

Butala and Bowren named honorary life members at 2005 SAGA banquet



Honorary SAGA members Peter Butala 53S, Eastend, left, and Ken Bowren 47C, of Melfort .

Kenneth Errol Bowren 47C

Ken Bowren was raised at Aylsham, Saskatchewan and received his BSA at the University of Saskatchewan in 1947. On graduation he was hired by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Research Branch, to work with the illustration stations setting up plots that helped to illustrate useful agronomic information. In some cases these test plots added to the research program being conducted at the Melfort station. Ken also had responsibility for research work on the use of various new farm equipment innovations and crop rotations suited to the region. He served as the Melfort station's extension officer, speaking at public meetings, helping to organize field days at both the illustration stations and at Melfort, and responding to inquiries by farmers.

Ken's work with the research station led to him becoming one of north-east Saskatchewan's best known agrologists. But his contribution did not stop there. He worked closely with the Melfort Agricultural Society and later as chair of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Societies. He also served on

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Next SAGA Reunion January 13-15, 2006

This will be the reunion weekend for the "six" years, so if you graduated in 1936, 1946, 1956, 1966, 1976, 1986 (Honor Year), 1996 or 2001, this will be your special year to celebrate with classmates. Come out and join fellow Ag Grads at the Mixer on Friday evening, Banquet and Dance on Saturday evening and hockey and curling activities. For further information, or to volunteer to help with your reunion weekend activities, contact:

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New Editorial Team welcomed

We are pleased to announce that the SAGA has a new editorial team starting this spring.

Bernie Sonntag C62 and **Frank Dunlop C63** have agreed to take over the editorial duties. Both Bernie and Frank are retired and living in Saskatoon, and keenly interested in the College of Agriculture and SAGA activities. They look forward to hearing from SAGA members on their activities and accomplishments. Welcome to Bernie and Frank, and thanks for your support of SAGA. Contact information is on the back page of this issue.

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the executive of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame. He is an ardent curler and golfer. Ken served as president of the Saskatchewan Curling Association (SCA) in 1969-1970, and was awarded an Honorary Life Membership in the SCA in 1970. A life-time member of SAGA, Ken has supported and promoted the College of Agriculture throughout his career.

Peter Noble Butala 53S

Peter Butala was born in Frontier, Saskatchewan in 1934 and raised on a ranch near the town of Divide. He rode a horse 5 miles to Divide school from an early age, developing a lasting relationship with the land and their ranch.

From 1951-53 Peter attended the School of Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan, returning home to ranch with his father. During his ranching career Peter has been involved in a number of southwest Saskatchewan's live-stock groups, serving as former chair of the Whitemud Feeders Association, patron of the Arena Community Pasture and Battle Creek PFRA pasture, former president of the Claydon Grazing Co-op, a grazing association started by his father 70 years previous, former chair of the

Southwest Forage Association, and, since the 1950's, a member of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool.

Within his community Peter was a member of the Loomis Square Dancing club, the Eastend Co-op, an Honorary Life member of the Eastend Arts Council, and a charter member of the Claydon Lions Club, where he continues his membership today. In 1958 Peter was a member of a group who drove, on horseback, 500 head of horses from west of Claydon to Swift Current. The drive took a week of travel.

In 1996, Peter and his wife Sharon sold a portion, and donated the majority, of their ranch to the Nature Conservancy of Canada. The Butala Ranch has been renamed the Old Man on His Back Prairie and Heritage Conservation Area, a 13,000 acre conservation preserve of native prairie grass. Peter was recognized for his contribution with awards from Nature Saskatchewan, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and Wildlife Habitat Canada. Currently, Peter serves on the regional board for the Nature Conservancy of Canada. Peter and Sharon continue to live on an irrigated hay farm in the Frenchman River Valley near Eastend.

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of SAGA
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Do you have your copy of the SAGA history?

If not, copies are still available from SAGA.

The publication has even come down in price, with hard copies available for \$15. The soft cover edition is available for \$10, plus (\$5 for postage).

Contact SAGA for your copy.

The President's Pen

Thanks to all who braved the frigid temperatures and enjoyed the 2005 SAGA reunion.

Attendance was down a bit this year, but we are blaming the extremely cold weather, icy road conditions, and the Crop Production show ending 1 day earlier. The executive does see the Crop Production show ending on Thursday as being a concern for future SAGA reunion weekends.

We normally have many Ag grads stay for the Friday night mixer after attending or working at the Crop Production show. Thank you to **Brad Hovland S89**, **Teri Ife S97**, and **Mike Kirzinger C96** for making the Mixer and Banquet run smoothly. I would also like to thank the class reunion coordinators who volunteered to organize their classes and ensured everyone had a great time. I would like to recognize **Doug Wotherspoon S45** and **Fred Lane S45** who braved the weather and attended on behalf of the class of 1945 to celebrate their 60 year reunion. It was a great pleasure to have them at the reunion.

I know I enjoyed my 10 year reunion. It seems like yesterday, my classmates and I were terrorizing the University, specifically the Engineers. It's sometimes hard to imagine that these same people that now have careers and families used to be looking for their pants in the bowl, chained to a bed in their underwear in front of Place Riel, or tarred & feathered in the King George hotel.

I would like to thank **Don Mitchell S89** for the excellent job he did as president last year. Thanks to **Jack Braidek C51**, **Rod Delahey C80**, **Todd Ehman C95**, **Blair Cummins S77**, **Todd Friday C97**, and **Shannon Meyers C95** for serving on the executive. We will miss your hard work and dedication. I would also like to express thanks to **Mike Turley C79** who has stepped down after serving as SAGA treasurer for 10 years.

I would like to welcome the new executive members for 2005: **Glen Hass C60**, **Judy MacMillan C79**, **Carla Trobak C96**, **Bernie Sonntag C62**, **Frank Dunlop C63**, **Les Henry C64**, **Pat Flaten C82**, **Glenda Howarth C97**, **Lanette Ehman C96**, and **Jeremy German C01**. Thanks also to **Don Mitchell S89**, **Bev Magill C94**, **Richard Bellamy C66**, **Bob McKercher C54**, **Fred Fulton C50**, **Bonnie Willie C93**, **Mike Kirzinger C96**, **Teri Ife S97**,



Colin Peterson

Brad Hovland S89, **Ewald Lammerding S88**, and **Kristian Holden C01** who are returning to the executive for another year. It is a great executive this year and it will be a pleasure to work with everyone. If you have any suggestions or comments for the SAGA executive, feel free to contact any executive member. It is our job to serve SAGA members and to make the annual SAGA reunion successful. **Judy MacMillan C79** is the vice-president and reunion coordinator; please contact her if you are interested in helping coordinate your class reunion.

I was recently involved with Sask-Challenge, which is an academic competition for Agriculture students. It involves paper presentations, debates, and a team challenge. I am pleased to announce that Sask-Challenge has renamed team challenge to "SAGA Team Challenge". I was able to judge the SAGA team challenge and all the student teams did an excellent job. Teams of 4 students are given an agriculture challenge and are isolated in a room for 3 hours. This year, their task was to develop a plan to re-energize Saskatchewan, then to make a presentation to the judges. I attended the Sask-Challenge banquet and awarded **Holly White**, **Nicole Tanner**, **Shannon Poppy**, and **Sonya Meier** each a \$100 prize donated by SAGA for winning the challenge. It is great for SAGA to be involved with the current Agriculture students who are the future of SAGA. Besides the SAGA Team Challenge prize, I awarded **Wilson Acton** a lifetime membership for winning Sask-Challenge Jeopardy.

I was also invited to speak at the ASA graduation on January 28th to bring greetings from SAGA and to award the Tommy Fraser Memorial award to **Brennan Schachtel**. Many of you may not know, but the ASA is now the students association that represents both the degree and the diploma students.

The executive has a few challenges we will try to address this year. We need to address attendance at the reunion, emailing the newsletter, and the continuous challenge of recruiting recent graduates. If you have any suggestions please contact the executive.

To conclude, it is a great honour to be SAGA president. My father (**Lorence, C65**) is an Ag grad, my wife (**Rachelle, C96**) is an Ag grad and I work for the college, so I envision my three-year-old son and one-year-old daughter as future Agros.

All the best in 2005!

Colin Peterson, C95
SAGA President

2005 SAGA BONSPIEL REPORT

As usual a good time was had by all the 2005 version of the SAGA Spiel. Fourteen teams competed in the regular event and six teams in the Hutcheon event.

Congratulations to the all the event winners, and a big thank-you to all who participated.

I would like to especially thank the people who donated prizes. To Ron Lukash of Cargill Ag Horizons in Clavet, to Jason McMartin of Bayer Crop Sciences, Chad Davidage of the New Farm and Garden Center (John Deere) in Saskatoon, and the ASA, we thank you very much for your support and hope to have you on aboard again next year!

Thanks also to Ralph Winterhalt at the Hub City Curling

Club for the work organizing our draw. It was a difficult job this year trying to squeeze the Bonspiel into one rink, and we appreciate the effort.

It is never too early to start thinking of next year so I would encourage all Ag Grads to start think about their teams for next year, because it would be nice to have several more teams for the 2006 Bonspiel. We did manage to turn a small profit, but we need to get our numbers up so the entire weekend will help to fund all the SAGA activities.

**Blair Cummins 77S and
Ewald (Shorty) Lammerding 88S**



Hutcheon Event Winners, right to left Blair Cummins, Skip Glen McGlaughlin, third Colin Ahrens, 2nd Gary Johnson and Lead Ray Ryland.



C Event Winners (r to l) Blair Cummins, Skip Tom Senko, third Rory Owens, 2nd Lanette Ehman and lead Elton Epp.



A event winners (Graham Trophy) r to l Blair Cummins, Skip Bill Rayner, third Michael Thompson, 2nd Gordon Parkinson, lead Roy Redding.



B event Winners.(White Trophy) r to l Blair Cummins, Skip Aaron Strauss, third Chris Bettschen, 2nd Graham DeRoose, lead Trent Sloan.

College of Agriculture Report

Submitted by **Bob Tyler, PAg, Associate Dean (Academic)**

Dean Ernie Barber, PAg, PEng, is on a year of administrative leave. Associate Dean (Research) **Graham Scoles, PAg**, is Acting Dean for the year and Professor **Sheila Schmutz** is Acting Associate Dean (Research). Professor **Fran Walley, PAg**, is Acting Head of the Department of Soil Science for the year while **Jim Germida** is Acting Associate Vice-President (Academic).

These are interesting times in the College as we respond to the myriad of changes occurring in agriculture, the University and society. The College has recently completed a four-year plan as part of the University's Integrated Planning process. Five years of declining enrolments in the College have resulted in a substantive adjustment to our budget. The budget will be reinstated to the extent that enrolment targets are met in the future. A complement plan outlining the College's intentions with respect to faculty recruitment has also been prepared. The College's biggest challenge remains building enrolment in its programs and courses. To this end,

the College has developed marketing and recruitment strategies and begun review of its academic programs.

Progress is being made. Enrolment this year in the B.S.A. program is up nearly 10% to 560 students. Graduate (M.Sc. and Ph.D.) enrolment is up 13% to 197 students. Enrolments in the Diploma Program, the Certificates in Agriculture Program and the Prairie Horticulture Certificate remain about even with a year ago. Revisions to all but one B.S.A. specialization (major) have been approved at the university level. In 2005-06, the number of majors will be reduced to seven.

Specialization minors are to be revised this year. Changes will include development of a minor in Agricultural Entrepreneurship. Review of the Diploma Program is underway.

The College is developing a number of new B.Sc. programs. Furthest along is a B.Sc. (Agribusiness) degree which may be offered in 2005. Other likely B.Sc. programs include agricultural biotechnology, applied microbiology, food science and nutrition, and environmental science. The intent of these new degree programs is to enhance the appeal of the College to a wider

spectrum of students, thereby increasing enrolment.

On the research front, provincial and industry funding remain paramount, but more emphasis is being placed on obtaining Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) funding. Success here will enhance the College's participation rate in other federal research initiatives.

The large number of new faculty hired over the past five or six years will have a very positive impact on the College's research productivity in the years ahead. Construction is underway on the new Pulse Research Laboratory. The College is optimistic that funding will be obtained to establish a Feed Research Centre.

The College is a very exciting place to live and work, for students and staff alike. One of our highest priorities is to improve our ability to communicate what is happening in the College to alumni and stakeholders. To this end, our website has seen major upgrading. Last fall saw publication of the first edition of *Agknowledge*, a magazine spotlighting people, news and events in the College.

Home Grown



Declan Lee Poppy (7lbs 4oz), future Ag Grad, was born on September 17 to **Lee Poppy 93S** and **Malina Poppy 98C** of Swift Current. Big brother **Chase** is keeping Mom and Dad organized with the new baby.

Nichole (91 BEd) and **Arnold Cornea 89C** had a big, bouncing baby boy on January 3, 2005 weighing in at 10

lbs 15 oz. **Dante Mikhail** is a good baby brother to his sister **Anastasia** and brother **Nick**, though for some reason he does like to eat a lot.

Arnold's sister, **Michelle 93C** and her husband **Raymond LeHeiget (93 DVM)** decided to try keeping up by having their own baby boy the very next day, January 4, 2005. **Daniel Michael**, 4 lbs 8 oz, was a little premature and spent some time in the Neonatal ICU in Winnipeg before getting home to St. Claude early in February. Brothers **Jean** and **Stephane** are intrigued by this latest addition to their family.

Reunion of the Class of 65C

The 1965 BSA class held a 40 year reunion in Saskatoon on the weekend of Jan. 14 - 16, 2005, organized by Lorence Peterson and Allan McDougald.

Out of 48 former class members, six have gone on to the Great Pasture, these being Tom Acton, Brian Andrews, Blaine Funk, Allan Hunt, John Sanders and Gary Wilson. Thirty classmates and several spouses gathered at the Saskatoon Inn on the Friday night for a class supper. The evening was spent wining, dining, taking pictures, remembering and ignoring the bitterly cold weather.

Irene Ahner spent the fall and early winter compiling a class history book, with all 48 stories and many pictures. This book was distributed to each classmate and one copy was presented to the incoming SAGA president, Colin Peterson, to be kept in the SAGA archives.

Scientific analysis of the class revealed that we have produced 118 children, 53 of whom still call Saskatchewan home, and 112 grandchildren to date. Not all 30 were able to stay for the banquet and dance on Saturday January 16, but those present made good use of the time to renew old friendships. The weekend concluded

with a scrumptious brunch on Sunday morning, hosted by Allan and Gillian McDougald at their home in Briarwood.



Members of the 40-year class are (back row, l to r), Laurence McNabb, Jim McGowan, Arnold Petracek, Brian O'Keefe, Elmer Bittner, Irene Ahner (Keay), Ron Dalglish, Derald Ahner, Don Roy, Jim Puckett and Doug Sword. Front row, l to r, are Marcel DuBois, Peter Gradauer, Jim Harren, Irving Carlson, Lorence Peterson, Allan McDougald, Doug McArthur, Gary Keefe and Glen McLaughlin.

College 1975 - 30 Year Reunion

Submitted by Art Froehlich, 75C

After 30 years you would have expected a lot of grey hair, or no hair, a few extra pounds, and prominent showing of wear and tear. Nothing could be further from the truth for the 1975

College of Agriculture grads. As was our custom 30 years ago, we forgot the issues of the real world and were once again agriculture students with a tonne of stories, jokes to make your face sore and a passion

for the finer beverages from our great industry. An air of maturity, wisdom and professionalism was exhibited after a full night of drinking and reminising. Most grads had to take urgent conference calls the following afternoon - we suspect some of these were an excuse to grab a much-needed afternoon nap. But by the following evening every-



Bill Rudolph, Dave Weiseth and Dave Jensen.

one was ready to go at it again.

The response by the grads to the organizing committee was overwhelming, with 50 of the 58 grads returning their information profiles and 31 attending the reunion in Saskatoon. The weekend started with a group dinner at one of Saskatoon's finer golf courses, The Willows.

The group later resumed the reunion at the Ag Grad Smoker, followed by a hospitality room at the Saskatoon Inn which was in full use until the wee hours. A small group of grads

interrupted their morning beauty sleep on Saturday to tour the Agriculture building with tour guide, Karlah, Bill Rudolph's daughter, in her third year at the college. After a

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More class of '75 members: l to r: Lee Harris, Rick Blenner-Hasset and Vince Walker

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quick round of “conference calls” Saturday afternoon, everyone was ready to for the banquet and dance, followed by another night of stories and imbibbing.

Sunday morning, many of the grads and families met for a great farewell breakfast. It was amazing that after 30 years this group of people picked up right where they left off. One comment heard over and over again it was “let’s not wait so long to do this again”.

Grads attending the reunion were: **Bill Rudolph** from Gull Lake, **Jim Graham** from Swift Current, **Cal Kelly**, **Lee Harris**, **Doug Leask**, **Dan Bergen**, and **Doug Billet**, all from Regina., **Paul Kneeshaw** from Humboldt, **Vince** and **Sharon Walker** from Melfort, **Rick Brasnett** and **Al Scholz** from Saskatoon, **Gord Frank** from Brooks, **Bill Volk** from Battleford, **Murray Treble** from Watrous, **Alf Epp** and **Harry Harder** from Clavet, **Ron Martin** from Silton, **Don Fuhrman** from Netherhill, **Hap Bennett** from Dodsland, **David Weseth** from Shaunavon, **Stan Kirkland** from Ottawa, **Laurie Tollefson** from Outlook, **Don Wasylyniuk** from Raymore, **David Jansen** from North Battleford, **Morley Ayars** from Dalmeny, **Dan Fullerton** and **Art Froehlich** from Calgary, **Ross Barlow** from Davidson, **Neil Ketilson** from Grasswood and **Rick Blenner-Hassett** from Yorkton.

School of Agriculture 1975



Front (left to right) Mike Dougherty, Rick McIntyre, Garry Nisbet, Clem Fontaine, Rod Fedoruk, Peter Hecker, Jim Sowa Back (left to right) Jim Flynn, Randy McGillivray, Jim Thorson, Wayne Johnson, John Malcolm McMartin, Hugh Treimans, Wayne Wenzel, Craig Andrew, Brian Olver, John Knudson, Gary Parker, Keith Collins, David Sloan, Brent Baxter, Dennis McFarlane Missing but at the supper was Grant Gerwing.

The 10-Year College reunion (unofficially)



Front, 1 to r, Curtis Letkeman, Brent McCarthy. Back: (L-R) Collin Gerbrandt, Louis Bossaer, Rachele Peterson, Kent Britton, Mike Kirzinger, Colin Peterson and Glen Jones.

Class of 1980 College



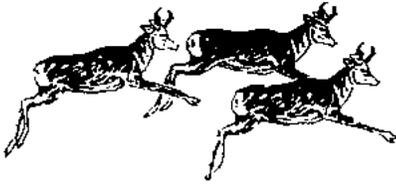
Back, 1 to r: Bob Wacholtz, Blaine Canitz, Larry Hayes, Darrel Reynolds, Brian Perkins in Agro jacket, John Ruschowski, Rod Delahey, Kevin Hursh, Jim Moen. Front, 1 to t: Ross Campbell, Jackie Frovarp, Pam Pritchard, Brent Flaten, Stu Cutts, Bert Horvey.

Class of 55, School of Ag



Back Row, 1 to r: Don Dyck, Frank Ortt, Trygve Njaa, George Krenz, Jack Jenkins, Jake Braun, Don Tait, Erwin Boulton, Peter Brown Middle Row, 1 to r: Roy Blacklaws, Dean Lien, Stuart Marshall, Hubert Freitag, Howard Mattila, Terry Fennell, Don Pearson. Kneeling in Front: Dale Donald, Dalton Hockley.

Thundering Herd



Lee Poppy 93S and **Malina Poppy 98C** are living in Swift Current and working at the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Research Station. Lee is a Specialty Crops Technician and Malina is a Wheat Breeding and Pathology Technician. They are busy working on their house and have made lots of progress. On September 17th they had a new addition when Declan Lee Poppy (7lbs 4oz), future Ag Grad, was born. Between Declan and big brother Chase, who will be 13 this year, they are keeping busy.

Kevin Hursh 80C and his wife Marlene run Hursh Consulting & Communications from a home based office in Saskatoon. For a full range of their activities, go to www.hursh.ca. They have three boys, Aaron, Nathan and Braden. Aaron is a 3rd year Drama student at the U of S. The Drama department is in the John Mitchell Building. Aaron has performed in several plays in the theatre of that building. That's the same room in which Kevin took Soil Science labs 25 plus years ago.

Ted Bonertz 79C and family relocated to Chapel Hill, NC in July of 2004. Ted continues to work as the Global Marketing Director for Herbicides and Herbicide Tolerant Crops with BASF. **Sharon 80C** is busy with moving every few years and keeping their three boys (Evan, Aaron

and Owen) on the straight and narrow. They report having run into **Paul Schmidt 80C** at the hockey rinks in town every once in a while. Paul lives in Raleigh, NC and works with Bayer Crop Science.

Darren Howden 90C writes that he has been working at Farm Credit Canada since 1991, most recently as the Director, Product and Management Solutions. He works with **Les Pilsner 89C** and **Lindsay Folk (Porteous) 88C** who haven't changed much since University days. Darren's wife **Iris (Commerce 1991)** and four kids Andrew 10, Billy 7, Allyssa and Brianne 3 (twins) have just moved into their new house in Regina. Iris is running a successful accounting business out of the home.

Barry Rapp 83C wrote to let us know that after 21 years of employment with Saskatchewan Agriculture, Food and Rural Development he has joined Heartland Agro Services Ltd providing agrologist support for locations in Regina, Moose Jaw, Lumsden and Indian Head. Barry, wife Diane, daughter Taryn and son Kalen continue to reside in Regina.

Wayne White 72C wrote to tell us that he is still running the family farm at Flaxcombe with wife Brenda. The 3 kids have moved on but they still like to bring the 6 grandchildren back to help with harvest and seeding. When not farming Wayne is riding snowmobiles in the mountains (BC that is), plays volleyball and acts as president of the Kindersley Credit Union. He says, "Some people work until they can afford to retire but we are considering retiring before we can't afford to."

Denis Kirkham 68C retired in June

after 36 years with Agriculture Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency with a career in Plant Health and Seed Potato Certification. At 57 he still intends to continue with consulting work in the Potato Industry in Western Canada. Denis reports that he has enjoyed all the challenges presented by the growth in the seed potato industry in Western Canada, but looks forward to more leisure time for traveling and family life.

Glen Herndier 70C is in his 24th year with RBC Royal Bank, working as an Agrologist and Agricultural Account Manager at RBC's Regina Agriculture Centre located at 950 Victoria Avenue East in Regina. He is responsible for account management of intensive livestock operations and some of the larger grain farms located within a two hour radius around Regina.

Russell Fersch 95S of Elrose, Sask was named Saskatchewan Wrestling Elementary Coach of the Year for the 3rd straight year. He figured harvest time wasn't hectic enough so decided to get busy coaching football on those nice cool fall mornings for the last couple of years. His long term search for a wife that started in his first year of college is turning out to be the marathon of hope, but thankfully he is only 40-50 years away from getting into seniors lodge.

Mitchell Japp 02C wrote to let us know that he is now working as Riparian Project Coordinator with the Conservation Learning Centre near Prince Albert.

Gerald Longmire 65S dropped us a line from Kindersley where he continues to grain farm.

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Jeff Schoenau 84C and **Ken Greer 85C** were recently recognized as Ag Innovators in the Synergy Awards presented by the National Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC). Jeff developed the technology of soil nutrient analysis using the Plant Root Simulator (PRS) probe. Ken used the probe technology in his business Western Ag Labs, with innovative computer software designed to help make agronomic and economic fertilizer recommendations on 3.4 million acres. Congratulations fellows!

Doug Sword 65C and wife, Sue, live in Saskatoon and grain farm at Unity. They have two granddaughters, Emma and Olivia, who live in La Ronge with their parents, Marney & Urban Morelli. Daughter, Jodi, is employed with a law firm in Saskatoon.

Allan Klassen 65C and wife Renata, live in Saskatoon and raise grain at Laird, practicing his plant science and research skills learned over many years at the U of S and in the industry. They have three children and seven grandchildren. Allan is a lay minister at Nutana Park Mennonite church.

Allan McDougald 65C and wife **Gillian**, Saskatoon, have a farm southwest of Saskatoon, where Allan says he gains further information in grasshopper infestations, dry weather and multi-tasking. He is still involved in the farm chemical industry. They have two children and three grandchildren, living in Edmonton and Calgary.

Jim 65C and **Fay Puckett** are farming full time at Clavet, after Jim retired from 35 years with FCL in feed

sales. They have two daughters. Their two grandchildren are the fifth generation on a farm near Mossbank.

Arnold Petracek 65C and wife Joan farm and operate AJ Seeds Ltd. at Esterhazy. Arnold is currently representing the Seed Growers on the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame Board. They also spend as much time as possible with their six grandchildren, produced by their four children.

Lawrence 65C and **Doreen McNabb** are farming near North Battleford, an enterprise they carried on throughout Lawrence's years with the PFRA. They have four children and ten grandchildren, most of whom still live in Saskatchewan.

Bob Mason 65C and **Cora Greer** grain farm at Kenaston. They branched out into Christmas trees in 1990 and are currently planting an orchard for future u-pick production of Saskatoons, apples, cherries and blue honeysuckles. One daughter is at the U of S and one still in high school.

Peter 65C and **Alice Gradauer** have been farming since 1974, north of Lloydminster, SK. One of Peter's hobbies is blacksmithing. Their daughters, husbands and two grandchildren live in Edmonton and Canmore, AB.

Jim 65C and **Eileen Ewert** have farmed at Drake since 1970 and raised two children. They are active in their church and Jim sings with the Saskatoon Men's Chorus. They have downsized the farm and Jim now works at Drake Meat Processors as sausage stuffer and smokehouse operator.

Don 65C and **Celia Dowdeswell** have raised two sons, Keaton & Riley, at Pennant. They raise cattle, are select seed growers and have a retail seed business, all part of Sunset Farms Ltd. Don does custom seed cleaning and custom combining.

Marcel Dubois 65C of Rosetown, has farmed since graduation, doing contract Agricultural Economics jobs in the off-seasons. His wife Lynda taught school for many years. They have raised two sons and are currently involved in the Arts world. Marcel is a member of the cast of "Pull of the Land" and Lynda has just written a play to be performed for Saskatchewan's Centennial.

Irving Carlson 66C of Melville is now farming full time raising cattle and grain, after retiring from his long time job with the CPR. He and wife, Marlene, have raised four children and have ten grandchildren. Irving served one term in the Sask. Legislature from 1971-75.

Ernie Spencer 65C has alternated between working for the Sask. Dept. of Agriculture and farming ever since graduation. He left his position as Director of the Prairie Diagnostic Service in 2004 and plans to retire to his farm at Qu'Appelle in the spring of 2005. He has two children and three grandchildren.

Derald 65C & Irene 65C (Keay) **Ahner**, Maple Creek, continue to try earning a living raising cattle. They are involved in many community projects and organizations. Their two daughters are both married, living in Saskatoon and Calgary, so there's always some place to stay when attending reunions, concerts, etc.

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Elmer Bittner 65C is manager of Nutri-Gold Program, City of Edmonton. He and wife, Cecilia, have two children and one grandson. Elmer has been a guest speaker at National and Provincial conferences on "Water and Waste Water Treatment" and on "Recycling of Boisolids and Compost Marketing".

Don Church 65C is the CFIA District Veterinarian, based in Red Deer, AB. He and his wife, Wendy, were planning to attend the reunion but family problems, BSE and the severe cold held them back. They have four sons and one granddaughter.

Fred 65C and **Joanne Funk** live in Melfort where he works at the Dataport Computer Center. Fred is also a member of the Liberty Gospel Bluegrass Band. They have six children and five grandchildren, mostly living in Saskatchewan and Alberta, but one son is a musician in Nashville, Tenn.

Lorne 65C and **Darlene Hovdestad** live in Outlook. Lorne is the PFRA Ethiopia Project Director, having spent two terms working in that country. He has also worked for many years in agriculture with the Saskatchewan government. They have four children and 10 grandchildren, with one more due before this goes to press.

Gary 65C and **Birdene Keefe** sold their farm at Griffin in 1995 and moved to Weyburn. Gary is currently a United Church Lay Minister-in-Training, stationed at Craik. Birdene is a nurse at the Weyburn Hospital. They have a daughter, Amy, who lives in Saskatoon with her husband, Jason, and daughter, Mya.

Rick Koller 66C worked for many years with the Agriculture Credit Corporation and is now in private practice. He and wife, Colleen, live in Saskatoon where they are able to enjoy their two children and two grandchildren.

Brian O'Keefe 65C and wife, Donna, own & operate Nordic Lodge on Reindeer Lake in the summer time. They spend their winters in Saskatoon, traveling to many sports shows to promote their business. Brian has two sons, two step-daughters and two grandchildren.

Rodney Weber 65C has been the manager of Agricultural Services for ScotiaBank in Saskatoon since 1981. He and wife, Gillian, have "three wonderful children and five fantastic grandchildren". Rodney is also a part-time grain farmer.

Larry Lubyk 65C is an Appraisal Agrologist for SAMA and is responsible for the assessment of Agricultural, Residential and Commercial properties in the Regina region. He has worked with the Saskatchewan government for his entire career. He has two sons, Jeffrey and Jason.

Doug McArthur 65C, after many years in political and civil service positions with the Saskatchewan and British Columbia governments, is currently a Professor of Public Policy and Distinguished Policy Fellow at Simon Fraser University, Vancouver. His daughter, Kera, is a policy analyst with the Government of Canada, Ottawa and his son, Neil, has just completed a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Southern California.

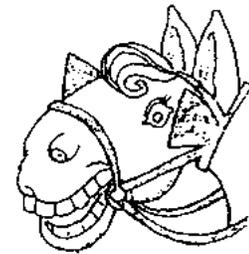
John Rannie 65C has worked in the farm buildings sector since 1974

and currently is employed by Canwel Building Materials Ltd., Abbotsford, BC. He and his wife, Lorna, have two children. Lorna is the Supervisor of Infant Development in the Fraser Valley.

Ken Warkentin 65C is the owner of Royal LePage Dynasty, Swift Current. He has spent 40 years farming and 34 years in Real Estate Sales. He has been a real estate appraiser in southwest Saskatchewan for 25 years. He and his wife, Sigrid, have four children and seven grandchildren.

Neville 65C and **Joan Wohlberg** live at Battleford. They have seven children and four grandchildren. Neville farmed from 1975 - 1998, has instructed courses in farm management, computers and crop science. He has a consulting business, Aardvark Agro Services, and is currently an organic inspector and evaluator for Pro-Cert Organic Systems.

Hitchin' Post



Grant Alexander 72C was married for the first time on December 28, 2004 to Chris Penno in Weyburn.

Grant is **Kathy Vancha's 05S**, brother. Also in attendance was Kathy's husband **Jim Vancha 79C**, **Craig Andrew 75S**, **Ron Alexander 66S** and **Stan Barber 63C**.

Pooped deck



William Till 48C wrote that **Glen Wade 48C** stopped for a visit in Lloydminster in June 04. He was touring in his truck and trailer.

Wilson Russell 54S and wife **June** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Arizona with all their family and friends in attendance - a great time was had by all!

Ron Dalgliesh 65C writes to let us know that he is pulling up stakes in Regina and heading for a retirement community on Vancouver Island known as Arbutus Ridge, which is near Duncan, thirty minutes north of Victoria. They are renting a house on the Ridge for the winter while their new house is being built. The address of their new house, as of May 30, 2005, is 869 Country Club Drive, Arbutus Ridge, Cobble Hill, BC V0R 1L1.

Allan McLeod 49C wrote to us to straighten us out with an error SAGA made in the November, 2004 issue. Here we go again, hopefully correct this time.

A swarm of Ag Grads recently invaded 1350 Broadway Avenue, Regina. They include **Ross 50C** and

Elizabeth Evans, Lorne 49C and **Veryl Glendinning, Allan 49C** and **JeanneMarie McLeod, Sig 49S** and **Viola Orthner, Howard 50C** and **Dorothy Rice, Fred Snell 43C, Gib 49C** and **Marj Wesson**.

Vern Pusch 57S from Kipling writes that he is officially retired, having seeded his 53rd crop in 2004. Vern had an active career in his community, working with several agricultural boards and sitting as a member of the board of Federated Co-op. Vern has been talking to **Ernie Harach 57S** about a 57 School grad weekend in 2005. Anyone interested should contact Vern (Box 267, Kipling, SK S0G 2S0). Vern sees some other School graduates in his area, including **Bob Dash 57S** in Kipling, **Laurie Faford 56S** in Broadview, and **Bob McLaren** and **Don Lees 57S** in the Arcola area.

Stewart Given 50C dropped us a line from Kanata, ON where he is living after retiring from Farm Credit Canada in 1987. He is keeping active curling in the winter and swinging at golf balls in the summer. In March 2004 Stewart and his wife May traveled to New Zealand and visited his brother **Tait (49B. Eng)**. Planning to return to Saskatchewan for the 100th anniversary in 2005 - let the party begin!

Joe Campbell 41C dropped us a line to let us know that he retired in 2001 at age 91. He has started writing his life story in a publication entitled *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 pfor afternoon tea if you are in Victoria.

Gerald Hanna 50C dropped us a line to let us know he moved to a condo in Regina in September, 2004. He had just returned from a cruise of the Panama Canal, and enjoyed seeing the construction of such a major project.

Stewart Lane 39C contacted us with a copy of **Allan Myhr 39C's** obituary. Stewart continues to live in Guelph, ON.

Julian Dumanski C62 wrote to let us know that he has had a very busy year, centered mostly on the birth of four grandsons on Julian's side of the family, one for each of his boys and twins for his daughter. Julian has continued with part time consulting on GEF projects, twice in Kenya and once in Morocco. So far his success rate for approval of GEF projects remains at 100%, and he hopes these new ones also get approved. There will be further work on these projects in 2005, so this will take up a fair bit of my spare time. In July, he and his wife spent a month in Australia attending a conference and visiting friends who had just built a new house in Cairns, which is a very pretty area. They enjoyed Australia a lot. Note that Julian had a heart attack a few months ago and had multiple bypass surgery. Reports are that recovery has been good and he will likely continue his globetrotting behaviour.

Don Barber 65C, Regina, has retired from the provincial civil service but has been helping process BSE and CAISP forms. He and wife Janet are enjoying travel and visiting their three children.

Albert 65C & Oly Boyko, Sherwood Park, help out on their family
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ASA Update

Greetings Ag Grads and Alumni, I am Colleen Murphy the President of the ASA for the 2005/06 school year. I come from a mixed farm near Paynton, Sk. and I am majoring in agronomy with a crop science minor.

I, along with the new executive, am looking forward to an excellent year. We would like to invite all of you to visit the lounge and attend our events if you are in the area.

AG BAG DRAG (goose) is coming up on October 28th at Prairieland Park. We have made some changes this year to try and make it more fun for everyone, so come out and help us celebrate a long-standing Agro tradition. If you

have any questions feel free to call the lounge at 966-7758 or check out our website at www.uofsagros.com

Any Grads who are looking for grad rings, they are ordered each year in November. For more info contact Janel Taylor at internal_vp@uofsagros.com.

Make sure you check out our website, www.uofsagros.com

for pictures, upcoming events, and contact information. Look for our online store coming this fall.

Sincerely,

Colleen Murphy, ASA President

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farm near Prince Albert when they are not off traveling the world. They have two children living in the USA.

Ron 65C and Carol Dalglish have been all over the world in the last 40 years, working for AgDevCo and CIDA, as well as spending many years with the Saskatchewan civil service. They have recently moved to Arbutus Ridge, a retirement community just north of Victoria and will welcome visitors as soon as their new house is completed. They have three sons and one granddaughter.

Jerry Danyluk 65C has retired from the position of Dean of Agriculture at Fairview College. He and wife, Bev, now spend their winters in Arizona and summers in Fairview. They have two daughters and two grandsons.

Dale Derkatz 65C, Regina, retired from the Dept. Of Justice, Gov't of Saskatchewan in 2000. He now spends his winters in warmer climates. He has one daughter, Karen, who works for the Auditors' Department of the federal government in Winnipeg.

Howard Duncan 65C and wife, **Sue** plan to be totally retired from grain farming near Regina by this spring. They like to travel, golf and visit their families. Howard has 3

children.

Jerry Gramiak 65C, Brandon, has been retired since 1998. He operates a small consulting company and has remained very active in coaching sports. He and wife, Lynne, spend their winters in Texas, where Jerry manages a senior ball team. They have three sons and three grandchildren.

Jim Harren 65C, Calgary, retired in 2000 from Cyanamid, but still is a consultant and Director, ACS Engineering Technologies Ltd. He and wife, Jean, are enjoying their cottage at Sicamous, their two children and being grandparents to two grandchildren..

Jerry Knipfel 65C, Swift Current, has been retired for some years, but he and wife, Verna Lynne, still operate Merivale Nursery, a multifaceted landscaping and horticultural business. Verna Lynne retired in June, 2004 as Principal of the Swift Current Composite High School. Their two children and four grandchildren all live close by.

Glen McGlaughlin 65C retired from the Sask. Wheat Pool in 1996. He and wife, Frances, moved to Cochrane, AB in 1998 where they curl, golf, travel and visit their three sons and one granddaughter.

Jim McGowan 65C retired from the Sask. Wheat Pool in 2000. As

soon as his wife, Anne, retires as Director of Care at Oliver Lodge, Saskatoon, they plan several trips and spend lots of time spoiling their new grandson. The McGowans have two daughters, in Calgary and Saskatoon.

Lorence Peterson 65C, Saskatoon, officially retired in 2003 but he is still the Saskatchewan 4-H Foundation Treasurer and plans to do consulting work under the Canadian Farm Business Advisory Service portion of Agriculture Policy Framework. His two sons and six grandchildren also claim a good deal of his time.

Don Roy 65C, Saskatoon, retired from the Farm Credit Corporation a few years ago. He and wife, Donna, spend their summers grandparenting and RV'ing in western Canada. Their winters are spent on Vancouver Island. The Roys have two daughters and two grandchildren.

Garry Spencer 65C, Regina, retired as one of the Project Managers on the Land Titles Automation Project in September, 2001. He was with the Sask. Government for 35 years. He and wife, Ruth, have done some winter traveling to warmer climes and spend their summers at their cottage at Regina Beach. They also spend a good deal of time with their two children and three grandchildren.

Empty Saddles



Robert (Bob) Arthur Hedlin 45C died at Winnipeg, MB, on November 20, 2004 at age 83. Bob received an MSc from the University of Alberta, and a PhD from the University of Wisconsin in 1950. He worked at the University of Manitoba in the Department of Soil Science, serving as Department head for 27 years. Bob was a pioneer in land resource management, promotion of continuous cropping, soil testing methods and supporting teaching and research in soil science locally and internationally. Many of the recommendations developed under his leadership are still widely used for agronomic and environmental assessment and monitoring.

Marlene J. Solar, wife of **Syl Solar 61C**, and mother of **Lisa (Solar) Kluck 92C**, passed away at home on the farm near Bruno, SK on May 31, 2004. She is also survived by their children Cheryl Solar and Philip (Sherri) Solar.

John Kitchener Frizzell 42C died at Davidson, SK, on September 6, 2004 at the age of 89. John was born in Duval, SK on January 23, 1915. He served as a lieutenant with the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps during WWII. John moved to Wisconsin after the war where he earned a MSc in Agriculture and later his PhD in Extension administration.

He worked as an extension agent with Oregon State University in Wasco County, and also taught overseas in Turkey and Libya. John married Jean Miller in 1974. John retired from Oregon State University and sold real estate around The Dalles, OR until the age of 80 years, when failing eyesight forced him to retire. He returned to Davidson, SK to live in 2000. He is survived by his wife Jean, daughter Wendy and son Barry, step-sons David and Guy and step-daughter Julie.

Allan Norman Myhr 49C died in Guelph, ON on August 8, 2004 at the age of 83. Allan worked with the Dairy Department at the U of S after graduation before moving to the Dairy Science department at the Ontario Agriculture College in Guelph in 1956. He worked at OAC until his retirement. Allan was a talented and popular member of the Guelph Barber Shop singers. He is survived by his wife Lillias (McLean), children Ronald, Ken and Terri, sisters Olga Mitchell, Jean Bailey, Clara Cole, and brother Kenneth (Luke) Myhr.

Gary G. Wilson, 65C, passed away October 13, 2001. He obtained an M.Sc. from the U. of M. in 1969 and a Ph.D. from Cornell in 1973, studying the spruce bud worm. His working life was spent in Sault St. Marie, ON with the Federal Department of Forestry. Gary retired to Alberta, building a house on an acreage outside of Turner Valley. He enjoyed traveling, gardening, working with the Boy Scouts and Big Brothers, hiking, camping and playing the organ. He was a good brother, uncle and friend. Left to mourn him are his sister, Patricia Hogeboom, of Saskatoon, his broth-

ers, Keith (Calgary) and Dennis (Prince Rupert) and several nieces and nephews.

Darlene Mary Lubyk, nee Tkachuk, beloved wife of **Larry Lubyk, 65C**, passed away at Regina on Aug. 8th, 2004 at the age of 55 years. She is also survived by their two sons, Jeffrey and Jason, her father, George Tkachuk, her brother, Dave (Sharon) Tkachuk and numerous nieces and nephews. Darlene graduated from Meath Park High School and attended the Prince Albert Business College where she received a Secretarial Diploma. She and Larry were married July 27, 1968. As well as raising their sons, she also worked for the Gendis and Hudson's Bay Companies. She loved cooking, camping and visiting with her many friends.

Vernon James Sawby died Oct. 3, 2002, at the age of 96 years. He was predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Olga. He is survived by son **Ken, 57S** and wife, Pauline, of Maple Creek; son Ellwood (Amy), Airdrie, Alta.; daughter Ellaine (Gordon) Hawrylak, of Maple Creek; seven grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren and his sister, Harriet Blythman, Maple Creek. Vern came to Canada from North Dakota with his parents in 1928 and settled southwest of Golden Prairie where he farmed until retirement. He was active in community projects and was a Sask. Wheat Pool delegate for District 4, Sub. 3 for many years. He was also involved with the management of the Maple Creek Old Tyme Fiddlers. To quote Ken, "Dad was a fair man, who always tried to make a situation come out the better for both parties. He was gentle but firm, and

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never compromised his belief that fair play and co-operation could solve any problem.”

Paul Joseph Jean Kernaleguen, 44C, died on February 1, 2005 at the age of 83 years. Born in St. Brieux, SK Paul attended local school and College Mathieu in Gravelbourg before completing his BSA. He married Marie Crozon in 1947 and raised a family of three sons and two daughters on the family farm. Paul was very active in community life, serving on the Melfort Co-op Board, ST. Brieux Credit Union Board, Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Committee and the RM of Lake Lenore as Reeve for over 30 years. His contributions were recognized with the Saskatchewan Co-operative Certificate of Merit and the Distinguished Graduate of Agriculture Award. Marie died in 1995, after which Paul remained on the family farm enjoying his independent life style, and his 17 grandchildren.

Evelyn Edith Ahner died Jan. 24, 2003, at the age of 82. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Fred Ahner, of Medicine Hat, AB; son **Derald 65C** and daughter-in-law, **Irene 65C**, of Maple Creek, SK; daughter Sandra (Kim) White and son Rick (Sheryl), all of Medicine Hat; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Born at Salvador, SK, Evelyn taught in small country schools near Maple Creek before and after her marriage. She was active in many organizations as well as taking part in all aspects of farm life. She retired in 1982 after teaching for 17 years at Golden Prairie Elementary School and spent many of her remaining years creating quilts & afghans for

each member of her family.

F.J.H. (Hartley) Fredeen 43C, MSc51 was placed to rest in a family ceremony at Macrorie, SK, on July 11, 2004. He was surrounded by his wife **Margaret, 47BScN**; daughter **Shirley Med88** and her sons Robin and Owain Van Vliet (05C in progress); sons **Edward, 79Eng** and his wife Judy, and children Tristan, Keisha, Caitlin and Garrett; **Alan 78C** and son Jonathan; **Kenneth BA80, LLB83**; **Arthur 83C**; and **Lawrence 88BSc, 88Med**; brother **Howard 43C** and his wife Joan; sister **Phyllis 50BE** and her husband **Charles Hedlin 50C**; and sister **Muriel Welling 47C**. Following a picnic at nearby Coldwell Park, the clan began a 6-day bike tour across eastern Saskatchewan (following the Trans Canada Trail where possible), in memory of Hartley's inspiration, his love of cycling, camping, and this incredible province to which he dedicated his life. Thank you to those who contributed to the scholarship, which was awarded in his memory for the first time this fall to Nancy Allan, MA candidate in the Centre for the Study of Cooperatives.

Marcy Frovarp, wife of Gerald, mother of **Jackie Frovarp 81C (Blaine Canitz 80C)**, Peggy (Don Pichler) and Carla (Jack Miller) passed away on January 1, 2005.

Kenneth James Hale 73C, died on January 4, 2005 at age 55 years. Ken was born Cabri, raised in Abbey, and moved to Saskatoon where he completed high school and university. He started farming at Lancer in 1974 where he also became very active in community affairs. He served on the executive of the United Church, Tourism Committee of Lancer and

District, Lancer Culture and Recreation board, Lancer Credit Union, Abbey Rink and as a councilor with RM of Clinworth. Ken is survived by his wife Wendy, daughters Penny Jo (Darren) Forster and Pamela, and sons Blake, Drew and James.

Marlene Joy Forden, wife of **Ken Forden 70C**, died on February 5, 2005 at age 57 years. Marlene and Ken farmed in the Punichy area, where she worked as a nurse at the Lestock Hospital. She is also survived by her children Brad, Shari and Lyle.

Donald M. Gray died January 4, 2005 at 75 years. Don was born in Princeton, BC and completed a Doctorate in Agricultural Engineering before coming to the University of Saskatchewan in 1960. Don had a distinguished career as a Professor of Agriculture and Bioresource Engineering, Chairman of the Division of Hydrology, and as Assistant Dean of Research and Extension, College of Engineering at the University of Saskatchewan. He is survived by his wife Beverly, and daughters **Kathy, Lynn 85C** and Sharon.

From the Green and White:

Eric Douglas Putt 38C, of Kelowna, BC, on April, 2004.

Lawrence James Anderson 42C, of Windsor, ON, on December 1, 2003.

Bruno Heinrichs 42S, of Swift Current, SK, on May 4, 2004.

James Wilfred Cinnamon 49C, of Carnduff, SK, on April 3, 2004.

George Garfield Rathwell 53C, of Regina, SK, on May 28, 2004.

Stanley Edmond Kimber 54S, of Saskatoon, SK, on March 29, 2004.

Brother Bernard Lange 67S, of Muenster, SK, on May 30, 2004.

