeler farm: National historic site

The Rosthern district homestead of one of Canada's most remarkable farmers was declared a national historic site on August 3, 1996.

The decision by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada to designate the farm as a historic site came as a pleasant surprise to Larry Janzen, chair of the Seager Wheeler Historic Society. It probably happened because the society had shown a lot of initiative in the restoration of the 185 acre farm and farmstead during the last three years.

The site features a visitor's centre with a tea room, the original barn, flower gardens and orchards. But it also introduces the visitor to modern farming methods. It was officially opened to the public on June 14, 1996 and was almost overwhelmed by visitors during the vacation season.

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## Annual Meeting Notice

The annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association will be held in the Saskatoon Inn, 2002 Airport Drive, Saskatoon, Sask., beginning at 9:30 am on Friday, January 10, 1997.

A forum on the School of Agriculture review and accreditation of School graduates will be held at the conclusion of this meeting.

**Members are urged to attend.**

## ASA members jailed



Phil Graham(left) president and senior stick of ASA, and Dale Atkinson, internal vice president, went to jail in a recent drive for funds by the Canadian Cancer Society. The agriculture students are also strong supporters of the Saskatoon United Way and will be contributors to the Red Cross blood drive, scheduled for Feb.5,1997. The students are taking their civic responsibilities seriously.

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## People

**Dr. Rattan (Ron) Bhatti**, grain chemist with the Crop Development Centre, was chosen to receive the 1996 Leadership Award from the Alberta Barley Commission, for his contributions to the barley industry, on November 28 at Red Deer. The presentation was to be followed by his address to a meeting of interested farmers, agriculturists, industry and government representatives.

**Dr. Gwenna Moss (HEc'59)**, of the Extension Division, U of S, was appointed as the acting associate vice-president (academic) on Nov.1, 1996. Gwenna, daughter of the late **Harold Moss'24C**, has a PhD degree in adult education, has served as dean of home economics and is involved in

the graduate program in agricultural extension.

**Garth Paterson'80C** was appointed executive director of the Saskatchewan Pulse Crop Development Board in April 1996. His organization shares office space with the Saskatchewan Canola Growers Association in Innovation Place at 210-111 Research Drive.

Nearly two million acres of pulse crops were harvested in Saskatchewan this year and experts say this specialty industry is well positioned for future growth. Formed in 1984, the pulse crop development board is a producer association that serves to improve and advance the industry through research, education and market facilitation.

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