

## AGROS - They're Everywhere

### Ed Schultz 64C - Meat Marketer

While much of the media's attention has focused on Alberta's cattle industry in the post-BSE era, Alberta Pork general manager Ed Schultz helped recapture attention for Alberta's other white meat through a high-profile marketing campaign called Pork Sports. The organization, which represents Alberta's hog producers, agreed to team up with the province's major sports franchises to promote pork through increased signage at hockey, football and lacrosse games and making more pork products available through concession stands. As part of the agreement, Alberta Pork will become the title sponsor of the annual CFL Labour Day Classic between the Calgary Stampeders and the Edmonton Eskimos. The campaign also saw Alberta Pork ink Canada Safeway as its exclusive retailer. Schultz, Alberta Pork's general manager since 1974, also serves as one of the industry's key point men on a longstanding trade dispute with the United States over anti-dumping duties imposed on live hogs from Canada. Closer to home, Schultz will also help make the industry's case as environmentalists push for more restrictions on intensive livestock operations and animal rights activists lobby for tougher rules on animal welfare and safety.

*From Alberta Venture, July/August 2006, Alberta's 50 Most Influential People 2006*

### Brent Zettl 90C - President, Prairie Plant Systems (PPS), Saskatoon

The head of one of Saskatoon's pioneering biotech companies says the company is ideally placed to be among the leaders in growing pharmaceutical drugs in plants. PPS has been growing medical marijuana for Health Canada

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## Three Generations of Agros



Karlah Rudolph will be graduating this Christmas (2006) with a BSA in environmental science (soil science minor) from the College. She attended the graduation ceremonies hosted by the ASA last January, and her father, **Bill Rudolph 75C**, and grandfather, **Mitchell Rudolph 41S**, were in attendance.

Mitchell farmed south of Gull Lake until retirement and now lives in Swift Current with his wife, Pearl. Bill and Nora took over the farm and still farm together. Mitchell is 89 years old and is still incredibly spry and takes a lot of pride in their 'family tradition'. He is a big fan of SAGA and reads the newsletters regularly. He wore his original graduation pin from 1941 to the ceremonies.

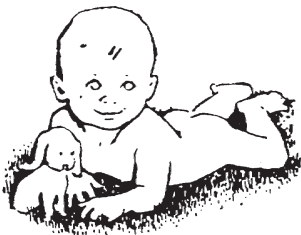


**52C Annual Pot Luck Dinner at Don Sutherland's Home**  
**Front, l-r Charlie Piefer, Don Sutherland, Tom McCloy, Jack Quick**  
**Back, l-r Art Delahey, Tom Gordon, Don Spicer, Bob Brack**

## Mark your calendar

U of S Alumni and Friends Homecoming 2007 will celebrate the University of Saskatchewan's 100th anniversary on September 14 - 16, 2007. Watch for details as this event draws closer.

## Home Grown



**Greg Marshall 73S** has a new farmhand and grandson. Tayden Hayden Marshall weighed in at 6 lbs 8 1/2 oz on Sept. 7, 2006, a son for Paul and Marcy Marshall. Tayden's dad is an Agricultural Machinery technician and full time farmer with Grandpa Greg at Del Mar Acres Ltd., Semans.

## ASA Update

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Hello Agro Grads!

We hope that everyone had a successful harvest and are planning for next year. Here at the College of Agriculture and Bio-resources we have survived an intense semester and are just gearing up for exams and Christmas Break. This is what the ASA has been up to and what we are planning:

Ag Bag Drag (Goose), held November 3rd, @ Prairieland Park featuring Aaron Pritchett was a huge success. To gear up for drag we challenged other colleges at Hillbilly Havoc, and of course came out victorious. As well we had drag stomps around campus and a Drag Kickoff in the Bowl. To see photos from the event and any other ASA events check out the website.

On October 11th we had the 48th annual United Way Blitz - our total was just over \$2000.00 in spare change and donations.

ASA graduation will be held January 20th at the Travelodge hotel. Everyone is more than welcome to attend. Also, grad ring orders can be placed until the date of grad; if you need a replacement contact Brynn McLeod-Jones for details (Internal\_vp@uofsagros.com or (306) 374-9404).

ASA clothing can now be ordered on-line! Visit the website for pictures and details. Also available are old ASA year books, inquire via e-mail about your year. Clothing and year books will also be available during SAGA weekend, in January.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and all the best in the new year,

Angela McKague

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in an underground growth chamber in part of an old Flin Flon copper mine for the last six years. The company has recently taken on a contract to grow a vaccine antibody against Hepatitis C within plants. PPS is working with VIDO, developers of the vaccine. "It signals the beginning of a new era where plants can be designed to produce protein-based medicines", says Brent. PPS has recently opened a new head office and laboratory in Saskatoon. PPS was founded by Brent and two partners 18 years ago. Their first venture was to clone saskatoon berry plants to get more consistent fruit production in commercial orchards. PPS is still involved in that work.

*From an article by Murray Lyons, Star Phoenix Business Editor, Oct. 22, 2006*

Please send us stories for this section - Editors.

## Reunion Weekend January 12 & 13, 2007 Plan to Attend

**SAGA ANNUAL MEETING**  
7:00 PM, Friday, January 12, 2007  
THE SASKATOON INN  
All SAGA members welcome!!

**SAGA MIXER**  
Friday, January 12, 2007  
8:00 p.m.  
THE SASKATOON INN  
Tickets: \$10.00 person at the door

**SAGA BANQUET & DANCE**  
Saturday, January 13, 2007  
5:30 p.m. Cocktails  
6:30 p.m. Banquet  
THE SASKATOON INN  
\$35 per person - Advance tickets only

Tickets available from Mike Kirzinger at (306) 280-6115 or [mkirzinger@farmpureseeds.com](mailto:mkirzinger@farmpureseeds.com) or  
Stephanie Huber at (306) 270-9192, or [shuber.nlf@sasktel.net](mailto:shuber.nlf@sasktel.net)

## Ag Grad Bonspiel

Saskatoon: Friday Jan. 12 to Sunday, Jan.14, 2007.

Draw times and locations

The first games will be played on Friday, Jan 11 at 4:00PM at either the Granite or Hub City curling clubs (Depending on the number of teams entered in the Hutcheon Event, there may be a 2 PM draw).

A schedule will be listed in the Thursday, January 11th issue of the Star Phoenix in the SPORTS section.

Rules

- \* Every rink will play at least three games.
  - \* Ties will be decided by skip rocks with sweepers.
  - \* Each rink will have at least two SAGA members
  - \* Hutcheon Event curlers shall be 50 years of age and older
  - \* The entry fee will be \$25 per player.
  - \* Graduates must have paid their annual or life membership in SAGA before curling
- Bonspiel entries
- \* Limit of 32 rinks in the regular draw and 16 in the Hutcheon event.
  - \* Entries close at midnight, January 8th , 2007.
  - \* Entries from individuals are welcome, and every

attempt will be made to find you a team. Please indicate the position you prefer to play.

\* Please direct all entries to:

Lanette Ehman, 227 Gillam Place, Saskatoon, Sk.,  
S7N 3R9  
(306) 665-6008

[nettie.netterson@shaw.ca](mailto:nettie.netterson@shaw.ca)

EMAIL: entries will be accepted by Email message, and your confirmation will be an Email reply. Please provide a contact number during the reunion weekend.

## SAGA Hockey

The Annual SAGA Hockey Tournament is set for Jan 13 in Waldheim. Waldheim is about 30 minutes north of Saskatoon and has a new hockey rink. There is room for only 8 teams so book your spot soon. The cost will be \$250 per team. This guarantees 2 games plus finals for A and B side. For more information call Jeremy German at 343-7017 or Steve Cuddington at 492-4617.



## New PAgs and ATs Inducted into Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists

Ten new agrologists and agricultural technologists were formally inducted into the SIA at a Saskatoon Branch meeting, Nov. 29, 2006

They are, in picture below left, front row, left to right, **Randy Steven Raimbault, PAg, 00C**, **Susan Marles PAg, Terra Fazakas, PAg, 01C**; **Kevin Farden, PAg, 00C**; **Sandra Russell, PAg, 99C**; **Tracy Wickstrom, PAg, 99C**; **Melissa Korol, PAg, 03C**; **Tom Halpenny, AT, 89S** and **Mark Kuchuran, PAg, 99C**. **Harvey Joel, AT, 81S** and **Morley Ayars, PAg, 75C**, President, Saskatoon Branch, are pictured below right.



## SAGA Membership A Gift Idea for any Time

Need that unique gift for an Ag Grad?  
Why not a life membership in SAGA?

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grad year \_\_\_\_\_ College ( ) Diploma ( )  
 Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer \_\_\_\_\_

SAGA membership fees:

|                        |     |                 |      |
|------------------------|-----|-----------------|------|
| Years since graduation | 0-9 | Life membership | \$80 |
| Years since graduation | 10+ | Life membership | \$70 |
| Annual Membership      |     |                 | \$10 |

Send to: Saskatchewan Agriculture Graduates Association  
 Box 320, RPO, University  
 Saskatoon, SK S7N 4J8



## **Crop Production Week 2007 Monday, January 8 to Saturday, January 13, 2007**

- \* Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission  
January 8 - Saskatoon Inn
- \* Saskatchewan Pulse Growers  
January 8 and 9 - Saskatoon Inn and Prairieland Park
- \* Saskatchewan Oat Development Commission  
January 9 - Saskatoon Inn
- \* Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association  
January 9 & 10 - Saskatoon Inn
- \* Saskatchewan Mustard Development Commission  
January 10 - Saskatoon Inn
- \* Canaryseed Development Commission of Saskatchewan  
January 10 - Saskatoon Inn
- \* Sask Canola Development Commission & Sask Canola Growers Association  
January 10 and 11 - Saskatoon Inn
- \* Special Session - Producer Investment in Biofuel Production  
7:30 p.m. - Wednesday, January 10 - Saskatoon Inn
- \* Saskatchewan Herb and Spice Association  
January 11 - Heritage Inn
- \* Saskatchewan Fruit Growers Association  
January 12 and 13 - Heritage Inn
- \* Canadian Wheat Board Day  
January 12 - Saskatoon Inn
- \* Saskatchewan Ag Grads Association  
January 12 to 13 - Saskatoon Inn

**For details, see [www.cropweek.com](http://www.cropweek.com)**

## Salute to the Class of Perpetual Reunions

In June 2006, the Class of 60C held its 42nd consecutive summer reunion at Sarah's Cove Condo Rentals near Elbow. This two-day reunion provided a great opportunity to visit, solve most of the world's problems and, of course, party! Plans are now being made for the big reunion in 2010, which will be the 50-year graduation celebration for the Class of 60C.



(L-R back) Andy Sereda, Howard Barnsley, Harry duRussel, George Lee, Merv Hart, Ken Turner, Glen Hass, Stu White

(L-R front) Bill Copeland, Marv Luther, Bill Robertson, Keith Blackburn



(L-R back) Alma Copeland, Elaine Hass, Carolyn Lee, Jeanette Stevenson, Irene White, Olga Sereda, Pat Turner

(L-R front) Wally Barnsley, Bev Hart, Edna Gadd, Diane Blackburn, Bev Robertson

## 1946 School of Agriculture Class

This class held a 60 year reunion at the Park Town Hotel, Saskatoon, on June 22, 2006. From 70 members who graduated, 40 are still enjoying life. Attending the reunion were 25 classmates and 20 wives. Their evening banquet was chaired by MC Cal Fensom.

Ernest Wengel showed a video of their 50th Anniversary. Stuart and Elva Finlay announced that they would be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary a couple of days later. The evening was spent taking pictures, story telling, renewing old friendships and reminiscing. Several classmates attended some of the Uof S annual reunion activities over the following couple of days.



**Back row:** Emil Dangstorp, Donald Scott, Ernest Hage, Stacey Stein, George Easton, Arthur Creurer, Calvin Fensom, Alex Thompson, Earl Morley, Bob Hope, Ross McMurtry, Stuart Finlay, Ross Evans, Howard Massey, John Fowler, Elwyn Morgan, Charles Chapman, Herb Shier, Olive Churchill  
**Front row:** Roy Loppacher, Mason Simmons, Keith Waite, Robert Montgomery, Ernest Wengel  
Missing from the photo - Walter (Bud) Wilk.

## ATTENTION 1947 School Grads

Roger Kaeding is organizing the 60th Anniversary (1947-2007) Reunion of the School of Agriculture. Mark January 12 & 13, 2007 on your calendar and plan to attend.

If you are such a grad and have not received an invitation please contact Roger at:

Box 150 Churchbridge, SK S0A 0M0

Fax: 306-896-2696

Email: wagon.wheel@sasktel.net



## College Class of '51 Reunion

Nineteen grads and 13 grad partners attended the reunion held on June 22 and 23, 2006 at Saskatoon. It was a good turnout considering that the party came 55 years after graduation!

The party was not as boisterous as in earlier years, but still lively and filled with visiting, as one would expect of folks who had known each other for 59 years.

The event included four main parts: A gathering at Bill and Mildred Maxwell's home on the Thursday evening; a campus tour, and a College of Agriculture building tour on Friday morning, and a lovely meal at Art and Dawn Bevan's place in the evening. Some of the gang attended events organized by the University Alumni Association.

Those attending were quite amazed at the development of facilities at the University, particularly the physical activities complex, the College of Agriculture and the Canadian Light Source.

This reunion was organized by the Saskatoon-based grads and their partners, namely Wally Baldwin, Art and Dawn Bevan, Jack and Joan Braidek, Bill and Mildred Maxwell, John and Doreen McConnell, Jim Misfeldt, Harry and Rena Ukrainetz. Special thanks to the Maxwells and Bevans for hosting events in their homes and to Sue Hicks and her employer, University Advancement, for maintaining grad addresses and sending letters out to grads.

Class members of 1951 have gathered on seven occasions during the last 55 years and they would like to do it again in a few years. Perhaps in 2009 - 100 years after the College of Agriculture was founded !!??

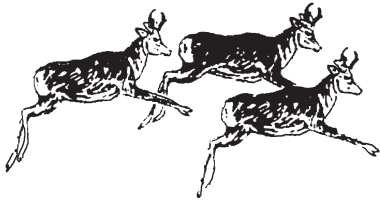


**The class of 51 gathered around the Bevan pool table.  
L to r back row: Harry Ukrainetz, Jack Braidek, Paul Turner, Bill Maxwell, Charlie Thompson, Walter Doyle, Lorne Hextall, John McConnell, Jack Peck, John Burton  
Front row, l to r: Wayne Ingell, Jim Misfeldt, Mike Yurkowski, Wally Baldwin, Gib Binnington, Art Bevan, Don Gill.  
Missing from photo, Ron and Gwen McKenzie**



**Harry and Rena sang and led a singsong**

## Thundering Herd



**Russell Fersch 95S** was named Saskatchewan Outstanding Elementary wrestling coach of the year by the Saskatchewan amateur wrestling association. This is the 4th time in 5 years that he has received the honor. It is also the second year in a row that a current athlete (2006 male elementary and 2005 elementary female) and also a former athlete (now with the U of S Huskies) were also named wrestlers of the year for their age division and gender. Besides coaching wrestling, he is busy coaching volleyball but stepped down from coaching football this fall after 5 years on the sidelines. To make sure he doesn't have too much free time he is on the board of directors of Prairie Centre Credit Union.

**Trent Dewar 06C** has started his new job at Border Line Feeders at Ceylon. So far everything is going well.

**Gordon Moore 68S** is still actively farming in the Speers district. He recently purchased land from his father, **John 43S**, and mother. It had been previously owned by **Wendell Moore 41S** and was purchased from his son, Roy. Gordon now seeds four sections. He has taken a leave of absence from the cow herd to see what it is like not having to get up to check on calves. He has driven the local school bus for 36 years. He is active with the Sask. Wildlife Federation,

continues to do his part with DU and is trying to get elected to his RM Council. He is still with the same wife, Kathleen (33 years) - they have four children and 10 grandchildren. He also participates in the local dinner theatre. He has a special message for his 68S classmates - "Please mark your calendars so we can make the 40th anniversary in 2008 the best ever - we want no excuses." He also requests that anyone who knows the whereabouts of Dave Mitchell who was in that class to contact him at 306-246-4964.

**Denise Beaulieu 79C**, daughter of the late **Vic Beaulieu 49C**, is presently employed at the Prairie Swine Centre, Saskatoon.

**Colin Steen (95C)** has joined LSP BioVenture as an investment manager in Boston/Cambridge, MA. Colin had spent the last 11 years working with Syngenta in a variety of marketing and sales roles in Canada and the USA. LSP BioVenture was launched in 2006 as an innovative new venture capital fund focussing on opportunities in the life science area. The parent company, Life Sciences Partners is headquartered in Amsterdam and currently manages several venture capital funds across Europe and the USA.

Colin, Angie and son Eric live in the Boston area.

**Carol Meister (83C)** is now an agrologist with the Pioneer Co-op Agronomy Centre located in Swift Current. Carol & **Bob (79C)** run a mixed farming operation south of Gull Lake. Daughter Jessica and son Ben are attending the U of S. Jessica enrolled in the College of Social Work and Ben in the College of Engineering.

**Bob Tyler 76C**, Dept of Applied Microbiology and Food Science, visited India to serve as an advisor to

the group responsible for establishing the National Institute for Agricultural Biotechnology and an associated agri-food research and development cluster. The proposed location for the institute is Mohali, a 3- 1/2 hour train ride north of Delhi. There were also discussions regarding opportunities for collaboration between Indian universities and the College of Agriculture and Bioresources in graduate and undergraduate education. Others participating in this series of meetings include representatives from PBI, Ag-West Biotech and the POS Pilot Plant.

At the end of October, China passed legislation that allows for the legal formation of agricultural co-operatives. To mark the occasion, the Development Research Center of the State Council is holding an international conference on farmers' specialized co-operative organizations. **Murray Fulton 77C** and **Bill Turner 66C** will attend and present at the conference.

While in China, Murray and Bill will also work with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Beijing office to assist with the training of personnel who will work with Chinese farmers to create farmers' associations (or co-operatives). This training work is part of two CIDA projects that AAFC is administering - the projects are the Small Farmers Adapting to Global Markets Project and the Sustainable Agriculture Development Project





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**Fall 2006 Convocation**  
**College of Agriculture and Bioresources**  
**Diploma**

Brent Anthony Puetz, Humboldt

**Degree**

David William Sullivan, Mossbank  
(missed in the Summer 2006 SAGA)  
Ian David Gabruch, Saskatoon  
Cheri Diane Griffin, Dundurn  
Zhengbo Jiang, China  
Kaitlin Joy Kennedy, Swift Current  
Stacey Lynn Lieslar, Young  
Tzigane Kelti Leah Ludwig, Meadow Lake  
Shaun LaVern Lyons, Brock  
Michael Kenneth Mitschke, Langenburg  
Shannon Colene Poppy, Shaunavon  
Sheery Lee Zarowny, Lethbridge

**Master of Science**

Desalegn W Abera, Soil Science, Saskatoon  
Peta-Gaye Gillian Burnett, Soil Science, Jamaica  
Kell Anne Davey, Ag Economics, Wilkie  
Shannon Lori Elliott, Ag Economics, Prince Albert  
Jane Victoria Fiala, Plant Science, Saskatoon  
Shannon Avery Gerrard, Soil Science, Elphinstone, MB  
Jeffrey Joel Gunderson, Soil Science, USA  
Hindra, Applied Microbiology, Saskatoon  
Travis Lee Hoffman, Plant Science, Saskatoon  
Mark Evan Kuchuran, Plant Science, Regina  
Jeannette Simone Levy, Soil Science, Calgary  
Jillian Rae McDonald, Ag Economics, Indian Head  
Edmore Mwakutuya, Plant Science, Zimbabwe  
Darcy Robert Pawlik, Applied Microbiology, Saskatoon  
Gregor Brent Penner,, Animal Science, Saskatoon  
Shiming Xue, Plant Science, Saskatoon

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## Pooped deck



**Thomas Rackham 37C**, retired consultant, reports that his wife of 34 years, Amber, died August 7, 2005 with inoperable pancreatic cancer. She is greatly missed by family and friends. Tom, a rolling stone that gathered no moss but a great variety of lichens, has much to remember from a long and active life. He moved to Ottawa to be nearer most of his family and can be found at Sterling Place Retirement Residence. At 92 Tom's ability to travel has ended so he will not be at the 70th anniversary, but he sends his good wishes to all who will be there to celebrate a few or many years. Tom's recreation now is mainly writing family and personal history from 50 years of correspondence exchanged mainly with family members and friends around the world, most of whom he has now outlived. He plans to send SAGA a copy of his writing - 'Rivers in my Life on Three Continents'.

**Wally 51C** and **Joy Doyle** have lived in Victoria for 18 years, having moved to their condo shortly after retiring from Sask. Wheat Pool. They spend their summers at Kipabiskau Regional Park. They have done some traveling over the past years - to China, South East Asia, Ireland and several times to Hawaii. This past summer they attended their 55th class

reunion in June in Saskatoon with several classmates. They also visited in Indian Head with **Lorne 51C** and **Norma Hextall**, in Regina with **Stewart 60C** and **Irene White**. In Victoria they frequently see **Jim 51C** and **Holly Rooke**, **Paul 51C** and **Joan Turner** as well as **Art 48C** and **Jimmie Strautman** who live in Duncan. All are well and enjoying life on the Island. Each winter they have visits with **John 49C** and **Ada Stephenson** who spend part of their winter in Victoria. On their drives to and from Saskatchewan they stop in Cochrane, Alberta, to visit **Jim 73C** and **Jean Blyth** of Blyth Business Consultants. They lead a busy and rewarding life on their lovely island.



In October, **Ted 48S** and **Mel Turner**, **Ian 62S** and **Sylvia Oliver** and **Glen 60C** and **Elaine Hass** (pictured above) were part of a tour group that toured the Eastern United States. The tour was organized by Ryjo Tours and included stops in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Washington DC and Niagara Falls. In addition to the many sights in the major cities, the group also toured the Harley Davidson plant and Hershey Chocolate World in Hershey, PA and the Corning Museum of Glass in Corning NY. Another highlight was the opportunity to spend some time on an Amish dairy farm. The tour provided the opportunity to see the beautiful fall colors, spend money, see a Broadway play

and above all meet some friendly and interesting people.

**Bernie Sonntag '62C** continues to work in China. His latest involvement is a largely volunteer role with a seemingly pretentious title of International Adviser to the President of Inner Mongolia Agricultural University (IMAU). The title translates into promotion and coordination of increased interaction by IMAU with Canadian universities and research agencies. If any SAGA members are interested in getting involved in such things as short term teaching assignments, research collaboration, etc. with IMAU students and faculty, contact Bernie for more information. IMAU is located in Hohhot, the capital city of Inner Mongolia. IMAU has about 25,000 students and is literally across the street from two other universities that each have about the same number of students. There is monstrous potential here for a Chinese Ag-Bag-Drag.

**Cliff Hayes 55C** and wife, **Dorcas**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a Come & Go Tea at Bethel United Church in Saskatoon on Sept. 30, 2006. In his working days Cliff was a senior market analyst with the Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan.

**Margaret Fredeen**, widow of **Hartley 43C** and mother of **Alan 78C** and **Arthur 83C**, maintains her membership and interest in SAGA. Son, **Alan Howard**, teaches animal nutrition at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Truro and son, **Arthur Lloyd**, teaches in environmental forestry at the University of Northern BC in Prince George.

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**Glenn Gutheil 54C** has made four trips to Saskatchewan in the last 3 years from his California home to celebrate family and community events. He sees some Agro snow-birds occasionally - **Jack Peck 51C**, **Clarence Gutheil 56C**. He and Audrey visited with other U of S people at Palm Desert last year. They live about 60 miles north of San Diego and welcome visits by fellow Agros.

**Lyle McNichol 63C**, recently retired from Manitoba Agriculture, is now working in the field of on farm food safety programs with the Dairy Farmers of Manitoba and the Manitoba Cattle Producers Association. He also serves as an Animal Protection Officer. Lyle also made a contribution to the coffers of SAGA - Thanks.

**Julian Dumanski 62C** is in Morocco, where he's writing a project plan for desertification control. He set up the concept two years ago. His only problem is that it has to be done in the course of two weeks - reminiscent of term paper deadlines in college.

**Merry Christmas**  
**To all the Ag Grads**  
**From**  
**The SAGA**



## Life in the slower (?) lane

by Jack Braidek'51C

My, how time flies! At the end of December it will be 14 years since I retired to what was supposed to be a life of leisure, happily spent. Well, Joan and I have been and are happy, as are many others in our age group. But we and others seem to be short of time to do those leisure things we had anticipated before retirement. So let's look at what has been happening.

Last winter we sold our big house and moved into a two bedroom, two bathroom unit which happens to have two stalls in the heated garage. I like all of those good things, especially the bathrooms, as I have a growing aversion to biffy lineups. Besides, my calculations say we shall live more comfortably while spending a couple hundred dollars less each month. But we could use a lot more time to participate in the bridge, pool, shuffleboard and other activities in and about our building. The children, grandchildren and their successors take a bit of time too, especially when scattered about Canada as are ours.

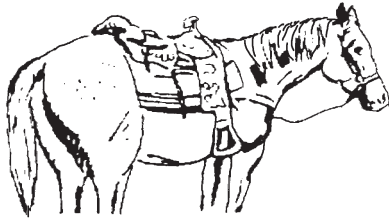
Others of our acquaintance have made similar moves in recent years. Take **John Stephenson'49C** and his wife Ada. They bought a condo in Saskatoon a couple of years ago, before the prices had soared. They spend the nice days of summer at their cottage at Jackfish Lake, and in fall they check on the crop yields, like all smart landlords should, then spend their time and money in Saskatoon, or wherever.

**Art Bevin'51C** and his wife Dawn moved into a big house in Saskatoon some years ago, and recently moved into a condo. Both are very involved in drama, also in other pursuits and Art still pilots a combine come harvest time. They could use a little more time to do other things.

**Art'52C** and **Liz Delahey** have moved from Riverside Estates into a condo south of what we used to call the Eighth Street Golf Course. No big yard to tend anymore.

Sadly, we also spend more time visiting folks that are not well and at funerals of friends, relatives and those special ones we came to know when we were in college.





## Empty Saddles

**Robert Ross (Bob) Ferguson 49C** passed away peacefully on September 19, 2006 at the All Nations Healing Hospital in Fort Qu'Appelle at the age of 89. Robert, father of **Martin 70C**, and grandfather of **Shon 01C** and **Mark 03C**, was born in Winnipeg in 1917 and came to Fort San with his parents that year. Robert joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1940 and retired from the RCAF in 1944 with the rank of Squadron Leader. In 1946 Robert married Norma Johnson and they farmed at Edgeley returning to Saskatoon in the winters where he continued his studies in Agriculture at the U of S. They raised four children Martin, Laura, George and Colleen.

Robert was a community leader involved in numerous boards and organizations. Robert was awarded many honours throughout his life including Member of the Order of Canada (1987), the Saskatchewan Order of Merit (1994), an Honorary Dr. of Laws degree from the University of Regina (1984), Distinguished Graduate in Agriculture, University of Saskatchewan (1986) and the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal (2005).

Edward Hart, father of **Elwood 59C**, **Mervyn 60C** and **Jim 62C**, passed away on Oct.6, 2006 after a lengthy illness. He was born on the family farm in the Punnichy district on Jan. 14,

1913. He was active in his community through agricultural and educational organizations.

**Gordon Dennis Janzen 60C** of Saskatoon SK, died suddenly at his home on September 22, 2006. Gordon was born on August 17, 1938 at Swift Current. He received his early education at Swift Current. He was employed by Federated Co-op in Retail Marketing for 39 years. Gordon's hobbies were curling, flying, piano/organ, computers, R.V.ing and playing the Glockenspiel for the Saskatoon Drums and Bugles. Gordon was a kind and gentle person with a quiet personality who will be missed by all who knew him. He was an active member of the Masonic Fraternity and Saskatoon Shrine Club. Gordon and Carol were also very active in the Order of the Eastern Star, serving in all positions of the Grand Chapter of Sask

**Kenneth Christian Hendrickson 48S, 52C**, aged 77 years, late of Gray, SK, died suddenly at the Pasqua Hospital, Regina, on Oct.18, 2006. Ken is survived by his wife Maxine, four sons, Terry (Barb), Ron (Pam), Mark (Shoelyn, Jeff (Brenda)), and seven grandchildren. Ken and his family have lived in the house where he was raised. He farmed with his father and continued to farm with his sons. He enjoyed farming and sports.

Norma Hextall, wife of **Lorne Hextall 51C** of Grenfell, SK, died on October 19, 2006 at age 79. Norma grew up in the Peace River area and was educated in Home economics and Dietetics.. She is survived by her husband Lorne, their children Blair (Rochelle Dobni), Nancy (Brian Hodgson), Jack (Kim) and four grandchildren.

Pauline Philebine Van Vliet, of

Saskatoon, wife of the late **Hadley Van Vliet 34C**, died on June 23, 2006 at age 96. Pauline was a nurse, a proud mother and a great friend of all she met, including many ag grads.

**Gordon Leslie Clark**, age 49 years of Asquith, died suddenly on June 2, 2006. Gordon was the son of **Herb Clark 45C** and had been employed at the U of S for 28 years. He is survived by his mom Marian, brother Ron(Cathy) and their two children at Fernie, BC.

**Merlyn Wendell White 50C** passed away peacefully on Oct. 21, 2006. Merlyn was born in Gull Lake and grew up on the farm at Instow. He volunteered for the Canadian Army in 1939. He served in England where he met Sallie while stationed with the Royal Canadian Service Corps. They were married in 1942. Merlyn returned to Canada for officer's training and returned overseas for duty in Europe in 1944-45 with the Victoria Rifles and the Royal Winnipeg Rifles. After his return to Canada in 1946 he continued to serve in the militia eventually retiring at the rank of Major. Merlyn and Sallie raised three sons, Ian, John and Roy. Merlyn completed his BSA at the UofS in 1950 and a MSc at the University of Wisconsin. He spent a distinguished career in public service, including Deputy Minister of Agriculture in PEI, 1948-74. He retired from Agriculture Canada in Saskatoon.

**William Victor (Vic) Beaulieu 49C** of Indian Head, died suddenly at the age of 83 years on October 10, 2006. He was born on July 16, 1923 and raised on a farm near Horizon. He is survived by his wife Margot and their family; Rhys (Patricia) Beaulieu; Wanda (Sandy) Smith-Windsor; Carol

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Beaulieu, **Denise Beaulieu'79C**, MSc '86, Mark (Coralee) Beaulieu; **Paul'83C (Annette) Beaulieu**; **Karl'85C (Chris Nykoluk) Beaulieu**; ten grandchildren. Vic served in the RCAF from 1943-45 as a gunner stationed in England before attending the U of S. Following graduation he served for 33 years as a popular and effective agricultural representative in Indian Head. He was awarded an Honorary Life Membership in the Society of Rural Extension in 1978. He and Margot spent some time on a CIDA wheat project in Zambia before retiring in Indian Head. He was an active outdoorsman and volunteer in church and community activities.

Mary Racz (nee Meszaros), mother of **Vernon Racz 68C**, passed away on Oct. 28, 2006 at the age of 92 after a short illness. She was born on the homestead south of Kipling and spent most of her life in that area.

**Cecil Carman Cooke '49C** of Saskatoon, born April 7, 1917, died on Nov. 2, 2006. He is greatly missed by Dorothy, his wife of 65 years; his sister Vera Cantelon brothers John, Saskatoon and Bill (Jean) of Lethbridge; children Diane Wilson, Dan (Dori), Heather (Gil) Cooke-Penner, Geof (Deb), Pixie (Graham) Hoffman, Don (Quin); ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren. A veteran of the armed forces in World War 11, Carman was employed by Saskatchewan Agriculture from 1949 to 1979 at Estevan and Regina. He enjoyed working with rural people, both the younger members and their parents. A grateful person, Carman served on the senate of the University of Saskatchewan and as a volunteer for 25 years at the Wascana Hospital in Regina.

Dorothy May McLoy of the Outlook district and formerly of Meskanaw Sk, died at the Saskatoon city hospital on October 31, 2006 at age 72. She is loved and remembered by **Tom McCloy '52C**, her husband of 54 years and by their children, Kim, Janice (Rob) Istace, Shannon McCloy (Alan Russell); three grandchildren.

**John Lorne McVicar 36S**, father of **Duncan McVicar 69S**, passed away on Sept. 30, 2006, at the age of 88. Lorne was born on the homestead at Colonsay on Nov. 21, 1917. He received a Distinguished Graduate in Agriculture Award in 1992. He was actively involved for many years in various livestock and community associations.

**Arthur William Coutts 36S**, passed away on Nov. 3, 2006, at the age of 92. Art was born in 1914 on the homestead near Unity. After graduation from the UofS, he worked in the horticulture department under Dr. Cecil Patterson before joining the Royal Canadian Navy where he served in both the Atlantic and Pacific. He returned after the war to farm in the Unity area. He and his wife were active in the Unity Horticultural Society, an involvement that led to the D.R. Robinson Award for Horticulture in 1991. Art retired from active farming in 1973, but continued to live on the farm until 2004 and continued his activity in horticulture.

**Willim Burke 50C** passed away in October, 2006, in Prince Albert.

**John Buchan 66C** passed away on November 27, 2006, after a short and difficult struggle with mesothelioma. John was born at Southey, Sask., Nov. 25, 1942, and grew up on the family farm near there. He graduated with a BSA in 1966 and a MSc in crop

science in 1973. After a short stint working for the federal government in Ottawa, he returned to Saskatchewan to work as special crops agronomist. He became director of the crop development branch in 1981 and continued in that role until 2002. Most recently, he worked as bio-products co-ordinator for Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food, principally researching and disseminating information on bio-fuels. Throughout his career, he continued to operate the family farm at Southey. John put his heart into his work, his farm and his family and found great joy in all of those. He also loved to travel and visited many parts of the world on his own and later with Deborah and the children.

**Allan Cole, 81C** passed away on October 27, 2006 in Petrolia, Ontario, at the age of 47 years. Allan farmed in the Mazenod area after graduation. He was a journeyman carpenter and was noted in the community for his fine carpentry work. Allan was a gifted stained glass artist; his pieces complement many homes in the community. He was a member of the local co-op board and served on the Council of the Town of Mazenod. Allan exited farming and in 2006 the family relocated to Petrolia, Ont.

Mary M. Bunn, wife of **Andy J. Bunn 54C**, passed away peacefully on November 14, 2006, at University Hospital, London, Ontario. Mary was born on a livestock and grain farm, west of Biggar. She graduated as a registered nurse, from the Holy Family Hospital in Prince Albert. Andy and Mary raised a family of four and now have eight grandchildren.

**Norman William White 63C** passed away on Nov. 29, 2006. Norm

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## The President's Pen

Season's Greetings agriculture graduates and students. With Christmas fast approaching your executive has been hard at work getting the final preparations made for the 2007 SAGA Reunion. It is always a pleasure to start the New Year with a trip to Crop Production Show and end the week socializing with fellow grads or with curling and hockey at the SAGA Reunion in January. This year is no exception, so make sure you and your fellow classmates have marked January 12th to 14th, 2007 on your calendars for another great reunion

weekend. The agenda and contact list for the various reunion years is listed somewhere in this edition.

The old adage that "no news is good news" definitely does not apply to SAGA. I encourage you to share with SAGA news or happenings about and with your fellow graduates during your year. SAGA Newsletter editors are always looking for updates and stories to put in the three issues of the newsletter. For reunion years attending the events this January, keep this in mind and send us a report and

picture of your classmates and share some of your memories and accomplishments.

Kathy Vancha and I had the opportunity last week to judge the Agriculture 291 class speak-off this year. SAGA sponsors a trophy and prize every year to the competition. We were impressed with the quality and professionalism of the competitors. Congratulations to Roberta Templeton, a second year Animal Science student from Coaldale, AB, for winning the speak-off.

SAGA will continue to support and work with the College and Agriculture Students Association and invite faculty and current students to participate in the 2007 SAGA reunion and future activities. The SAGA activities are all organized by volunteer members on your SAGA executive and we are always looking for volunteers interested in working with a great organization. Call me or Ken Sapsford if you are willing and able to help out.

See you at the 2007 Reunion - have a Happy Christmas.

**Judy MacMillan, C79,  
SAGA President**



## Help us Find Missing SAGA Members

| Name                | Grad Year | Last City        |
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| Harris, Blair R     | 86C       | Yorkton          |
| MacKay, Eldon R     | 69S       | Saskatoon        |
| Burt, Philip J      | 78C       | Regina           |
| Graham, Janet D     | 55S       | Central Butte    |
| Powell, Kenneth C   | 72S       | Yellowgrass      |
| Long Alan           | 90C       | Lloydminster     |
| Zenert, Jack E      | 91C       | Drake            |
| Lundback, Linden R  | 79C       | Watrous          |
| Lockhart, Gary T    | 73S       | Maple Creek      |
| Robinson, John D    | 66C       | Regina           |
| Spencer, John E     | 65C       | Qu'Appelle       |
| Collins, Doug J     | 63C       | Rosetown         |
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| Kuhlmann, Allen W   | 70C       | Saskatoon        |
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| Coutts, Gerald W    | 72C       | Calgary, AB      |
| Myhr, Arden G       | 66S       | Preeceville      |
| Larson, Brian G     | 72C       | Semans           |
| McLean, Grant       | 71C       | Saskatoon        |
| Martin, Terry V     | 69C       | Winnipeg, MB     |
| Coulthard, W. E     | 77C       | Abernethy        |
| Newton, P-A         | 89C       | Jasper, AB       |
| Linton, John H      | 58C       | St. Marys, ON    |

If you have information on any of the above, please advise SAGA by mail or email. Thanks



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was born on Apr. 26, 1942, in Yorkton. After several moves the family moved to a farm near Melfort where Norm completed high school. After completing his BSA he worked for a few years before returning to the UofS to complete a BEd in 1968. He then taught high school in Melfort until his retirement in 1998. Norm and his wife, Bea, had two children and two grandchildren.

Viola Maxine Wilson, mother of **Fred Wilson 66S**, passed away on Nov. 25, 2006 at the age of 76. She led a very active life in community service in the Dundurn area.

From the *Green and White*

**Harry Walton Hobbs 53S** of Medicine Hat, Feb. 26, 2006.

## News from the College

### New Appointment

The Department of Plant Sciences is pleased to announce that Ms. Dorothy Murrell will be the new Associate Director of the Crop Development Centre. Dorothy is presently the North American Business Manager for SW Seed and is serving a one year term as President of the Canadian Seed Trade Association. She has previously held positions in Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food and with Newfield Seeds Ltd. Dorothy will arrive on campus at the beginning of January.

### Bean Feed

The Bean Feed gala dinner was well attended with over 320 students, parents, special guests, donors and faculty. Several parents have contacted the Dean's Office with very positive comments:

\* "This was our first time to attend the Bean Feed - I thought it was an awesome event"

\* "We did not know very much about the College, but after the Bean Feed, we are so glad our daughter enrolled in this College."

"Thank you to all those people who worked to organize the Bean Feed. It was also gratifying to see participation by faculty and staff at the dinner; their interaction with donors, award winners and parents goes a long way toward achieving the objectives of the Bean Feed."

Dean Ernie Barber

### Biofuels and Bioproducts Research & Development

Dean Barber traveled to Ottawa as part of a delegation led by Deputy Premier Clay Serby to meet with Environment Minister Rona Ambrose regarding Saskatchewan's role in Bioproducts and Biofuels research. They successfully sowed the seed in Ottawa for a new targeted investment in science and innovation to advance Canada's participation in the emerging bioeconomy. They also were able to demonstrate how Saskatchewan can be trusted to lead a Canadian Centre of Excellence in Biofuels and Bioproducts Research

and Development. Minister Serby is depending on the College of Agriculture and Bioresources to work with his department to develop this vision.

### Hutterite Brethren Dairy Short Course

Hutterite Colonies produce about 15 % of Saskatchewan's processed milk. Most Colonies have an integrated farming system that includes crops, dairy, swine and poultry. They make use of financial management and advisory companies such as Meyers Norris Penny. This company has worked with members of the Department of Animal Science for a number of years. Some of the Colonies use the WCVF Field Service for veterinary care. As a result of these associations, a need was identified to provide dairy production training for Hutterite Dairy Bosses. Funding for such a course was obtained from the Canadian Agricultural Skills Service in the summer of 2006. This highly successful course of 40 hours was delivered between Oct 12 and Nov 16 with participation of 22 lectures and support staff from Meyers Norris Penny, the Department of Animal and Poultry Science, the Western College of Veterinary Medicine and CFIA. The course was a combination of lectures and hands on demonstration and participation, and a dairy farm tour. The course concluded with presentation of participation certificates to the ten dairy bosses.

### Knowledge Impact in Society (KIS) Activities

**Murray Fulton 77C** released a paper on the CWB entitled "The Canadian Wheat Board in an Open Market: The Impact of Removing the Single-Desk Selling Powers". The project "Adapting to New Environments: Agriculture and Rural Economies in the 21st Century" has created a website that presents the major reports and studies that have been done on the CWB. This site will be an important resource for those interested in the various arguments both for and against the CWB. The literature compilation can be found at [www.kis.usask.ca](http://www.kis.usask.ca)

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