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# **Fulton Family Prize Winner**



Each year, the College of Agriculture presents the Fulton Family Prize to the outstanding graduate in the Diploma Program. The 2005 recipient is Robert (Bobby) Leavins from Elrose.

Bobby is involved with his father and uncle on a mixed farm near Elrose. The farm production activities include grain, sheep, chicken, and cattle. Bobby is also involved with a custom spraying operation.

He feels that he made a good choice in attending the Diploma Program and would recommend it to anyone who is interested in agriculture and learning meaningful aspects of the

industry. The contacts he made with other students and faculty will be invaluable to him.

Bobby remains very excited about the future of agriculture and the role Saskatchewan will play to feed and fuel the world.

# SIA Gold Medal Winner

Each year, in recognition of academic achievement, the SIA presents the prestigious Gold Medal to the top graduate from the College of Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan. This year's recipient was Blaine Davey, BSA, of Wilkie. Blaine graduated with Great Distinction in Crop Science. Throughout his academic career, Blaine received numerous scholarships and was on the Dean's Honour Roll 2002 - 2005. He also was the recipient of this year's Frank Sosulski Graduation Prize in Crop Science and Plant Ecology.



Blaine actively farms in the Wilkie area and is a partner with his brothers in a beef cattle enter-

**Blaine Davey** 

prise. Blaine was the recipient of the Robert P. Knowles Scholarship awarded to someone who will be commencing graduate studies. He will begin his MSc in Plant Science this fall studying green seed color in lentil. **Bert Vandenberg PhD**, **PAg** and **Kirsten Bett PhD**, **PAg** will be his advisors.

#### Agribusiness Degree Proposed for College of Agriculture

Robert Roy, PAg, Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness

The College of Agriculture is proposing a new Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness [B.Sc. (Agbus.)] degree to supply an industry demand and a student demand for a degree focused on agribusiness.

The Department of Agricultural Economics has developed a proposal for a four-year BSc (Agbus) degree. The requirements of the proposed BSc (Agbus) degree will be a combination of science, economics, agricultural economics and business courses. This new program will have a greater number of agriculture and science requirements than is typically found in a business program. Graduates will gain an understanding of the structure and organization of the agri-food sector and possess business skills with particular application to the value-chain extending from farm inputs, through on-farm businesses, to processing, transportation, credit and marketing.

The College of Agriculture plans to recruit more urban, aboriginal, out-of-province and international students. The College will offer a broader range of programs that can attract students who are not interested in careers in what is perceived as the "traditional" agriculture. The College intends to broaden the historical offering of a BSA degree to

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### Message from the Dean

Fall again brings with it the usual excitement of students returning and a ramping up of the overall pace of our work at the University. While it is too early to know what the exact enrolment in the College looks like, early indications are that we will hold onto the gains in enrolment made last year and maybe advance a bit.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will read about a new degree program in agribusiness and you will be introduced to some new people in the College. Many, if not all of you, will have become aware of the current Capital Campaign, "Thinking the World of our Future" and I want to express my personal thanks, as well as thanks on behalf of all the faculty, staff and students of the College for your generous support.

We do appreciate all that our alumni do for the College through their financial support, their constructively critical feedback, and their unfailing advocacy of the College in their communities and workplaces.

The University of Saskatchewan has taken a number of unprecedented steps to renew the dream of those who founded this University nearly onehundred years ago. We are determined to be a world-class university that takes its place among the best in the world, not for its own sake as an institution but because we believe this is what the people of Saskatchewan want and need.

The recent re-opening of the College Building on campus is an important symbol of the strong connection that today's university has to its past and is a strong statement about the kind of university we want to be in the future - a university that values its past, is confident about its future, and that continues to take seriously its commitment to improve the wellbeing of the people of Saskatchewan and the world.

The College of Agriculture, for its part, affirms its mission to support the development of a high and sustainable quality of life for all people through the wise stewardship of all our natural resources. We are committed to learning, discovery and engagement focused on five core domains:

(1) to develop and maintain sustainable agricultural and agroforestry production systems;

(2) to conserve natural resources and protect the environment;

(3) to ensure a safe, nutritious and affordable food supply;

(4) to develop value-added bioproducts from agricultural materials; and

(5) to improve economic opportuni-

ty and quality of life, especially for people in rural areas.

We recognize and celebrate that agriculture continues to be the largest industry in most countries of the world. In Canada, agriculture will be a solution provider to some of society's greatest challenges:

\* feeding a growing world population and using less water to do it;

\* providing a reliable supply of consumer goods produced from renewable resources;

\* protecting the environment and providing solutions to environmental problems created by other sectors of society;

\* improving the health of people and reducing the costs of health care; and

\* contributing to diversified economic development where profitability exists for all participants along the value chain.

The opportunities remain strong for careers in agricultural science and business and the College of Agriculture is committed to providing the best possible learning experience for those who want to join in this exciting future.

> Ernie Barber, P.Ag., P.Eng., Dean, College of Agriculture

### Note from the editors:

This edition has numerous items that resulted from an appeal for input to SAGA members with email addresses. We are not sure that we got all of your submissions due to confusion over the SAGA email address. We now have that fixed. If your item is not in this edition, please let us know and send it to us again. We hope that we regularly get submissions for future editions via email. Remember our email address: thesaga@shaw.ca

There will be another edition of the SAGA Newsletter later this fall. Send in your contributions now! Remember: The deadline for submissions for the next SAGA is Nov. 1, 2005!

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attract this broader base of students. The College is considering new degree programs in a number of disciplines including agricultural biotechnology, applied microbiology, food science and nutrition, and environmental science. The Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness degree program is the first of these to be developed.

The BSc. (Agbus) degree will be led by the Department of Agricultural Economics.. The Agribusiness degree will be developed in conjunction with work being conducted by the CIBC Entrepreneurship Scholar and the Aboriginal Initiative of the College. The College of Agriculture diploma program is currently under review and an Agribusiness diploma, with greater transferability of credit to the degree program, is proposed.

The proposed Agribusiness degree program is the College's response to the needs of both industry and graduates. The Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness degree proposal has been approved by the College of Agriculture faculty and will go forward this fall for University level approval. It is anticipated that this new degree will be offered in 2006. Also, this degree is consistent with the requirements of the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists and "would allow those graduating with a BSc (Agbus) to be eligible for membership in the SIA."

# A Friend to All Agros

Former U of S President Leo Kristjanson died at his home in Gimli, Man. on August 21, 2005. He was not one of us by virtue of graduation from the U of S, but he was one of us in many other ways.

Many of us took classes in economics from him and he influ-



Leo Kristjanson

enced the decisions of some to take economics as their major. He served as the external examiner for many Ag Econ grad students. Some Agros worked with him at the Centre for Community Studies. He turned the sod for the College of Agriculture building and raised the university's share of the cost. He often attended and enjoyed the SAGA reunions with his wife, Jean. He was instrumental in creating the Centre for the Study of Cooperatives. He assisted in the formation of the Meewasin Valley Authority. He was a Member of the Order of Canada, and served the university effectively as president from 1980-89.

#### Past grads encouraged to attend ASA events

Hello Past Ag Graduates:

The ASA has many activities planned for this year. One of the first ones is, of course, AG BAG DRAG This event will be held on October 28th at Prairie Land Exhibition Park.

There will be a Grad Pub before the big party that you are invited to at the Patricia Hotel. There will be buses provided from the Pat to Drag.

For more information on how to get tickets contact Trent Dewar at pro@uofsagros.com, office at 966-7742, or at home at 978-0222.

All past grads are encouraged to take part in this remarkable event that is entrenched in the college's history that you helped to create! Pre-drag events include such things as drag kick-off, hillbilly havoc, e-ject (the new e-plant), blood drive '05, United Way Blitz, and drag stomps. For anyone wanting to find out more about what the college is today visit our web page at www.uofsagros.com.

All of the students at the College of Agriculture look forward to meeting up with you on October 28th.

Watch for the names of the past grads who attended AG BAG DRAG 2005 in the next SAGA issue!

Trent Dewar Public Relations Officer Agricultural Students' Association

# The College of Agriculture Celebrates Its Graduates

At Convocation this year, the College of Agriculture granted 107 students with a BSA and there were 30 students who were granted with their Diploma in Agriculture. At an earlier event on campus, 13 graduates received their Certificate in Crop Production and 5 graduates received their Certificate in Farm Business Management. In addition, there were 11 graduates in the Prairie Horticulture Certificate Program.

There are a number of special awards presented to the graduates in recognition of their outstanding efforts during their academic career. The following students received the following awards:

**Blaine Davey**, Wilkie SK: Frank Sosulski Graduation Prize in Crop Science and Plant Ecology

**William Hrycan**, Lacombe, AB: Saskatchewan Horticultural Association Prize

**Jared Mackow**, Chaplin SK: William Allen Memorial Prize in Agricultural Economics

**Kunihiko Niina**, Regina SK: P.M. and Y.Y. Huang Distinguished Undergraduate Award in Soil Science

**Sarah Visscher**, Graysville MB: Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Award for the Top Graduate in the Crop Production Certificate

**Glynis Oliver**, Speers SK: Farm Credit Corporation Award for the Top Graduate in the Farm Business Management Certificate

Andrea Tetreault, Leoville SK: Saskatchewan Nursery Landscape Association Award for the Top Graduate in the Prairie Horticulture Certificate

# 2005 School Graduates

Barr, Apryl; Mervin Bast, Calvin; Montmartre Bouvier, Justin; Kincaid Carefoot, Mark; Swift Current Davey, Lorne; Wilkie Dougherty, Riley; Moose Jaw Ehalt, Rhonda; Lanigan Flaman, Tanner; Regina Hardy, Evan; Grenfell Hudye, Braden; Norquay Hyshka, Shawn; Vonda Jenkins, Jeremy; Humboldt Klassen, Jeremy; Lintlaw Lacelle, Jerrod; Cadillac Lalonde, Yves; Zenon Park Leavins, Robert; Elrose Lefebvre, Lindsay; St.Brieux Maximnuk, Theresa; Buchanan McKee, Terrance; Rockglen Peters, Jocelyn; Swift Current Poirier, Kirby; Wiseton Prosko, Jeffrey; Rose Valley Puech, David; St. Walburg Redekop, Scott; Swift Current Simpson, Trevor; Moose Jaw Swarbrick, Blair; Frontier

#### BSA Graduates by Specialization (Spring 2005)

Specialization	Number
Agricultural Biology	1
Agricultural Chemistry	0
Agricultural Economics	9
Agronomy	16
Animal Science	30
Applied Microbiology	6
Crop Science	15
Environmental Science	9
Food Science	4
Horticulture Science	9
Plant Ecology/Range Mgt	5
Soil Science	3
Total	107
	49 Women, 58 Men

#### Diploma Graduates by Specialization (Spring 2005)

(Spring 2000)	
Specialization	Number
Ag Business	7
Agronomy	11
Animal Science	6
General Agriculture	6
Total	30
	6 women, 24 men

Urton, Ronald; Moose Jaw Vancha, Kathryn; Goodwater Wheeler, Michael; Saskatoon Wielgosz, Sara; Rose Valley Wilkinson,Tyler; Yellow Grass Wilson, Tyler; Kindersley



### 2005 Graduates - College

Aasen, Kelly; Saskatoon Acton, Wilson; Moose Jaw Ailsby, Robin; Regina Arsenault, Leslie; Maidstone Barrie, Thomas; Blaine Lake Baxter, Caroline; N. Battleford Benfield, Charlotte; Springside Boskill, Susan; Unity Bruce, Jesse; Tuxford Brusky, Trenna; Saskatoon Burnett, Wadena; Swift Current Campbell, Joel; Pense Chiang, Gary; Saskatoon Collins, Stephanie; White Fox Cooper, Desiree; Eatonia Crittenden, Grant; Imperial Currah, Robert; Minnedosa, MB Darragh, Naomi; Turtleford Davey, Blaine; Wilkie DeRoose, Graham; Radville Digney, Tara; Raymore Donohoe, Gwendolyn; The Pas, MB Doud, Mindy, Radville Fagnou, Matthew: Saskatoon Fogal, Vanessa; Lafleche Friesen, Stephanie Girardin, Lynne; Meyronne Grant, Brenna; Val Marie Hawreluik, Jennifer: Sheho Helgeson, Tracey; Southey Herman, Fonda; Earl Grey Hicks, Lyndon; Mortlach Hipkins, Jason, Porcupine Plain Hnatiuk, Nathan; Foam Lake Hollman, Rachelle: Saskatoon Holman, Daniel; Luseland Hrycan, William, Lacombe, AB

Immel, Grant; Central Butte Jaster, Morgan; Middle Lake Jauck, Travis; Duval Jury, Jody; Neepawa, MB Kalcsits, Lee; Edgeley Kun. Anthony; Bruno Laberge, Desiree Lee, Joohyung; Korea Leech, Gavin; Glenavon Lievaart, Justin; Estevan Lindenback, Karen: Weekes Mackow, Jared; Chaplin MacNab, Brad; Mervin Marufu, Gift; Lusaka, Zambia McDonald, Shawn; N. Battleford McGrath, Timothy; Vermilion, AB McKinnon, John; Saskatoon McLeod, Erin; Saskatoon Merkley, Sheena; Cold Lake, AB Minogue, Kimberly; Lacadena Misfeldt, Tarena; Saskatoon Mulhern, Tara; Meyronne Murphy, Avery; Bonnyville, AB Nelson, Heather; Beechy Neuman, Amber; Alameda Niina, Kunihiko; Regina Norrie, Jennifer; Okotoks, AB Nowak, Malgorzata; Saskatoon Ostrander, Dustin; Swift Current Ovinge, Kerri; Scandia, AB Palmer, Tricia; Eatonia Parker, Katherine; St. Walburg Partyka, Michael; Speers Peat, Nicholous; Loverna Pinckney, Anne; Saskatoon Pisz, Jolanta; Saskatoon Potts, Eric; Watrous

Propp, Michelle; Rhein Pugh, Kaley; Saskatoon Putz, Kelly; Saskatoon Rainbow, Crystal; Rosthern Read, Curtis; Conquest Reddick, Kimberley; Saskatoon Richards, Ryley; Yellow Grass Richman, Darin; Loreburn Ridgway, Ryan; Avonlea Ritson-Bennett, Andrew, Innisfail, AB Rooke, Stewart: Saltcoats Rynsburger, Joni; Melville Sambrook, Curtis; Milestone Sandager, Norah; Preeceville Saufert, Ryan; Porcupine Plain Scholer, Ian; Saskatoon Skjerven, Darren; Wynyard Sloan, Trent; Richardson Spies, Joshua; Portreeve Sproat, Brady; Kipling Stolniuk, Peter; St. Walburg Thomson, Jason; Swift Current Uhryn, Jennifer; Wakaw Van Vliet, Owain; Saskatoon Vandenhurk, Ryan; Midale Vetter, Ryan; Unity Weber, Ian; Southey Weckworth, Amber; Saskatoon Wheeler, Brian: Saskatoon Willy, Anna; Wetaskwin, AB Wilson, Amanda; Kincaid Wyatt, Ashley; Broadview Young, Nevada; Lloydminster Youzwa, Gregory; Nipawin Ziegler, Amanda; Wilkie

# Hitchin' Post

Adrian Johnston 81C married Jo Ann Walker, a physiotherapist, in Saskatoon on June 10, 2005. Adrian continues to work for the Potash and Phosphate Institute in the prairie provinces, Montana and North Dakota, based in Saskatoon. The happy newlyweds live at 343 Benesh Cres, Saskatoon, SK S7K 6P1. Wedding gifts are probably still welcome.

**Chris Bettschen 03C** and **Kelly Volk 04C** were married July 9, 2005 in Tramping Lake Sask. They are now Mr. & Mrs. Chris and Kelly Bettschen.

# **1966 COLLEGE CLASS ISSUES A CHALLENGE!**

To help mark its 40th reunion, the College of Agriculture Degree class of 1966 is issuing a fund-raising challenge to all other Degree and Diploma reunion classes ending in six (i.e., '36, '46, '56, '76, '86 and '96).

The University of Saskatchewan is in the middle of a major new funding campaign - "Thinking the World of our Future." The goal is \$100 million. The College of Agriculture is, of course, an important component of this campaign. Dean Ernie Barber has outlined a number of priorities for funding in the areas of enhancing the student experience, research infrastructure, chairs and scholars, and the College Endowment and Enhancement Trust in support of innovation and education.

The Dean's top priority for research infrastructure is establishment of a feed processing research facility - in other words a "feed technology facility". It is envisaged that the new facility, costing up to an estimated \$10.0 million would become an integral part of the feed technology "cluster" at the U. of S - it is the "missing link" at present. The "cluster" involves a number of College of Agriculture organizations, for example, the Animal and Poultry Science

# Class of '60 40th Annual Reunion



The class of perpetual reunions. These guys started partying when they were students and are still planning more reunions into the future. It all started at the Copeland farm in 1965. Those who attended this year were Glen and Elaine Hass, Bill and Alma Copeland, Marv Luther, Bill and Bev Robertson, Andy and Olga Sereda, Jack and Jeanette Stevenson, Edna Gadd, Ken and Pat Turner, Stew and Irene White, Harry Du Russel and Keith and Diane Blackburn. Department, the Crop Development Centre and the Prairie Feed Resource Centre. The "cluster" also includes or will include a number of other organizations on campus, for example, AgBioResource Engineering, the Prairie Swine Centre, the College of Veterinary Medicine, the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Research Centre, the National Research Council-Plant Biotechnology Institute, etc.

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

Talk up the "Challenge" idea among members of your reunion class and let your class representative know how much you are prepared to commit towards the future of our College's innovative research infrastructure. For further information, questions or suggestions concerning this initiative please contact George Pearson (306) 653-7004 or Bill Turner (306) 723-4969, Class of '66.

### 1966 Degree Class Reunion Plans

President Bill Turner advises that preliminary plans for the 1966 degree class reunion are well advanced:

\* Friday, Jan 13 - class dinner (members and partners), Wig and Pen room, Saskatoon Inn.

\* Saturday, Jan 14 - Members and partners sit together at SAGA dinner and dance.

\* Sunday, Jan 14 - Class brunch (members and partners) at the Faculty Club. Plans are to arrange a tour of the newly re-opened College Building.

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

Bill encourages class members to let him know as soon as possible, in response to his recent mailing, their plans for attending the reunion to facilitate final booking arrangements. He says, "We're looking forward to a great 40th reunion and we'll be in touch with class members later in the fall with further details."

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## **Thundering Herd**



Gary Storey 63C, Bill Turner 66C, Murray Fulton 77C and Bernie Sonntag 62C are all involved in a new CIDA-funded project in China aimed at formation of farmer associations, including cooperatives. They have hosted study tours from China and are working in China to develop internal capacity to form and operate their own associations. A project team golf game in Saskatoon netted a hole-inone for Bernie and a bill for the wine for all of them and spouses following the game.

**Jim Turner 84C** sent a note to tell us that he is still running the family farm just south of Plato with his brother, Ron, and uncle, Dick. He was married 5 years ago to Eileen, and now has three sons: Thomas (3), Nathan (2) and Ryan (9 months). He's hoping that this year will be a bumper crop for everyone!

**Terry Veeman 62C** is still alive and kicking but faces mandatory retirement on June 30 this year. His wife Michele has one year to go on the faculty at the U of Alberta. Terry may come back and teach one graduate class and is committed to spending 20 or 25 % of his time with research management with the Sustainable Forest Management Network NCE. He would like to get back into a little water policy research too—an issue coming back into prominence in Alberta Jan-Feb 2007 will find them in New Zealand—their version of Arizona and escape from prairie winter..

Alan Hansen 84S and wife Michelle, daughter of Gerald Girodat 64C of Shaunavon, spent a family vacation in Cancun last December. While in Mexico, their five-year-old house was destroyed by fire. They are rebuilding on the same farm site and hoped to move in by Sept.1. Alan continues to ranch and operate a reclamation business in the oil fields near Shaunavon while Michelle continues to work at Talisman Energy as an accountant. They have two children, Rebecca (8) and Mathew (4). Grandpa Gerald continues to farm and operate Girodat Seeds with his son, Jason.

**Terry Gates 68C** sent in a note and a generous donation to *SAGA*. After reading the financial statement in the last issue of *The SAGA* he figured he had used up his life membership fee in postage. He appreciates the news about fellow Agros and wants to ensure that he continues to receive it. Thanks, Terry. He also noted that as of early May he was near finished seeding and looking for RAIN! His prayers have been answered.

**Bob Gilmour 61C** of Carrot River noted, while celebrating the Sask centennial on July 2, that crops in his area were looking very good and up to a week ahead in maturity compared to the "norm".

Lyle Darwent 67C, Battleford, also while celebrating the centennial in Carrot River, announced his retirement. He is waiting for his wife to finish her work contract so they can look for their retirement nest, perhaps in Saskatoon. Lyle also reported that brother **Lloyd Darwent 63C** retired a few years ago to Kamloops where he built a home high enough up the mountain to appreciate the snow in the winter while escaping most of the heat of summer.

Gerry Gartner 62C, CEO, Saskatchewan Milk Control Board, says he is still a working stiff, peddling milk from Saskatchewan Dairy Producers. He is looking to pack it in two years from now.

**Oliver Green 62C** is still growing and selling vegetables from his operation at Broderick and contracts with the Canada Saskatchewan Irrigation Diversification Centre in Outlook in their horticulture evaluation and demonstration projects.

**Shon Ferguson 01C** and wife have just moved to Stockholm, Sweden, where he will be doing a PhD in Economics at Stockholm University, starting this fall. Their new address is Carl Thunbergsv. 7, 2tr,16969 Solna, Sweden (smf317@mail.usask.ca)

Jim Spiers 71C and wife Wendy (BScPharm'70) were in Saskatoon on July 30 for a unique and touching wedding. Phyllis Pangracs (BSc Pharm'70) of Esterhazy was Wendy's classmate and fourth year roommate, and their bridesmaid 34 years ago. She married fellow classmate Wayne Miller (BScPharm'70). It was a second marriage for both of them after they found each other in Lethbridge a few years ago. The wedding was under a perfect 27 degree Saskatchewan blue sky on campus in the gardens of the Boffin Club. The reception was on the Terrace at the Bessborough, and included a fly-over by the night Police Patrol plane and celebra-

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tory wing dip! They are both back at work in Lethbridge from their Sakatchewan golfing honeymoon.

Jim is President, Right Field Marketing, Edmonton, jims@rightfieldmarketing.com

Lloyd Johnston C71 enjoys hearing from fellow Agros. All is good in Alberta, where he is General Manager of Alberta Chicken Producers, where they focus on refining an emergency plan for the poultry industry and ensuring that the On Farm Food Safety Assurance Program with its bio-security component stays in the front of everyone's minds. These efforts prevent a disease wreck and can assure consumers of a safe, wholesome and nutritious product every day.

Gerry Hertz 84C, P.Ag is married to Alanna Koch (attended Ag college in 81 & 82). For the past 4 years he has been with Top Crop Manager publications and recently promoted to Western Canada Sales Manager. Alanna is a Farmer Director of Agricore United and is their rep to the Canadian Agri-Food Trade Alliance and recently returned from Geneva's WTO talks somewhat hopeful that world trade will be liberalized. They still reside in Edenwold, SK and keep a foot in farming with their 1/4 section ... canola looks great this year. Their two girls are now 9 1/2 (Keisha) and 12 (Shayla).

**Chris Paterson 91C** has returned to the Great White North after seven years of being the most eligible beach bum in Florida. So far he has enjoyed being back, he claims, and has bumped into a bunch of old classmates (that's assuming he went to a class!) along the way in his recent travels to Dawson Creek, Winnipeg, and 200 or so one-dog towns in between. Home base will now be Airdrie, almost within gossiping distance of **Dave Molberg's 96C** house. Chris will be mainly working with Agri-Trend Agrology to further develop the network of Agri-Coaches across Canada, as well as doing business development consulting for Primedia Publishing in the US market. Email: cppbandit@hotmail.com

Douglas E. Campbell, 70C, BA Econ 73 is now working in his seventh Canadian city since graduation. Cochrane is a rural suburb west of Calgary with an awesome view of the Foothills, Rockies and Bow River Valley. Glen McGlaughlin 65C, lives below Doug on the River & curls when it freezes over! Doug chose higher ground, having handled 700,000 sand bags during the Winnipeg Flood of 1997. One of his sandbag volunteers was Dale Adolphe 72C, now chief germinator at CSGA, Ottawa. Another BSA grad working in Cochrane is Gerry Miller 71C who is managing SK refugees' retirement funds.

Business-wise, Doug's foreign files include India, Pakistan and China (ag development) and Geneva (WTO talks). Domestic files include Shortline Railways (one purchase in 2004, 1 pending in 2005), WTO negotiations (for 2 dozen Albertans) and the Western Wheat Growers, his second oldest alma mater (1973-79).

On the domestic front, his wife has emptied 3/4 of the nest, but hasn't found a way to get rid of Doug yet; older son is with Bloomberg in London UK, next son (artist, graphic designer) and daughter (masters program in Kinesiology) are both in Calgary.

Curling colleagues in Winnipeg,

Harvey Goehring 57C, Jim Bole 64C and George Gerber 64C all recently retired; are seriously considering curling in the next Ag Grad spiel - at least for a game or two. Doug keeps himself busy through Campbell Agri Business Strategists Inc, 146 Gleneagles View, Cochrane AB T4C 1W1 www.campbellagri.biz and dec@cabsi.ca

Sean Dorosz 93C has been located in south eastern Pennsylvania in a job transfer with CNH Global since Feb. 2003. This is the corporate arm that controls the New Holland and Case IH brands of Ag and Construction equipment. He is in middle management. He and family enjoy the area, towns, and weather of PA. His wife, Valerie (BEd92), and children Miranda, 9, and Natalie, 7, are doing well. They invite anyone visiting in the area to contact them for a visit. (Work Phone 717-355-4717) They live within 2 hours drive of Washington, DC, Baltimore, MD, New York, Gettysburg, PA. and Hershey, PA.

**Elton Ash 77S** was recently promoted to Regional Executive Vice President for RE/MAX of Western Canada. He's responsible for a region of 206 offices with 5,065 RE/MAX sales associates with a staff of 19 in Kelowna that provides support services and brand promotion for the franchisees. The real estate market in Western Canada continues to set a blistering pace with average prices up in all markets.

**Dale McKague 76C** is currently practicing Veterinary Medicine along with his wife Dorothy who is the practice manager. The clinic is located in Steinbach, Manitoba. They have

### **Pooped deck**



Joe Campbell 41C, a retired professor, dropped us a line to let us know that he recently completed his autobiography Follow Me, which can be found on Google by typing Minerals and Health. Joe is living at Sommerset House, an assisted living facility in Victoria, BC. He welcomes Ag Grads to drop around at 2:30 pm if you are in Victoria for afternoon tea.

**Donald Grant 55C** and wife, Melba, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Saturday, April 30, 2005 in Saskatoon. They were married in Cut Knife on the same day in 1955. Congratulations

**Bernie Sonntag 62C** is co-editor and co-author of a book entitled China's Agricultural and Rural Development in the Early 21st Century. It was published by the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research and can be found at www.aciar.gov.au

**Norm Hemstad 64C** was inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame in June 2005. in recognition of his longstanding commitment to the sport of baseball - both as a player and a builder. During his playing days, he played with Virden, Neepawa, and Brandon teams and was a Manitoba Senior Baseball League All-Star at three different positions: catcher, shortstop and outfielder. Norm coached in Brandon Minor Baseball and was an organizer and founding president of the Brandon Intermediate League. In 1999, he was named chairman to head up the development of the Brandon Simplot Millenium Park; a \$1.2 million facility with eight diamonds

Congratulations Norm!

**Glen Hass 60C** has retired again, this time from his position as Executive Director and Registrar of the SIA. But he also has a new title associated with his recent selection to the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame! Congratulations, Glen!

Other 2005 inductees are Carl Block (deceased), cattle rancher near Abbey and active participant in the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association; Abigail Delury (deceased), leader in formation of women's organizations; Neil Jahnke, cattle rancher near Gouldtown and active member of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association and Canada Beef Export Federation; Henry Martynse (deceased), a registered seed grower and active member in seed growers associations; and John Willmott, well known Angus breeder and member of numerous beef industry associations.

Glen's statement at the induction ceremony on July 31 in Saskatoon, "While the Hall of Fame is an entity, it's really more of a spirit that signifies the contributions that people have made over the past 100 years to agriculture".

**Frank Dunlop 63C**, SAGA Newsletter co-editor, is a volunteer in the Pioneer Threshermen's Club at the Western Development Museum. His responsibilities include shingle-maker and general Joe Boy.

This from **Don Acton 57C** - Ag Grads from many years at Acton Reunion

Elinor Relf, widow of William Relf (45S), mother to JoAnne Relf Eckstein (86C) and sister to Duncan (46S), Donald (57C) and Clifford Acton (58C) recently hosted the annual Acton reunion at her cottage on Grenfell Beach at Crooked Lake. Also present were cousin Stanley Acton (51S), Stan's son Scott (83S) and his sister Audrey Lyke, widow of Elmer Lyke (46S). Stan has another son, Andy, who graduated in Veterinary Medicine from the U of S in the late '80s after taking his pre- vet in the College. Andy is practicing at Ogema. Another cousin, Robert Watson, who took several years in the College in the early '50s and yet another cousin Ronald McKinnon (63C) were also there. JoAnne is employed in the Oilseeds program at the Saskatoon Research Centre. Duncan has pretty well retired from the land in the Rosewood district south of Lemberg homesteaded by his grandfather more than 120 years ago. He now finds most of his stress comes on the 17th hole of Last Oak and in similar pursuits at his winter home in Mesa AZ. Except for a bit of volunteer work in Vietnam, Donald keeps busy in the summer with his garden full of roses in Saskatoon and curls a bit in winter. No golfing stressors for this kid. Clifford was too busy putting up high quality timothy hay to attend the reunion this year. He feeds some of the stuff to his own horses but likes the prospect of selling as much as he can to those that can better afford it . His farm is near Acton (no relation) in

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Ontario. Stanley and his son Scott have a large cattle herd to go with their grain farm in the Rosewood district. Bob Watson, along with wife Norma and son Scott, have a large Black Angus herd at Ellisboro in the Qu'Appelle Valley. Their farm life has always included training horses and participating in equestrian events. After many years of growing and promoting lentils and other pulse crops at his farm near Abernethy, cousin Ron McKinnon, now takes his mail in a grand new home at Katepwa. He still keeps a close eye on the farm, now operated by his daughter and her husband.

Bill McLaughlin 62C did an Australia-wide search for Larry Kane 62C, but to no avail. The last record of him in the '62 class file is Perth, Australia. If any Agros know his whereabouts, please contact the SAGA editors. The McLaughlins continue to reside in and enjoy Brisbane. Bill brags that, as usual, the weather in Brisbane is perfect one day and better the next without any mosquito plagues like those in Saskatchewan. He extends an invitation to Agros to call in when visiting Australia.

John Harapiak 63C was awarded an "Honorary Membership" in the Canadian Fertilizer Institute at CFI's annual meeting held in Victoria, BC on August 7-10/2005. This Honorary Membership was bestowed in recognition of his positive contributions to the advancement of the crop production industry, especially within western Canada, as well as his contribution towards the professional development of retail staff within the fertilizer industry. In addition, John was recognized for research and extension efforts in promoting the wise and efficient usage of fertilizers.

Gordon Parker 64C and Elaine have chosen Medicine Hat AB as their place of residence since 2000. They established Parker Crop Consulting Ltd. in 2001. That keeps them busy for 6 months in the summer. They enjoy frequent contacts with growers, industry people and various agrologists in southern Alberta. Irrigation moisture management and cerealoilseed-pulse crop agronomy is the focus of the business. They winter for a few months in Yuma, AZ in the Sundance R. Resort / Park. They meet a few Ag Grads there on occasion as well. (e.g., Gary and Eunice Korsrud 64C and George and Caroline Lee **60C**). The down-side of being away is missing update workshops, the Ag Grad reunions etc. Their three children have busy families of their own now (seven grand children). Gordon has occasional contact with Dave Spencer C65. Dave is retired from Alberta Agriculture Food and Rural Development and living in Medicine Hat as well.

Michael (Mike) Preece, 51S, retired from the Alberta Credit Union system in 1988 and he and wife Pam moved to the interior of BC to live on the shores of Shuswap Lake. They farmed 1.2 acres to grow Douglas fir, Ponderosa pine, and to raise squirrels, mule deer, chipmunks, the odd black bear, a few ants and the occasional lizard. They regularly see Charlie Hopkins 51S and his wife Lillian when they come each winter to enjoy the balmy BC climes. Owing to some poor advice about managing the aforementioned livestock, they moved last year to Vancouver Island to live in Sidney-by-the-Sea where he has no further farming responsibilities. He spends most of his time watching

seagulls now. He also volunteers to play piano at various functions of a couple of local senior facilities.

Glenn Nelson 62C is enjoying retired life centred on family golf and quilting. His 4 grandchildren are into sports which give him lots of opportunities to support them. Two grandsons are playing baseball and his third grandson was on the victorious Ontario rollerblade hockey team. His granddaughter plays soccer. The Nelsons traveled west this summer with the whole family to attend a family reunion in Windshorst Sask. They visited relatives in Saskatoon, went to the Calgary Stampede and put 9500 km on the van.

Stewart Given, 50 C and wife, May, attended the U of S Reunion in late June. The 1950 grads and spouses sang their traditional song "Those Were The Days" at the banquet in the Bess ballroom - a highlight of their trip and reunion They enjoyed seeing so many classmates and friends and visiting the campus. While in Sask. they traveled to Moose Jaw to visit their daughter and also detoured to view Lake Diefenbaker and the Gardiner Dam where water levels were at a record high. They spent a few days in Prince Albert (Stewart's home town) visiting cousins on the farm, accompanied by their daughter, Alison, and grandchildren, Julia and Gregory. It was great to return "home" for centennial year celebrations.

**Ed Halstead 61C** has moved to the Parkville Tower beside the Parktown Hotel on 25th Street in Saskatoon. He is looking forward to living in a more central location. His view from the 11th floor includes the university and a park.

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# **Empty Saddles**



**Gilbert Henry Wesson 49**C died peacefully in Regina on May 7, 2005 at the age of 86. Gib was born in Lashburn and grew up in a large farm family. Gib was veteran of WWII and entered the College after discharge and graduated in 1949. He was a member of the AIC and a Life Member of the SIA. He was active in his church and in the Royal Canadian Legion. His working career was spent mainly in agriculture including a term as chairman of the Sask. Land Bank Commission

Herbert Charles Moulding 42S passed away peacefully at Royal University Hospital on July 24, 2005 at the age of 83. Herb was born in Hartney, MB but moved to Broadview shortly thereafter. Following graduation in Agriculture he completed a degree in Engineering and a course in Forest Management. He worked for 43 years without a sick day for Ducks Unlimited and retired in 1986.

Michael Daniel Luciuk, father of Gerald Luciuk 67C, passed away peacefully on July 6, 2005. He had a long career as a farmer, first in the Wakaw area and later at Porcupine Plain. He was an active participant and leader in local government, community and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

John Andrew Dorgan 61C passed

away on August 11, 2005. He was born near Pangman on Nov. 30, 1920. He served in WWII with the RCAF. then returned to Pangman, where he married Ruth Murray and farmed until 1956. Soon after graduating with his BSA he became the assistant registrar at the U of S and later the registrar for many years. John and Ruth had seven children who are scattered far and wide with their families, mostly in western Canada. Several Agros, including Sid 61C and Wilson 63C Blair and Bill McLaughlin 62C enjoyed Ruth's cooking as boarders at the Dorgan home when they were students.

Wesley Arnott Pound 73C passed away on July 30, 2005 after a short battle with cancer. He was born in Scotland in 1933 and moved to Saskatoon when he was 3 months old. After graduation with a BSA in Dairy and Food Science he joined the Health Canada, Health Protection Branch and later became a Food and Drug District Officer. He was actively involved in several community activities for many years.

Thomas Bunn 50S, 54C informed us about the passing of his wife, Shirley, on Aug. 1, 2004, from cancer. Thomas sold his home and moved to a condo in New Westminster in July this year. He is self-employed with TCB Professional Marketers Ltd. Email: tcbprof@shaw.ca

Peter Owen Moen 50C passed away in Regina on September 7, 2005, at the age of 83, a victim of West Nile Virus. Owen was born on a farm at Swanson. He joined the RCAF after graduating from high school and worked as an aero engine mechanic and served until the end of WWII. He entered the College of Agriculture in 1946 and graduated in 1950. He had a long career with Sask. Agriculture in the Conservation and Development Branch and the Family Farm Improvement Branch, serving many years at the director level. He retired in 1986 to pursue his many other interests in sports, Rider football, music, wine making, woodworking, limericks, coffee row, bridge and gardening.

James Whaley, father of Blake 71C, passed away in Biggar. on August 13, 2005, at the age of 84. James farmed in the Kinley area. He was an active community member through curling, a community choir and the Odd Fellows.

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two daughters; Ashley (taking a BEd) and Jessica in high school.

Alan Klemmer 71C, DVM, recently made a presentation on the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's role in food safety assurance to a high level delegation from China. The delegation was jointly sponsored by CIDA and the Government of China through a project aimed at small Chinese farmers' adaptation to global markets.

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**Gary Storey 63C** and Joelle just celebrated their 40th anniversary. She says, "To think I have put up with this guy for 40 years!" They have 2 happily married daughters living in Edmonton, and two grandchildren. They enjoy snow-birding in Arizona, time at their cottage and farm and traveling abroad. Gary retired from the University in 2000. As Professor Emeritus he continues to work in the Agricultural Economics Department and does some consulting.



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