

Pulse Producer Wins Award

Greg Simpson '76S received the BASF Pulse Promoter Award at Pulse Days 2002. The annual award recognizes individuals who make an extraordinary contribution to the pulse crop industry.

Greg was vice-chairman of the SPG board from 1986 to 1988 and became chairman in 1989. At this time, he was the Saskatchewan representative for the Western Canada Pulse Growers, and he spearheaded domestic and international market development initiatives.

Greg, his father and brothers operate Simpson Seeds Inc. near Moose Jaw, a pedigreed seed and special crops processing company.

Source: Pulse Point, March 2002



A.P.B for Al Mitschke '82C. Have you seen Al? He was supposed to be at his 20-year reunion.

Haven't seen him anywhere . . .

Lost in time,
Lost in space.

Dodds and Hass Honoured



Larry Hayes '80C presents an honorary life member certificate to Bob Dodds '53S.

Bob Dodds '53S and Glen Hass '60C, popular and talented grads, were named Honorary Life Members of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates' Association (S.A.G.A.) at the reunion dinner on January 12, 2002.

Bob and Glen are both strong supporters of SAGA, serving as presidents, on various committees and as active participants in association activities. They have also had remarkable careers.

Bob was raised at Loreburn and continues to farm there, but he combined that with an instructional career at the University during the period 1954 to 1994. First as an instructor and the first house residence warden of the School of Agriculture, then from 1962 to 1994 as lecturer and laboratory instructor

in ag mechanics. More than 2,500 students benefited from Bob's efforts over the 50-year period. Bob was a very good 'prof' and a great curler.



Glen Hass receives his honorary life member certificate from Hayes.

Jack Braidek photos

Glen Hass was born and raised on the farm at Hanley and showed leadership potential early through his par-

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2002 Ag Grad Curling Bonspiel Results

The 57th annual SAGA bonspiel saw a total of 26 teams participating, 16 in the regular event and 10 in the Hutcheon event. The Hutcheon event attracted two reunion teams from each of the 1952 and 1962 college classes.

The 16 teams in the regular event were a drop from 2001, and continuation of a trend over the past several years. More effort will be placed on encouraging reunion classes to enter and coordinating curling teams as part of their weekend activities. We continue to receive excellent support from the Hub City and Granite Curling Clubs in hosting our annual event.

Adrian Johnston '81C – 2002 Curling Coordinator

Todd Ehman '95C – 2003 Curling Coordinator



Hutcheon Event: Hutcheon Trophy

L to r: Skip Glen Padbury '66C, Third Bob McKercher '54C, Second Les Henry '64C and Lead Gerald Ife '59C.

Runner-up team members were Gary Johnson '65S, Fred Langley '50C, Ellis Cline '58C and Steve Cline.



A Event: Graham Trophy

L to r: Skip Darren Camm '96C, Third James Turner '70C, Second Ken Gillies '70C and Lead Bob Norman '70C.

Runner-up team members were Bill Klassen '76S, Tim Wiens '88S, Rod Wiens '87C and Rudy Weins '67C.



B Event: White Trophy

L to r: Skip Blair Cummins '77S, Third Jim Stadnyk '85C, Second Ewald Lammerding '88S and Lead Gary Laliberte.

Runner-up team members were Brian Nybo '86C, Kim Busch '83C, Craig Smith '83C and Stacey Wilson '85S



C Event: Brown Trophy

L to r: Skip Wayne Cubbon '83C, Third Jason Remus '92S, Second Tim Schultz '89C and Lead Peter Frey '91S.

Runner-up team members were Lyle Forden '00C, Dorothy Krysak '03C, Chris Baan '00C and Julie Markert '02C.

SAGA Hockey tournament



Non-competitive champs Larryville Tigers.
Photos by Dave Norris

This year's edition of the SAGA Hockey tournament was a huge success on the ice. This year had 4 teams in the competitive division and 6 teams in the non-competitive. First of all the competitive: the four teams included the two-time defending champions Aventus. Others included the powerhouse team from Drake; the up and comers from Todd Fridays team called the Hornets and the new kids on the block under Joey "Scar" Clavelle's goaltending called Scar Tissue. Each game in the competitive division was very close. One more player here or there could have changed the standings from top to bottom.

As it was, the new kids on the block had excellent goaltending from Joey "Scar" Clavelle and strong team defence and that combination helped them bring home their first championship.

I remember you guys backchecking (Sheldon Bender). The team mostly made of grad '93 will be hard pressed to defend as next year the wily veterans will be after this team from the get go. The team included Bob Duncan, Dean Hockley, Neil Yelland, Todd Rowan, Murray Booy, Sheldon Bender, Joey Clavelle, Kirt Dickie, Stu Southgate, Charlie Salisbury, Vaughn Minogue, Mike Torrens, Travis Goebel, and Neil Dobson.

The team from Drake took home this year's B division.



Competitive champs Scar Tissue Back L to r Neil Yelland, Vaughn Minoque, Bob Duncan, Kirt Dickie, Charlie Salisbury. Middle: Dean Hockley, Neil Dobson. Front: Travis Goebel, Sheldon Bender, Murray Booy, Joe Clavelle, Mike Torrens, Todd Rowan, Stuart Southgate.

The non-competitive teams also had an excellent time. Lots of reminiscing and good humour everywhere. However, this year's winner was the Larryville Tigers. Under the influenced guidance of Claude Sanders, Stu Barthel, Matt Henke and Ed Schafer the team managed to squeek out a win in the final over the Fossinators.

The Larryville Tigers team included: Claude Sanders, Tyler Wiens, Trent Dorrance, Steve Beaumont, Dustin Ostrander, Brian Doane, Matt Hanke, Ian Wourms, Brian Andrews, Jeff Larre, Les McLaughlin, Aaron Miller, Brian Kohlman, Colin Tanner, Colin Bletsky, Curtis Kolibab, and Stu Barthel.

The tournament begins Friday afternoon around 4:00 pm and ends Saturday by 6:00 pm. This helps accommodate more players so if you are interested in playing or putting in a team for next year, let Jason McMartin know at 477-9405. Also, there is a woman's hockey game at 2:00 pm Saturday each year. It's generally undergrads versus grads. There's always room for more so please consider strutting your stuff next year and if you want to be really popular; bring goaltender equipment.

SAGA hockey
Dave Norris

Thundering Herd



Rod Piche'88S and **Isabelle (Poisson) Piche**'91C have got a house in Swift Current. Isabelle works at the research station and Rod farms near Gravelbourg.

Kerry Foster'70C and Judy are trying out living at Vernon BC, after long spells in North Battleford and Saskatoon. A final decision on a retirement location is yet to be made.

Paul Beaumont'81C recently moved from the Maritimes and bought a house at Kennedy SK. He's now working at Seed Hawk with **Pat Beaujot**'81C, who is part owner of the air drill manufacturer. Pat and **Judy Wooff**'81C also farm near Langbank, with the help of five-year-old Max, an Agro in training.

Sam Reimche'44S says he's reached a milestone in his life. After 62 years of farming at Leader SK, he's ceased to farm. He says the enforced idleness is difficult to adjust to, but his health is good.

Del Flaten'57S, along with sons **Gary**'80S, **B.Comm.** '94 and **Ray**'81S, had an enjoyable trip to Norway last October. While there, they visited a number of relatives and saw at least part of that beautiful country. While mostly retired, Del and Doris occasionally commute from their home in Weyburn to the farm, to help Ray. Del says with grain farming,

an expanding cattle herd and RM council work, Ray keeps busy.

Gary had a busy 2001. He expanded the family with a daughter just before the new year (see Home Grown section), lost a job in the Westco "company right sizing", then found a job and moved to Kelowna in June. The job is with the BC government as a customer support analyst in their risk management branch – in other words he peddles crop insurance. Haven't heard how he made out with the new BC "government right sizing". Let's hope he made the cut. Two severance packages in one year would be a little hard to take.

Mark Odegard'77C transferred from Regina to Winnipeg just before Christmas 2001. He's the regional VP for Manitoba and NW Ontario, with RBC Royal Bank. Wife **Pat, U of A BSA** '77, is completing a second degree in linguistics at the U of M in Winnipeg. Son Eric is in grade 9 and daughter Alana is in first year university at the U of A in Edmonton.

There's no shortage of Thundering Herd involved with Saskatchewan's farm commodity organizations. Here's a list of some we've come across:

Sask Pulse Growers – executive director is **Garth Patterson**'80C in Saskatoon, chairman of the board is **Glenn Annand**'78C from Mossbank. Other board members are **Jim Moen**'80C from Cabri, **Shawn Buhr**'88C from Lucky Lake and **Ron Hundebly**'73S from Elbow.

Sask Canola Development Commission – chair is **Jim Caughlin**'74C from Tisdale, vice-chair is **Barb Podhorodeski** of Smeaton, wife of **Ed**'88S. Directors include **Wayne Bacon**'67S from Kinistino and **Ray**

Hilderman'66S from Strasbourg.

Sask Canola Growers Assoc – **Ray Hilderman**'66S is past president, **Fred Meister**'79S from Radisson is first v-p, **Jeff Hoiness**'93C of Allan is secretary and **Kris Mayerle** from Tisdale, husband of **Rhonda Spratt**'92C, is a director.

John Malinowski'81C (Billetts) is settling in to his new surroundings in Boise, Idaho, as a manager with Simplot. He's developing new markets for nitrogen and riding herd on three rowdy boys, aged three to six, with wife **Cindy** '86BSN. It's a good thing she's a nurse.

Page Newton (Whitehead)'89C has left the mountains of Kamloops behind to return to the flatlands in Saskatoon. She's also adding to the province's population by bringing along son **Brett** (4) and daughter **Brooklyn** (2). Page runs Agrow Communications and has a keen interest in helping western Canadian agribusiness compete and thrive in the global marketplace. And if that's not enough to keep her busy she's in the final phase of the U of Guelph MBA in Agriculture program.

Edwin Plewes'83C says he has finally packed in struggling on the family farm at Spy Hill, Sk and has gone to Vancouver Island to do something that will make money. He is now self employed as a contract welder at Black Poplar Frame Works, at Nanaimo. He finds Nanaimo a rather nice place to live: On Christmas day the sun was out, the grass was green, the temperature +5 degrees and the golf courses were full. They are getting settled and looking at a couple of ventures. Edwin's parents, **Grant**'52S

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and Helen Plewes are now retired in Saskatoon. Friends can reach the rain forest Plewes by email at edwinplewes@shaw.com

Dale Adolphe'72C, most recently with the Canola Council of Canada in Winnipeg, has now moved to Ottawa, to head up the Canadian Seed Grower's Association.

Donna Syroishka'83C, sent us a change of address. No word what she's up to, other than she's still in Saskatoon.

Trevor Herzog'93 (Dip) '00 (Deg) says there's a lot of updating to do since being on the SAGA committee as chair of curling. He married Krista Wallace in Saskatoon on August 12, 2000 after she completed her Masters in Speech Language Pathology in Edmonton.

After completing the Diploma program in '93 he became an Agronomist for Custom Ag. Services for 2 years, then decided to get back into research. He started work at the Monsanto Research Farm in Saskatoon in '96 and went back to get his degree in '97, finishing in spring 2000. Since then he's worked with Monsanto in Saskatoon and recently in Yorkton.

He's looking for some really weedy land around Yorkton to rent, for the honorable task of research. Trevor's also got a bone to pick with how SAGA designates diploma grads vs degree grads and is not too keen on the words "school" and "Voc Ag". He'd prefer Diploma and Degree, vs School and College. (As editor, I currently stick with "S" and "C", as that's what the current SAGA members have grown to recognize. This will be further confused with the diploma and degree programs now delivered under

one banner – which means, as I understand it, no more Voc Ags at all.)

Anyone else out there with fuel to add to the fire, please drop the SAGA editor a note. Like it says on the back wall of the outhouse, generally in female script – "We aim to please . . . you aim too, please."

John C. (Jack) Payne'83C recently moved from Taber AB to Olds AB. He's currently employed with Olds College as an Instructor. If I'm not mistaken, I believe Jack was involved in the same Westco "right sizing" as Gary Flaten.

Trish Johnson (Huffman)'83C says husband **Eric Johnson'82C** of Battleford completed his Master's degree in plant science at the U of S and has left his position as Soils and Crops Agrologist with Sask. Ag. & Food to do weed research with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada at the Scott Research Station. They continue to live in Battleford with sons Stephen & Michael.

David Struthers'84C reports that after spending 15 years in Yorkton, he, wife Sally and their four children relocated to Cranbrook, BC. David is an agrologist with Interior Reforestation, a company that provides land reclamation, revegetation, reforestation and natural resource consulting and contracting services. Sally is the Principal at St. Mary's Catholic Independent School. Life is a flurry of activity - work, school, piano lessons, English riding lessons, curling, and as much skiing at Kimberley and Fernie as the budget allows! David and Sally extend an invitation to their Agro friends to drop by for a visit.

Ross Evans'46S'50C from Regina

says he's been sending in stuff for the SAGA since the Joe Zeman era, which I'm sure all previous SAGA editors have appreciated. He says that **Sinclair Harrison'67C** has announced that he will not be standing for re-election as President of The Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities this year. Sinc has held this position for the last eight years and has been on the SARM executive for a total of 16 years. It is rumored that Sinc will be accepting an appointment to the Canadian Grain Commission but no announcement has been made to date.

Ted'79C and **Sharon Bonertz (Korsak)'80C** returned to New Jersey in the summer of 2001 and moved into their new home on the stress filled days of Sept 12, 13 and 14. They've settled back into the old community they lived in prior to two years in Sydney, Australia.

With BASF purchasing the Agriculture division of American Home Products (Cynamid) Ted is now Director, Global Marketing of Herbicides, working out of Mt. Olive, NJ. Sharon does the real work, at home with Evan 12, Aaron 7 and Owen 3. She hopes to work a few rounds of golf around their schedules this summer (good luck!). Ted and Sharon would love to hear from any former classmates - 1 Nottingham Court, Denville, NJ 07834, phone 973-989-8986 or atose@optonline.net.

Hooray for Canada at the Salt Lake City Olympics! We hung our flag outside with lots of Canadian pride!!

Pooped Deck



Hulme'50C and **Dot Henley** of Regina had lunch with **Jack'51C** and **Joan Braidek** while in Ottawa visiting their children during the Christmas season. Henley and Braidek sons happen to work in the same building for the same department of government.

McConaghy Tours, namely **Lorne'66S** and his wife **Eileen** of Beatty, SK continue to fly people to exotic places. Two of their passengers in January were **Gary'61C** and **Jean Rice** of Tisdale, who flew to Singapore and Bangkok, then by bus through Thailand and back via Singapore. They figure on trading \$ for travel points as long as their health and bank account hold out.

Allan'49C and **Jean Marie McLeod** have been on a pretty steady diet of travel during their 50th wedding anniversary year and since. Last June they took a cruise and land tour

to Alaska, after attending the graduation of a grandson in Montreal. They visited their Los Angeles daughter and her family in late fall and were in Hawaii in February.

Alan'49C and Margaret Dawson left their Kelowna house in the care of neighbors while they enjoyed a tour of Denmark, Sweden and Norway last summer. Alan has reduced his golf to twice a week but still extends the challenge of a game to grads who happen to be in Kelowna during the season.

Bob Ferguson'49C and his wife **Norma** can often be found at their Fort Qu'Appelle home or out on the farm, but last July they had a great cruise to Alaska. Treated royally all the way. Bob stays busy as president of the Saskatchewan Lung Association, on the Council of the Duke of Edinburgh program and with the Legion. Norma has been diagnosed with cancer. We wish you a speedy recovery, Norma.

Six grads gathered for lunch in Ottawa on January 2. They included the (relatively) youthful **Orrin Clayton'58C**, who is (probably) spending more effort in volunteer work in his community than he did for his former employer, the Canadian Seed Grower' Association. And **George Price'46**, former ag voice of CBC, now divides his time between the golf course, the curling rink, his wife and their children. **Frank**

Payne'47C was there and in very good humour, for he had recently sold his purebred Lanark Red herd - and we suspect for a very good price. And to nearby farmers, where Frank can check on them on occasion. **Stewart Given'50C** who toiled long for FCC was there and continues to curl lots. He curls at his Kanata Club and travels with his rink to other clubs and they to his. (Give him a call if the above is not clear or you wish to challenge him to a game!) **Bill Miner'52C** was at the lunch and as a good Sask. grad was concerned about the weather. He found cross-country skiing isn't great because of little snow (at that time) but deep snow is problematic come harvest time in his sugar bush. **Jack Braidek'51C** was the sixth grad at the table - sort of a western balance wheel to the Ottawa heavies. Three of their children and two grandchildren now live in Ottawa, so Jack and Joan go down there occasionally to offer advice and cash in on the prepaid room and board.

Mike Fitzgerald'50C of Ottawa said he would try and join the gang at lunch, but other obligations made that impossible. He is fine and enjoying retirement. Unfortunately, **Bill Porteous'50C** is not well. His wife said that Bill is suffering from Alzheimer's and is in a home.

Ted Hurd'50C has moved from Kelowna to Calgary, where two sons live.

participation in 4-H and other activities. He was president of the ASA and Senior Stick. After graduation he farmed, completed his B.Ed. degree and taught for six years at Aden Bowman Collegiate in Saskatoon.

In 1969 Glen took on the job of 4-H supervisor at the Extension Division, U of S and served in various positions there until 1993, when he left to set up his own consulting company, Organized Management Services. He has served

as executive director of the Sask. Institute of Agrologists and the Soil Conservation Council of Canada and the company has provided management services to many other organizations. He is widely sought as a motivational speaker. Glen and Elaine still maintain their farm and serve as organizers of the Class of '60.

Fred Fulton'50C, a colleague, introduced Bob Dodds to the reunion audience and **Bryan Harvey'60C** provided comments on his classmate Glen Hass.

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President's Report

Let me start my report by say that it is a real pleasure and honour to be asked to serve as President of SAGA for the year 2002. SAGA is truly unique and certainly the best Alumni Association, second only to the U of S Alumni Association. We should be very proud of our organization as it is the envy of many colleges on campus for the ties that the AG Grads keep with the College through SAGA.

To Bob Dodds, Blair Cummins, Kari Fehr, Bev Miller, Dave Norris, Gerald Berschied and Barb Wilson, Thank You for taking timeout of your busy schedules to serve on the executive last year. A special Thank You to Larry Hayes, the 2001 President, for your leadership and ideas to help improve the organization. Finally and certainly not least, a well deserved Mega Thank You to Jack Braidek for his 10 years as Editor of the SAGA Newsletter.

Bill Strautman has agreed to take over from Jack and we thank Bill for taking on this at many times thankless but informative job. As well we would like to welcome Krista Broten, Rob Garland, Colin Peterson, Aaron Keising, and Eldon Mackay to the SAGA executive. If I have missed anyone my apologies.

Rod Delahey, a recent past president of SAGA, as chairman of the Barn Raisers Committee, has with his committee reached a recommendation, which was passed on the Dean Ernie Barber by way of letter. The committee recommended that SAGA would like to see the old stone barn used by the college or university for office space and meeting facilities. Failing that outcome it would be best to turn it over to private industry for use to ensure that it is preserved as a land

mark at the U of S. Thanks Rod for taking this on, and trying to save a bit of AG College history.

I recently met with Dean Ernie Barber, who is a great supporter of SAGA, to discuss areas of common interest between the College and SAGA. Dean Barber is hoping to start a newsletter for the College in the fall and we see mutual opportunities to promote each other's organizations and keep as many Grads as possible informed of what is happening at the College and SAGA. I think all would agree that a strong Alumni makes for a strong College and a strong College makes for a strong Alumni, so we look forward to working with the Dean and the College to continue to improve both areas.

As many of you don't attend the Annual Meeting, where you can find out what's happening with SAGA and the executive can receive feedback, I would like to bring you up to date on a few fronts.

1) New Members. We continue to struggle to get the newer grads to join SAGA as well as attend the reunion weekend in January, especially the 5 and 10 year reunion years. What are the newer Grads looking for in a Alumni Association? Is 5 years too early to look at a reunion? Is there some other kind of activity that would increase attendance?

2) Finances. Due to the less than favourable interest rates (remember, we're not borrowing) and lousy stock market returns, our investment income no longer covers the cost of the Newsletter. I know one of the areas Bill is looking at is to send it out by e-mail to those that can receive it by e-mail and thus reduce costs. However we would still need hard copies for those with no e-mail. As one 30-year

Grad said to me, when I bought a Lifetime membership back then for \$40 or \$50 bucks, it seemed expensive. However, looking at it now it was pretty cheap and I could certainly afford to kick in another \$50 or \$100 bucks as the whole Ag Grad Weekend cost me more than my 4th year tuition. What other avenues of revenue could we look at? Would Ag Grads be interested in clothing where we could make a little money?

As you can see we have lots of questions and certainly welcome your thoughts and feedback to ensure we are providing you with a strong Alumni Association.

One final question. At the most recent College, Degree program Graduation, the question was asked how the custom of the Senior Stick being stolen shortly after presentation to the new Senior Stick and returned just prior to the following grad happened? Anybody out there know the answer? If so, send it in to the SAGA editor.

Finally, in true Agro tradition, a joke to end:

Four married guys go golfing. While playing the 4th hole, the following conversation took place:

1st Guy: " You have no idea what I had to do to be able to come out golfing this weekend. I had to promise my wife that I will paint every room in the house next weekend."

2nd Guy: " That's nothing, I had to promise my wife I will build a new deck for the pool".

3rd Guy: " Man, you both have it easy! I had to promise my wife I will remodel the kitchen for her."

They continued to play the hole when they realized the 4th guy hadn't

Empty Saddles



Roland Joseph St. Arnaud'48C

– February 20, 2002.

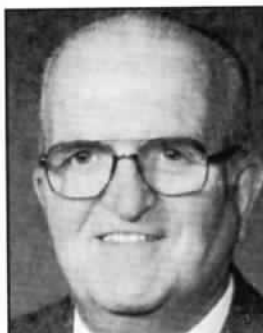
Roly was a well-known and respected soil science professor at the U of S. He received his BSA and MSc in 1948 and 1950 from the U of S, followed by a PhD from Michigan State in 1961.

He leaves his wife of 47 years, Therese, children Lise, Rene and Marc'93C and six grandchildren. Pallbearers included Earl Christiansen'52C, Bob Mc Kercher'54C, Les Henry'64C and Jim Ellis'57MSc.

In his eulogy, Jim Ellis commented that Roly served as head of the soils department when Don Rennie was away on travel assignments. He also served on many university committees, eventually becoming a "Fellow" of the Canadian Soil Science Society in 1979 and a "Fellow" of the Agricultural Institute of Canada in 1998.

He noted the contribution Roly made to planning the new Ag Building. He was seconded by the planning committee and spent a year working with the architects establishing office and lab space allocations for the various departments.

Roly was proud of the contribution his class of '48 made to the college, including bursaries awarded to deserv-



ing second and third year students. He was also famous for his cooking, preserves, jams, jellies and poetry.

Allan Harvey Bonli'52S – April 4, 2002, after 50 years of farming in the Bagley district near Tisdale. He is survived by wife Vivian, sons David and Tom and daughter Cathy, and many grandchildren.

Larry Larsen'69S – March 1, 2002 – who had been farming in the Rouleau SK area. He is survived by wife Donna, children Terry, Len and Tony, plus numerous grandchildren.

Wilmer Pierce'68C – January 14, 2002. Wilmer taught school for 15 years in Saskatoon, then returned to the farm in Tisdale. He is survived by wife Shirley and daughter Dawn.

Betty Helen (Mackenzie) Powell, wife of **Bill Powell'43C** and mother of Russ, Marjorie, Alan, Marion and Howard, passed away peacefully on October 10, 2001. Betty received a B.A. from the U of S in 1943, then married Bill and farmed in near Rosetown SK for 25 years, before moving to North Saanich, B.C.

Dr. R. David Clark'48C of Ocean Park B.C., passed away December 31, 2001. He is survived by wife Ruth, children Tom, Allison and Janet, plus numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Trish Johnson (Huffman)'83C and **Eric Johnson'82C** of Battleford are saddened to announce the recent deaths of several close relatives. Trish's father **Norman Huffman** passed away in Saskatoon on July 7, 2001 at the age of 84. On November 24, 2001 Trish's brother **Cameron Huffman** passed away at the age of

54. Norman and Cameron farmed together at Aberdeen. On October 4, 2001, Eric's father, **Philip Johnson** passed away in Eston at the age of 73 after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Robert David Clark'48C of Ocean Park, BC, died on December 31, 2001. He is survived by his wife Ruth, son Tom (Mary Ellen); daughters Allison Haupt and Janet (Colin) Winchester; five grandchildren, two great grandchildren, sisters Dorothy Seymour, Kaye Ratcliffe and Alice Warbington and brother Edward (Joan) of Kipling SK. He was predeceased by his brother **Herb Clark'45C**. Following graduation Dave obtained a PhD in animal science and was employed as a research scientist with Agriculture Canada at Lethbridge. Much of his research was with beef cattle at the Manyberries Station.

Clara Margaret Hayes of Saskatoon, formerly of Moose Jaw, died on December 22, 2001, her 90th birthday. She was predeceased by her husband Bill Hayes'29S, her daughter Wilma (Don) Dawson; her parents **Dr. William J.F.'20S** and Annie Warren of Belbeck SK and her sister Audrey (Ron) Garbutt. Surviving are her son **Cliff'55C** (Dorcas) Hayes of Saskatoon; five grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Margaret Noble of Moose Jaw and formerly of Mitchellton, SK, died on December 18, 2001 at the age of 97 years. She grew up in Scotland, came to Canada in 1922 and married James Noble in 1924. She was predeceased by her husband in 1966 and is survived by her daughter Margaret Deagle; sons Jim (Elsie), Stewart (Donalda) and **John'51S** (Joyce); 10 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Message from the dean

This winter, I hit the road to meet with college alumni and talk with them about some of the changes underway at the University and in the College. During my travels I was pleased to attend alumni receptions in Winnipeg, Vancouver, Regina, Surrey, and Edmonton.

It's extremely encouraging to meet with such interest and enthusiasm from our alumni and I would like to thank all of you who came out. We rely on our alumni for guidance and support and we're working hard in the College to earn your trust and respect. Many who I spoke with indicated they wish to hear more about the College's activities and achievements and that is certainly something we're trying to address. In the meantime, I hope to see more of you at future alumni events!

Greenhouse project nears completion

The College's \$2 million greenhouse expansion project is nearing completion after about one year. The new facilities will form part of the main greenhouse complex, located on campus across from the Canadian Light Source Synchrotron building.

Major new components include: 8,400 sq.ft. of new growing space adjacent to the main greenhouse equipped with high intensity lighting and rolling benches; two polyethylene covered houses totaling 4,800 sq.ft. and featuring lights, in-floor heat and flood floors typical of commercial greenhouses; and a 400 sq.ft. laboratory facility. The demand for controlled environment facilities like these is high; all of the College's approximately 13,000 sq.ft. of growing space is fully booked throughout the year with a substantial waiting list for space during peak periods.

Propagation of plant breeding mate-

rial during the winter season now constitutes the single largest use of greenhouse facilities. The new space will help accommodate the existing teaching, research and service commitments of the College as well as the ongoing expansion of the breeding, biotechnology and plant pathology programs within the College and in the surrounding research and commercial community. The facilities are set to be fully operational by May of this year.

Organic Certification Project

This summer, the college's department of agricultural economics will embark on a four-year project studying organic certification systems. The goal of the SAF-funded project is to provide knowledge and information to the Saskatchewan organic industry that will prepare it to compete in the global market place.

Specifically, the college will hire a trade and marketing analyst who will coordinate research efforts into organic marketing and certification systems. This research will provide a detailed understanding of certification systems currently employed in Canada, the European Union, the United States and Mexico, examining also the trade compatibility between these alternative systems.

Research will also pay close attention to consumer attitudes, market accessibility and the cost to industry of adopting particular standards. In the later phases of the project, the research will shift to address other barriers to industry development such as competitive intelligence, contracting systems, alternative supply chain partnerships, and management of business and marketing risks.

Another key component of this project will centre on extension activities. These will include presentations and

reports to industry groups and policy makers and an annual conference focusing on organic marketing issues.

Work experience scholarships

CIBC is sponsoring two new scholarships for work experience students beginning in fall 2002. The awards, worth \$2500 each, are available to BSA students entering second or third year who are transferring to the College from another university.

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said anything. So they asked him, "You haven't said anything about what you had to do to be able to come golfing this weekend. What's the deal!"

4th Guy: "I just set the alarm for 5:30 a.m. and when it went off, I shut off the alarm, gave the wife a nudge and said, 'golf course or make love?' And she said, "Don't forget to wear your sweater"

Jim Vancha'79C



Calling all cars,
Calling all cars.
Be on the lookout for
Al Mitschke. He gone
AWOL. Over . . .

Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association

Financial Statement - Fiscal 2001
Nov.1, 2000 to October 31, 2001

Income		Expense	
Memberships	2,270.00	Newsletter	7,160.24
Hockey	5,288.00	Hockey	5,438.00
Curling	2,360.00	Curling	1,722.70
Banquet	8,460.00	Banquet	9,331.99
Mixer	7,910.96	Mixer	6,087.62
Bank Interest	6.74	Bank charges	36.00
Investment interest	1,111.00	Miscellaneous	<u>3,752.23</u>
History book	1,239.00		
Donations etc.	<u>323.00</u>		
Total Income	\$ 28,968.95	Total expense	\$ 33,528.78

Trend analysis	1998	1999	2000	2001
Bank balance	1,488.94	23,182.45	4,310.35	4,750.52
Investments	81,483.58	60,501.05	55,208.55	46,404.00
Totals	82,972.52	83,683.50	59,518.90	51,154.52

GICs	Int. %	Mat. date	Current value	Annl. income
Pacific Western	4.55	05/08/2002	7,500.00	341.25
Laurentian (B)	4.90	05/08/2003	<u>7,500.00</u>	<u>367.50</u>
Totals			15,000.00	708.75

Mutual Funds	Current Value
Templeton Group	10,184.82
MacKenzie	9,853.36
Dynamic	5,936.86
Clarington	<u>5,428.96</u>
Total	\$31,404.00

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Awards

Bob Brack '52C received the U of S Alumni Service Award at a ceremony on October 1, 2001. The award is in recognition of outstanding leadership and services to the U of S and/or the Alumni Association. Bob received the award for his work with 4-H clubs over a number of years and the establishment of Camp Rayner, a provincial centre that housed educational and leadership opportunities for people of Saskatchewan, to obtain camping experiences, continuing education and 4-H workshops.

He provided leadership and was a role model for hundreds of young people and adults who attended the many programs at Camp Rayner. More recently, Bob has volunteered at Camp Circle of Friends, a camp for children whose lives have been affected by cancer.

He also was recognized for his work in distance education allowing people to take University courses from their home location. It was noted that he had served as president of the Saskatchewan Agriculture Graduates Association and is currently secretary of the Saskatchewan Agriculture Hall of Fame.

George Price '46S, attended the Audio-Visual Preservations Awards at Rideau Hall in mid-February. He accepted a plaque from Governor General Adrienne Clarkson on behalf of the CBC, acknowledging the regional farm family broadcasts and their contribution to rural extension. (BC – The Craigs. Prairies – The Jacksons. Ontario – The Craigs. Maritimes – The Gillins.)

George was an ag reporter at CBC Winnipeg and a national reporter at CBC Ottawa, from 1959 to his retirement in 1990. Other award winners included Patrick Watson and Lister Sinclair.

Home Grown

Greg Fedusiak '81C '85DVM and Kathy DVM (UPEI) had a baby girl just under six pounds, Erin Katrina, on October 2, 2001. A sister for two-year-old Emma, and just in time for preg check season. Dr. Googs owns a vet clinic in Foam Lake SK.

Ron Hughes '84C and **Christine**, Rouleau SK residents, added Paul to the flock on March 19, 2001, a brother for Melanie, who's six.

Gary Flaten '80S, B.Comm. '94, and **Mary Ann Knoll B.Comm. '94** had an early Christmas present – 5 lb 11.5 oz Hailey Paige Flaten. She arrived 5.5 weeks early, on December 21, 2000.

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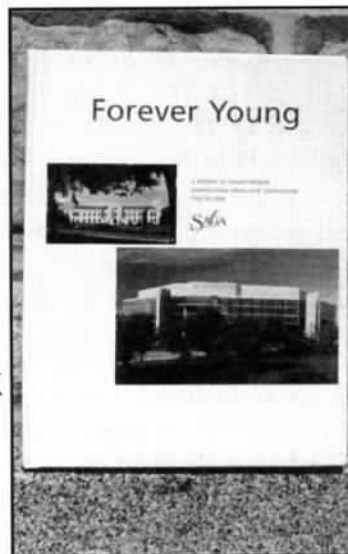
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AG GRAD REUNION 2002

Editor's note - We had no reports come in for the '92 or '97 College years or the '52, '82 or '92 Diploma years. If you get them in to the editor by the end of June, we can get the reports in the Summer SAGA.

'42C class reunion

A quick call to Wally Clarke from Victoria revealed that Wally didn't make it out to the reunion this year. Can't blame him, although Saskatchewan might have actually been warmer than BC this January. No other reports came in from the '42C class.

'52C class reunion

What do grads do at a 50-year class reunion? The same as those at other reunions. They curl. They have dinner together. They reminisce about their time together at university. They get caught up on their family's activities. They remember those that are no longer with them. They plan the next reunion.

Officially, we had 42 graduates, but some of these were really from other years. Of course, some of "our year" ended up on some other year's list. We had 13 return for this reunion and we expect more to come to the U of S reunion in June.

Bill Miner came from Ottawa, Gunnar Pederson from Kamloops, Gordon Bowman from Calgary and Reg Adam from Edmonton. Chris Clark came from Spruce Home, Don Lambie from Regina, Jack Quick from Unity and Jim Smith from Rosetown. The rest of us are from Saskatoon.

We had two rinks entered in the Ag Grad bonspiel. Some who don't curl regularly weren't too sure about the wisdom of that when the fourth game time came.

We talked about the hardships we endured during our time at university, including living in the Poultry Building, walking to campus from across town and living on a few dollars a week. We also established that we started the Ag Bag Drag, although we didn't call it that at the time.

We are looking forward to the June reunion which is now being planned. We hope those who couldn't make it to the January reunion will join us for it. Art Delahey, Tom Gordon, Bob Brack and Chuck Peifer are looking after arrangements.

Bob Brack '52C

'62 College

Twenty 1962 Ag Grads and spouses celebrated their 40th anniversary in conjunction with the annual reunion of the Sask Ag Grads Association, Jan. 11-13. The group included Bob Mitchell and Jim Hart from BC; Terry Veeman, Garnet Altwasser and Al Graham from Alberta; Julian Dumanski and Erven Mackintosh from Ontario; Arnold Tremere, Clayton Campbell and Bob Bradley from Manitoba; and Alf Robinson, Ron Wilke, Ron McKinnon, Eldon Ell, Jack Hamm, Oliver Green, Elwood Fleming, Ray Harmel, Pete Kirychuk and Bernie Sonntag from Saskatchewan.

The Class of '72C

Total attending 46 Grads plus spouses and friends.

Class of 72 began their reunion with Friday evening in the Canadian Room at the Saskatoon Inn. Grads and spouses enjoyed an casual buffet and an evening around the bar. Many commented that it was hard to believe that after 30 years we could come together and pick up where we left off.

Saturday many toured the campus, checked out the Barley bins, and caught up on the last year's events. Saturday evening was the banquet and dance. Class of 72 had a large turn out and dominated the dance floor all evening.

Following past tradition the last waltz was for the Class of 72. We dominated, finishing the night with a roof raising college cheer. RAZZEM, JAZZEM, MAKE EM STEP. WE'RE THE BOYS THAT GOT THE PEP. Damn right, and we still do! Sunday we gathered for breakfast at the Saskatoon Inn, bonded, regressed, laughed, hugged, shook hands and vowed to get together in the near future. To all those who rallied to my call for a good time, thank you. You make the good times roll.

Bill Laing '72C

'82C reunion



All units, abandon search for Al Mitschke.

He was spotted at the Saskatoon airport, Friday, January 18. We're not sure if he was nine years and 51 weeks early for his 30th reunion, or a week late for his 20th. Welcome home Al!

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1962 School

The Voc Ag class of 62 met in Saskatoon for a very enjoyable reunion. Our class "social director", Art Belanger, did his usual great job of contacting each of us and organizing the events.

Wayne Jensen of Rosetown, our avid curler, did well again. He also brought along his photo album containing many "candid" poses of our two-year stay in Kirk Hall, as well as pictures of our six previous reunions. (At our 10-year reunion, we decided to get together every five years!)

The wives seem to really enjoy the Kirk Hall pictures, with several comments like – "What the _____ were you doing here?"

Gerald Peutz wore his Voc Ag 62 sweater just to show us that it still fit – well almost.

One obvious difference from the good old days of 40 years ago was that instead of sending someone out for more refreshments about midnight, most of us were content to go back to our room to SLEEP! And these are supposed to be the "Golden Years"!

A summer get-together is planned for June 21-22-23 at Kenosee Lake.

Altogether, 27 made it, 17 couldn't attend and there were 9 empty saddles, as follows: Frank Henderson, Marvin Kaminski, Maurice Olmstead, Ron Secord – 1997, Brian Jones – 1999, Bob Drysdale – 2000, John Epp – 2000, Al McConnell – 2000, Jim Robertson – 2002.

Lloyd Near'62S



Front row, l to r Wayne Jensen, Ron Nielsen, Glen Leech, Ernie Holizki, Lloyd Near, Frank Faber, Hugh Woodcock, Ken Gidluck, Lyly Dempsey.

Middle Row, l to r, Ron Deyong, Gerald Puetz, Ron Parsons, Leroy DeMong, Fred Clemence, Denis Atkinson, Frank Craddock, Larry Morningstar.

Back row, l to r, Ross Korven, Wes Petracek, Richard Porter, Lyle Leys, Art Belanger, Jack Gooshen, Clarence Weybrecht, Eric Wilson, Bob Strem, Tom Ward.

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No report from the co-ordinator, Bill Sherk, but the SAGA editor managed to take part of this one in. The '82 class had a good turn out on Friday for a beer and pizza night, before hitting the smoker. I believe there were a few curlers and hockey players in the crowd. One notable exception was Al Mitschke, an Agro known for his grand entrances. In this case, he was fashionably late . . . by a full week!

There were some interesting discussions that went on, to say the least. One of them involved a winning

"Stunt and Steal", reported by Bill Sherk and Larry Brack. Apparently, classmate Darryl Thompson slipped out of Sherk's car and swiped all four hubcaps and the gas cap off the police car that had stopped Mr. Sherk and whose occupant was writing a ticket to aforementioned Sherk for making an illegal U-turn. All this went on as Sherk was mumbling "I'm going to jail, I'm going to jail", and with a pile of stolen signs in his trunk from the recent Agro Auction Sale.

(Editor's note – if you have any interesting anecdotes regarding past Stunt and Steal events, send them in.

I'm sure some of the current crop of students and recent grads would like to hear about what us old crocks did when we were their age. And us old stags would like to hear what you young bucks are up to.)

42S class reunion

Yer editor had a chat with Jim Misfeldt from Saskatoon. He says 3 out of 12 grads showed up at the mixer and banquet. Archie Loyns had just lost his wife and didn't make it.

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Our class got together on Friday at the Parktown, where we had a supper and much socializing. Out of a class of 79 grads, six have passed on and 41 grads and spouses showed up.

We are spread out from B.C. to Saskatchewan. Some of the "older" grads are retired and a lot of the grads have other jobs. Those that are still farming, a lot have off-farm jobs, whether it be themselves or their spouses.

We noticed that the hair has really disappeared on a lot of the grads. Most have put on some weight and all have gotten older (and wiser).

It was a successful reunion and I am very happy with the turn out. Thanks to everyone that came. I would like to thank Sue Hicks in the Alumni Office for all the help she gave me.

Lyle Findlay'72S

1997 VOC AG CLASS

The School (Diploma) Of Agriculture class of 1997 celebrated their five-year reunion at SAGA by attending the smoker as well as a few of us being in attendance for the banquet.

Of 26 graduates, 7 of us came out for the events: Heidi Fuhr, Teri Ife (Bartel), Joyce Barlage (Wuchner), Ian Mardell, Tony Boldt, Kelly Hogg and Mike Thick. We

were also in touch with our original first year class that brought out Mike Biblow and Jason Seidler. Other classmates were wishing to be there, however unable to attend due to other commitments.

The past five years have seen these friends become a part of the agriculture industry by either entering the work force or returning to the family farm. We also attended weddings Teri (Scott Ife), Joyce (Mark Barlage), Ian (Lou Ellen Bartel '98) and Mike T (Barb Kidd '98) and saw the start of a family with a new baby girl Breanne (Joyce and Mark Barlage)

Those of us in attendance enjoy the opportunity of having a function of this sort to get together. Being a very close group of friends, we keep in touch frequently outside of the SAGA function as well. I believe timing of the function works well in coinciding with the Crop Production show as many classmates are in the industry and in town for the week's events. If you don't see friends at SAGA, you'll definitely see them at the Crop Show.

A few of us have beaten a path to SAGA since our first year of school and look forward in doing so into the future. Even though only 5 of the original class were in attendance for the banquet, a compliment did come our way stating "It's great to see the five year class come out, as SAGA needs the younger generation to support if we wish to continue."

Heidi Fuhr'97S

College report**Agro Happenings**

In the wee hours of the morning of March 3, 2002, a weary bunch of Agros presented a cheque for \$8,500 to the Kinsmen Telemiracle Foundation. The Bed Push ran for the 10th time in 20 years over the chilly days of February 28th-March 2nd. A big round of applause goes to the Bed Push Committee and all the others who helped. A big thanks must also be mentioned to our Platinum sponsor Monsanto and our Gold sponsor Aventis. As well thank you to all the other sponsors and people who donated. Especially to SAGA who donated \$200 to our efforts.

There are a lot of strange traditions that the Agros participate in. These include, the Bed Push, Ag Bag Drag (goose) and a number of others. We are often questioned as to where these originate. Hence the Agro Questions of the month:

Why is there a goose for Ag Bag Drag?

Where did the Antelope come from, why not a gopher?
Why aren't Agros allowed to shave during Drag month?
What does "Deio et pat raie" mean on the Agro crest?
Where did stunt and steal month come from?

These are the nagging questions that Agriculture students have these days. The person who can answer the most questions will get a prize. Please send your responses to ss_asa@duke.usask.ca or baw007@mail.usask.ca. If you don't want a prize and just feel like settling some minds, answer anyways!

Keep on the lookout for the new Agro rep in the next edition of the SAGA as I am finally graduating this year! I am happy to say that I have a job. I hope the spring seeding goes well for all and that it is a prosperous and relaxing summer.

Barbara Wilson'02C
Public Relations Officer

Five to be honoured

On Sunday August 4, 2002, five people will be inducted into the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame (SAHF). Three are ag grads, the other two have also served the rural community with distinction.

Vic Beck'50C joined Saskatchewan Agriculture in 1951 and for the next twenty years provided sound advice on that subject to farm meetings and field days in hundreds of communities. Chemical weed control was relatively new and Vic was knowledgeable and easy to listen to. He knew how to tell a story! From 1970 to his retirement in 1981 Vic was director of the Plant Industry Branch of Sask.

Agriculture. During this period he oversaw the creation of the Sask. Pest Control Products Act and regulations and staff additions in special crops, forage crops and plant pathology.

Liz Delahey'54HEc practiced her skills as a home economist and journalist for the enjoyment and benefit of audiences in Western Canada and Ghana. After her marriage to Art Delahey'52C Liz worked for a time as Women's Editor of the Moose Jaw Times Herald. She interrupted her career to have a family of four, then returned to journalism in 1975 as Women's Editor and later Farm Living Editor of The Western Producer. In 1988 she became editor of Western People and retired from the paper in 1990 to do private consulting. Liz has been very active in the Association of Saskatchewan Home Economists and in editing materials for home economics instruction in Ghana.

Ken Kirkland'71C is noted for his success as a plant scientist and extension worker. Ken worked for the University from 1972 to 1978 where he was responsible for the extension activities of Plant Science, then as Superintendent of the Scott Experimental Farm with Agriculture Canada. He soon had an impressive list of practical achievements in weed control. These included controlling weeds without the cost of incorporation, reducing the amount of water used with some herbicides, especially if hard water was used. His work pointed the way to changes in Canada Thistle control, fall and early spring seeding of canola and other innovations now widely used across western Canada.

Don Tait'55S farms at Elrose and was a founding member of Saskatchewan's pulse crop industry. He was one of the early lentil growers, planting his first crop in 1971 and every year since. He worked hard and at considerable per-

sonal expense to organize the Saskatchewan Pulse Growers Association, and later the Saskatchewan Pulse Crop Development Board. He was a director of both organizations and president of the development board. Since its inception the association has been responsible for the investment of \$6.5 million in research, market development and extension for the industry. Today the plantings of pulse crops - peas, lentils, beans and chickpeas averages about 6.8 million acres, due no doubt to the efforts of Don Tait and those with whom he worked to develop the pulse industry.

Ike Thiessen, a leader in local government farmed near Aberdeen, Sk. He was elected as a councilor in R.M.#373 in 1955 and ten years later he was elected reeve and served in that post to 1988. His imaginative thinking and concern for fairness kept his municipality well managed. A grid road and main farm road system, built in his time is the envy of many municipalities. In 1979 Ike was elected a director of SARM and from 1986 to 1989 he served as SARM president. He was a popular and effective spokesman for the municipalities. He maintained an interest in education, serving as a trustee from 1961 to 1985.

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