

Outstanding Grad - Diploma

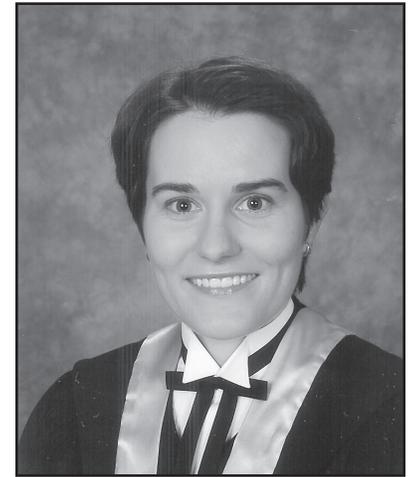


Pauline Bolay

Pauline Bolay grew up on a lamb feedlot near Westlock, Alberta. She has six siblings and was home schooled from grades 5 - 12. She has an immense love and natural aptitude for animals. She especially likes working with sheep and hopes to do the work of a shepherdess. She enjoys traveling, camping, and experienc-

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Nadia Mori

Nadia Mori grew up on a small mixed farm in Switzerland. Her hometown has about 1200 inhabitants. Her parents farm 16 hectares of land and milk about 16 dairy cows. During her last high school year, she made a trip to Canada to go dog sledding in northern Ontario. The wide-open spaces and the extent of nature in

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The **SAGA MIXER**

New Day - New Place
Same old (& fabulous) AGROS & VOC AGS

Saturday, January 5, 2008 8:00 pm

TCU Place (former Centennial Auditorium)

Casino Night and Auction

Reunion tables or rooms available
Contact: Jim Bessel (306) 373-6771

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ing the great outdoors.

Last summer, Pauline spent a month in Switzerland with her sisters to explore her heritage, visit relatives, and to practice her French. Pauline currently makes her home on her family operated sheep ranch near Fairford, Manitoba.

During her studies, Pauline was the recipient of a Canadian Wheat Board Entrance Scholarship, a U of S Scholarship, and she earned a place on the Dean's Honour Roll.

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this country made such an impression on her that she decided to come back. The University of Saskatchewan sent her a letter of acceptance to start her undergraduate degree in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources.

She chose a major in Rangeland Resources and a minor in Soil Science. She has never regretted that choice and found great joy in her studies. She is now enrolled in a masters program in range management and hopes to work in conservation and restoration of native prairies across Canada.

Call for Nominations

SAGA Honorary Life Members
Degree and Diploma

Please send nominations to:

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Larry White 64C

President's Pen

Greetings fellow grads.

Fall is upon us and harvest is at various stages of completion, depending on where you are in the province. It is that time to start filling in your calendar for the winter. I hope you have Jan 5th and 6th already set aside for the SAGA reunion weekend in Saskatoon.

There are big changes to the weekend this year. First of all, note the dates. The reunion is moving to the weekend before the Crop Production Week. The Mixer is on Saturday January 5th, 2008 and the Banquet is on Sunday January 6th. We are reintroducing a mixer that includes cards, socializing and mixing between grad years and students, putting some fun back into it.. We were unable to include the cigars of the past, unless we wanted to hold the mixer in the parking lot.

A new, larger venue, TCU Place, gives more room for designated reunion groups to be with the larger group instead of meeting separately. We are also trying to get some of the students involved so the history of networking and socializing can occur as I remember from when I was a student. The banquet will be similar to past years, but with it being on Sunday night we will not be having a dance. There will be an opportunity to socialize after the program as reunion group photos are taken.

Many of you are receiving this newsletter by e-mail once again. I thank all of you who have sent your e-mail address to us so we are able to send the SAGA this way. We now have about 20% of our members receiving the e-mail; this is helping to reduce our printing and mailing cost. Anyone who would like to be on our e-mail list rather than the mailed copy can send an e-mail to saga.uofs@usask.ca.

I would like to thank the SAGA executive for all the work they have done and are doing this year. We have made many changes and they are working hard as a volunteer board to improve the Saskatchewan Agriculture Graduates' Association and the reunion weekend for you, our members. Please join us this January; let us know what you think of the changes and how we can continue to improve our association.

Ken Sapsford 79C
SAGA President

ASA Report

Hello AGROS,

Hopefully harvest went well for everyone and plans are in place for next years crops. We've had a busy fall at the College of Agriculture and Bio-Resources and are currently in the swing of things with midterms and papers.

On September 21st we renewed some of the traditional rivalry between the Agros and the Engineers with a water balloon fight. It was held on campus in the bowl. There was a lot of enthusiasm from both sides with each painted in their college colours showing their pride. Our annual United Way Blitz was held this year on October 10th.

We had the great opportunity to pair up with the Saskatoon radio station HOT 93 and help to make one of the morning show announcers an honorary Agro. Every Monday morning we had a different task for Cristy Beggs to perform until Drag.

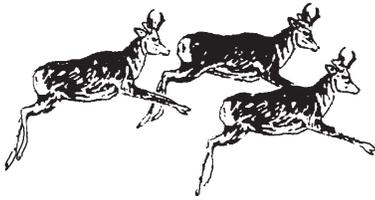
This year Ag Bag Drag (goose) will be held on October 26th at TCU place with a great line-up of Saskatchewan country talent. This year for Hillbilly Havoc each Thursday night during the month of October we will be challenging a different college and on October 25th we would like to challenge all of the AGRO alumni. If there are any Alumni in the city who are interested in attending it will be held at Rodeos Bar and Grill. Feel free to contact me at PRO@uofsagros.com or any of the ASA regarding this event

The ASA graduation will be held on January 19th at the Travelodge and everyone is welcome to attend. If anyone is interested in AGRO clothing feel free to go to the website www.uofsagros.com. We hope to see you at Drag and wish everyone all the best.

Stephanie Dreger
Public Relations Officer 2007-08



Thundering Herd



Barbara (Woolf) 77C and **Ralph Larson 70S** are still out in Surrey BC.

Ralph, also a millwright, has created a maintenance/fabrication business in the greenhouse, cranberry, blueberry and potato industries.

Barb works with various investment funds and is currently completing her CMA. Summers are spent on their boat traveling up the BC coast for salmon and prawns. Their eventual plans are to retire on a Catamaran in the Mediterranean. Their daughter, Julianne, is attending Cambridge University in England doing her MBA.

Les McLean 70C, MSc 72, PAg, is the new Executive Director and Registrar for the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists.

Bev 76S & Lee-Ann (77B.Ed) Roshier sold their turkey farm in two stages during the summer and fall of 2006 and moved into Saskatoon. He spent the winter doing a little work on the basement and Tim Hortons. Lee-Ann continued to teach Resource Room at Lester B. Pearson elementary school on the west side of Saskatoon. Their son Albert and his partner Krystal now reside in Ottawa where Al is working for the feds in Citizenship and Immigration as a Policy Analyst. Their daughter Cheryl is currently seeing some of the world by teaching English in Asian schools. Lee-Ann has decided that after 33 years of teaching she will retire in June of '07. This

means an extended winter vacation; the possibilities seem endless. They are in the process of starting up a new business with a small bobcat and trailer to get a piece of the housing boom.

Ross Hutchison 73C is currently the Manager at the Alberta Ag-Info Centre in Stettler. They have a number of UofS Agros on staff including **Russ Horvey 73C**, **Rob Spencer 99C** (son of **John Spencer 73C**), **Tricia Palmer** and **Neil Whatley 89C**. **Andy Birch 73C** is a realtor in Stettler. Kathy and Ross moved to Stettler in 2000 and have enjoyed dabbling in the housing market there.

Gord Bacon 81C is the CEO, Pulse Canada., in Winnipeg. Pulse Canada is changing its strategy from emphasis on commodity exports to targeting food markets associated with the new focus on prevention of health problems through better nutrition.

Harvey Stushnoff 79C has moved to the Boise area in Idaho along with a new career as a Technical Services Manager for Krone North America Inc. covering the Northwest. His wife, Noelle, works as a Pharmacy Technician for Star Pharmacy. Their youngest, Shasta, is graduating High School and preparing to enter college to pursue a degree as a Landscape Architect at the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho. She spends most of her spare time playing competitive soccer as a goalkeeper; this involves a lot of travel. Their oldest daughter, Dorrie, and family live in Saskatoon and their son, Lonnie, is in Regina. Life is good!

D R MacRae 63C has moved from Sidney, B.C. to 2050 High Forest Place, Kamloops, BC, V2E 0A3

Rob Garland 95S and his wife

Andrea 01C (Chute) recently returned to Saskatchewan from Alberta. Rob has just taken a job with Heartland Agro in Moose Jaw.

Barry Ghiglione 69S was appointed in March as the president of the Prairie Policy Centre (PPC), a Saskatoon-based think tank. PPC's goal is to enhance the economic and social well-being of Saskatchewan, the Prairie region and Canada as a whole.

Judy Dyck, PAg, 78C is the new president of the Saskatchewan Biofuels Development Council. For the past two years Judy was the co-chair of a bio-fuels task force as well as Executive Director of the Saskatchewan Canola Growers Association.

Jack Zenert 91C is the new marketing manager for the Bison Producers of Alberta. He lives in Innisfail, Alberta. He will implement a strategic marketing plan that the Diversified Livestock Fund of Alberta recently approved.

Mark Woodworth 77S is planning to celebrate his 50th birthday and 25th anniversary by taking his wife, Laurie, to Australia. They are hoping to go as soon as harvest is over and are not sure when they are coming back - good way to escape winter in Saskatchewan.

Russell Fersch 95S coached Team Saskatchewan's Wrestling Team at the Western Canada Summer Games in Strathcona, Alberta in August. He coached the girls' team to gold and the boys came home with team bronze. One of his own Elrose female wrestlers won individual gold.

Kelly Labbie 89C and **Virginia (Brown) Labbie 00C** live in Regina.

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Kelly is a Territory Sales Manager with Bayer Crop Science and Virginia is a Territory Marketing Rep with Farm Pure Seeds.

Grant Hesje 90C is now Manager, Portfolio Analysis and Modelling at Farm Credit Canada.

Heather Macnab 81S, wife of **Peter Hecker 75S**, is the music teacher in the Maple Creek area. They farm in the Piapot district. She spent part of the summer in an opera education program in Edmonton and is bringing her new skills to her students. She teaches piano and voice, is the mainstay of the Maple Creek and district music festival, and organizes a cast of teenagers each fall to perform a musical in late November. Music is alive and well in Maple Creek.

R. Gordon Moore 68S is reminding all '68 diploma grads to get information to him for the class book - a recent picture and a resume. Send it to him at Box 965, Speers, SK, S0M 2V0. Gordon has 20 rooms booked at the Hilton in Saskatoon under the heading '68 SAGA Reunion - first come, first served. He is looking for help in locating the secretary (name) who worked in Kirk Hall in 1967-68.

Tom Brown 70C and wife Janet hosted a gathering in August to celebrate the centennial of the Brown Family Farm (NW 26 - 50 - 21 -W3) near Turtleford. Members of the family in attendance who are grads were **Virginia (Brown) Labbie 00C**; **Kelly Labbie 89C**; **Juanita (Brown) Polegi 83C**; **Allan Polegi 79S**; and **Lloyd Proctor 42S**.

Also attending the celebration were **Dick Roney 68C**, **Allan Ball 71S**, **Durald Textor 64S** and **Angela (MacDougall) Booy 99C**.

Naomi (Oystryk) Paley 98C is working for Saskatchewan Agriculture & Food as a Livestock Development Specialist in Yorkton. Naomi has spent the past eight years working with the department in various locations in the East Central region. For the past five years Naomi has been working on various projects aimed at attracting and retaining new ranchers in the East Central region of the province. She, her husband Damon and their son Everett in Canora, just a short distance from both their family farms.

Kathy (Zimmer) Pearson 89C is in Yorkton, working for FCC where she just reached 15 years of service.

Married to Neil (works at Viterra in Langenburg), three boys - two of their own, Martin 12 and Michael 7 and a Hockey billet from the Harvest Team (Midget AAA)-Brendon Fornwald 15. All 3 boys are into hockey, which keeps everyone very busy, leaving her no time for curling. She is still very much involved in the community with the Exhibition and running her family to all the hockey games.

Becky (Bergen) Niessen 87C lives in Melville with husband, Roy, and children Sara and Matthew and works at FCC in Yorkton. She's a hockey mom and a dance mom in her free time.

The Hitching Post

Marilyn 79S and **Cal 78S Ramsay** married off their daughter, Robyn, to Randy Fliczek on July 14, 2007. The wedding was held on the farm..

The day was hot but ended in a well-needed shower. The newlyweds are living on a farm near Cutknife. Son Carl has a place just down the road from Marilyn and Cal - more hands always seem to help.

Marilyn has gone to the dogs - she spends as much time as possible working her Border Collie dogs and attending dog clinics and trials. Cal spends his time working at home, doing a little team penning or Ranch rodeo.

Home Grown

Rob 95S and **Andrea 01C Garland** had a daughter, Aubrey, Feb 7, 2007.

Lacey (Annand) Wilton 04C and her husband Murray are farming at Meskanaw, Sk. They just welcomed their first daughter to the world on March 15, 2007. Her name is Robyn Gracie Wilton and she was born 6 pounds, 12 ounces and 21.5 inches long.

Lacey is on mat leave from her financial service rep job at the Credit Union for the next year and is enjoying her time at home!

Darcy Booy 98C & **Angela (MacDougall) Booy 99C** are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Breanna Kim on February 16, 2007. They currently reside on their grain farm west of Glaslyn.

'43 Ag Grad Reunion

The Agro Grads of '43 celebrated their 64th anniversary on June 22 in Saskatoon. The group admitted to spending a lot of time in the hospitality room at the Park Town Hotel. They did venture out to the Berry Barn for lunch.

They were joined for dinner by Dean Ernie Barber, his wife Phyllis and Michelle Galluci, College Development Officer. They received greetings from several classmates unable to attend - Ray Gross, Costa Rica; Bill Powell, Sidney, BC; Fred Snell, Regina; Walt van Haerlem, Concord, CA; Harvey Whitney, Edmonton.

The group plans to meet for their 65th in 2008.



Standing l.to r: Howard Fredeen, John Hanson, Cliff Simpson, Jack Haraldson, Lou Hluchaniak, John Bond, Vince Coffey, Harold Chapman, and Herb Dow. Seated l to r: Betty Barlow, Betty Simpson, Neita Haraldson, Margaret Hluchaniak, Simone Coffey, Fran Dow, Joan Fredeen, Sybil Kennedy and Alice Turnbull

Diploma Reunion Chairs - 2008

1948 - 60 years	Keith Colborn	Delisle	(306) 493-2646	
1958 - 50 years	Dwayne Bristow	Regina	(306) 789-6705	debristow@accesscomm.ca
1968 - 40 years	Gordon Moore	Speers	(306) 246-4964	douglasag@littleloon.ca
1978 - 30 years	Thad Trefiak	Leross	(306) 675-4436	tm.trefiak@sasktel.net
1988 - 20 years	Ewald Lammerding	Saskatoon	(306) 477-1369	eflammerding@sasktel.net
1998 - 10 years	Roman Domashovitz	Grandora	(306) 222-0599	roman.d@sasktel.net
			(306) 651-2975 (H)	
2003 (3 yr) - 5yr.	Douglas Rekimowich	Streamstown AB	(780) 875-8595	dougrek@hotmail.com

Degree Reunion Chairs - 2008

1948 - 60 years	Gordon Wilson	Saskatoon	(306) 373-1854	
	Eldon Norum	Saskatoon	(306) 373-0148	
1958 - 50 years	Lorne Sparling	Regina	(306) 789-0638	sparling@sasktel.net
	Dave Christensen	Saskatoon	(306) 955-7235	david.christensen@usask.ca
			Office 966-4152	
1968 - 40 years	James Gorrill	Bulyea	(306) 725-4828	
	Vern Racz	Saskatoon	(306) 373-6788	vern.racz@usask.ca
1978 - 30 years	Glenn Annand	Mossbank	(306) 354-7637	annandagro@xplornet.com
	Bill Hetland	Naicam	(306) 874-5694	
1988 - 20 years	Kathy Hanson	Watrous	(306) 946-2546	kathy.hanson@swp.com
1998 - 10 years	Tyler Wiens	Medicine Hat	(403) 526-8442	tyler.wiens@bayercropscience.com
			(403) 580-9095	
2003 - 5 yrs	Shelagh Torries	Saskatoon	(306) 373-6563 (H)	sjt084@mail.usask.ca
			(306) 934-5189	

1957 Degree Class Celebrates 50 Years

The degree class of 1957 is the smallest graduating class in the College since World War II. About 28 or 29 enrolled in first year, with 24 graduating in 1957. Seventeen of these lads are still alive, and ten, along with their wives, made it to the reunion in January.

Chuck Day. Chuck chose a career in education. He taught at City Park Collegiate in Saskatoon for a few years. After postgraduate training in Oregon and Alberta he joined the staff of Grant McEwan College in Edmonton. Chuck and Lynda now live in Kelowna.

Ken Ewan. Ken began his career with the Poultry and Livestock Div. of AAFC in Regina. After moves to Saskatoon, Guelph and Ottawa he ended up in Brampton, Ont. with the same organization. Ken and Joan live in Brampton.

Lawrence Gellesta. After a short stint as an Assessor with Sask. Dept. Municipal Affairs, Lawrence made a career change to education. He taught at Riverview Collegiate in Moose Jaw. Lawrence and Marie live in Moose Jaw.

Harvey Goehring. Harvey spent most of his career as manager of country operations with Pioneer Grain followed with stints with the Canadian Wheat Board and the Manitoba Institute of Agrologists. Harvey and Marion make their home in Winnipeg.

Joe Jenneau. Joe began his career as a Farm Management Specialist. He then developed his own farm consultant and real estate business. He ended his career with Western Diversification in Saskatoon. Joe and Alma spend their summers at Wakaw Lake and winters in Arizona.

Larry Koturbash. Larry worked with Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture. Later he worked for Ducks Unlimited Canada and with Conserva Pak Seeding Systems. Larry and Helen live in Indian Head.

Roy Levee. Roy's career involved a family farming operation at Radville, and involvement in the grain business through the Weyburn Inland Terminal. Roy is an Honorary Life Member of SAGA. Roy and Beth live on their farm.

Glen Lowndes. After graduation he operated a dairy business. He also worked with Agric. Canada, Canada Manpower, Sask Agriculture and Adult Education. Three of his daughters are graduates of the College of Agriculture. Glen and Orlyn now live in Kelvington.

Gord Plaxton. After two years with the Alberta Research Council, Gord moved into education. He was employed by the Calgary Board of Education for 35 years as a science teacher and administrator. Gord and Nan live in Calgary, but spend their summers at Waskesiu.

Don Acton. Don spent his entire career with the Saskatchewan Soil Survey. In the last few years he was involved with a national program on soil quality and with international work in Vietnam. Don and Sylvia continue to live in Saskatoon.

Seven of the fellows were unable to attend in January. Ken Murray graduated in 1957 but he will be celebrating with the 1958 class, with which he was more closely associated.

Doug Brown. After postgraduate studies at the U of S and Univ. of Wisconsin he worked at AECL at Chalk River and the Dept. of Biology at Bishop's University, Sherbrooke. He lives on a country property (old farm) in the Sherbrooke region.



Standing- Chuck Day, Harvey Goehring, Gord Plaxton, Glen Lowndes, Roy Levee, Beth Levee, Helen Koturbash, Marie Gellesta, Nan Plaxton, Alma Jeanneau, Joe Jeanneau, Larry Koturbash, Lawrence Gellesta. Sitting- Marion Goehring, Sylvia Acton, Lynda Day, Orlyn Lowndes, Joan Ewan and Ken Ewan.

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Pooped deck



Stanley Kirkland 75C has retired from his position as Assoc. Director, Plant Production Division, CFIA, concluding a 33 year career with the Government of Canada. He and Margaret are relocating to Comox, BC, where they will be active exploring their new locale, gardening, volunteering, cycling, hiking and lowering golf handicaps through regular trips to the golf course. When the wet winter months arrive they will head to New Orleans to visit grandkids and venture to other warm locales.

Larry White 64C won a substantial cash prize and a 'green jacket' in the Rotary Club of Saskatoon Masters Golf Pool. He has indicated his willingness to provide advice to other Agros for picking winning teams for future pools.

Wilf Cody 54C says he is very impressed with the PDF version of SAGA and will be happy to receive the newsletter in this format from now on. He says that he has long since used up his \$35.00 life membership and will be sending a cheque. He sees **Roger Laurin '54C** frequently now that he is living in Edmonton. Among other things they attend the Edmonton

Film Society showings of old classic movies. Roger's wife Sharon passed away on Jan. 18, 2007 after a long battle with cancer.

Ken Thompson 74C has decided to retire after 30 plus years with PFRA. His wife, Barb and kids are very happy as they all have long "To Do" lists for him. Ken and Barb live in Regina where they continue renovations to their house. Barb will not retire from the Red Cross for another year to give Ken lots of time to adjust to retirement. Plenty of trips to Swift Current are planned to visit with their daughter **Malina 99C** and son-in-law **Lee Poppy 93S**. Both work at AAFC's Swift Current research centre (SPARC). They have a little boy named Declan who is 3 years old and a little girl, Jasper, who is 1 year old. Ken and Barb's son, Matt lives in Regina and is a manager at Boston Pizza. Ken can be contacted at kwthompson@sasktel.net.

Ed Gosselin 67C, John Hemstad 63C and **Bernie Sonntag 62C** were inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame in August 2007 as members of the 1960-69 Asquith Braves Baseball Team.

Merle Byrnes 59C won the 2007 Auto Clearing Chrysler senior men's golf championship at the Greenbryre Country Club in Saskatoon in June. In his own words, "the old guy played good today". **Art Delahey 52C** also played 'good' and won in the over 75 age group.

Glenn Gutheill 54C lives on a golf course near Temecula, Ca., 90 km north of San Diego. He admits to enjoying the blizzard-free climate. He and Audrey were in Canada for the 50-year class reunion and a family event in 2004, again in 2005 and

in 2006 for the Lang, SK, centennial. He especially noticed the changing prairie landscape and rural de-population. They often see Saskatchewan snowbirds and invite others to stop in to update them on the situation back home in Canada.

Ray Rylund 71C has retired from the farm at Plato. He sent SAGA a contribution from his mouldy mattress.

Carmen Berg 68C now gets a brown envelope monthly from Old Age Security. He was welcomed to the 65+ club by friends, neighbors and a handful of Agro club members including **Les Henry 64C, Lorence Peterson 65C, Boyb Burrell 64C, Ed Schultz 64C, Irene and Derald Ahner 65C, Tom Burwell 64C, Frank Dunlop 63C** and partners.

Don Rennie 49C was recently presented with the 2007 Conservation Hall of Fame Award at the annual general meeting of the Soil Conservation Council of Canada for his outstanding contribution to soil conservation in Canada.

Agros of Influence

The U of S Alumni Association identified 100 Alumni of Influence to represent the array of alumni who have made profound and lasting contributions to the university and the world.

The Agros among the honorees are **J. B. Harrington 20C, Jack McFaull 44S, Keith Downey 50C, Lorne Babiuk 67C** and **Lester Lafond 74S**. You can download it from

http://www.usask.ca/alumni/alumnisite/publications/green_white/issues/current/GW_spring07.pdf

CURLING! CURLING! CURLING!

Ag Grad Bonspiel needs you!!

New place - New dates

Dates: January 4, 5 & 6, 2008

Place: Granite Curling Rink, Saskatoon

Start putting your team together. Entry forms will be in the December SAGA. Join us for a weekend of FUN!

Awards will be presented at the Banquet at TCU Place on January 6.

For more info Contact: Virginia Peters - (306)-237-9506

HOCKEY is HERE!!!!

WHERE? - Aberdeen, SK.

WHEN? - Saturday, January 5th, 2008 starting bright and early from 8 a.m. on Saturday running until 6 p.m. Finals are on Sunday, January 6th, 2007.

COST? - To be determined once teams register. It normally varies between \$20-40 per person.

Not only is there a hockey rink at Aberdeen, there is also 4 lane bowling alley for kids to enjoy some gl-bowling as well!

Register your team with either Mark Kuchuran or Steve Cuddington via email mark.kuchuran@basf.com or steve_cuddington@hotmail.com

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Tom Jackson. Tom returned to the family farm near Indian Head. He has been an ardent promoter of yellow flax. He currently lives at Fort Qu'Appelle.

Lucien Lacroix. After postgraduate training in plant science at the U of S, he was a Professor in the Plant Science Dept. at the Univ. of Manitoba. Lucien and wife Josephine live in Winnipeg.

Doug McBeath. Postgraduate studies in soil science at U of S and Cornell. He was a scientist with AAFC Research Station in Lacombe and later Director of the Fredericton Research Station. Doug retired to Victoria.

Bob Middleton. Bob worked in extension with Saskatchewan Agriculture in Estevan, Maidstone, Weyburn, North Battleford, Swift Current and Saskatoon. Bob and Joan live in Saskatoon.

Eugene Seitz. After postgraduate studies, he worked with the Food Research Institute of AAFC. He spent most of his career in food flavor research with international companies in New Jersey and Milwaukee. He is now with Sartori Foods Corp. of Plymouth Wisc. He and Debbie live in Heartland, Wisconsin.

Don Small. Don worked briefly in the food industry before becoming an educator in the Wadena School Unit and Prince Albert High School Board. Later he established a cow- calf operation near Prince Albert. Don and Helen live on their farm west of Prince Albert.

The six deceased members are:

Jim Banford. He worked with the Sask. Soil Survey, Geological Survey of B.C. and tile drainage division of B.C. Dept. of Agric. before returning to the family farm at Eastend. Jim died in 1987. His widow, Krys, lives in Eastend.

Jim Erfle. After postgraduate degrees at the U of S and Univ. of Illinois, he was a scientist with the Animal Research Institute of AAFC in Ottawa. Jim died in 1992. Agnes continues to live in Ottawa.

Hugh McCurdy. He farmed in the Grandora district west of Saskatoon.

Colin MacKenzie. He worked as a high school teacher in Alberta. Following postgraduate studies in soil science he was an Agrologist with Alberta Agriculture at Brooks. He did international work in Lesotho, Zambia, Egypt and Bangladesh. Colin died in 2002.

Grant Milne. He farmed at Balcarres in the summer and taught in Agricultural Engineering at the U of S in the winter. He worked on agricultural development projects in Tanzania and Sudan. Grant died in 2004. His widow, Vicki, lives in Saskatoon.

Doug Munro. He completed postgraduate study in soil science at U of S and worked as a Scientist at the AAFC Research Station in Charlottetown.

Adventure in Spanish - Barb Stefanyshyn-Cote 87C

It has been a very interesting year for the Cote family, so thought we'd share a little of our experience with you. It all started in December 2006 with a strategic planning session for the farm. Since farming looked a lot less fun than traveling, we decided to rent out the farm for two years and pursue the goals of exploring new farming/business options and having the family learn Spanish. We never really thought that the plan would come together until one day John and I shook hands and decided that it was time to leap before we looked.

Although our plan seemed a tad far fetched, everyone we spoke to told us to go for it. Some said we were crazy, while others said we were really crazy but most offered to come and visit. With the help of our terrific neighbors and friends, we were able to organize the farm for the time when we are not there. This experience in itself has been worth the effort.

Originally we thought that Chile would be our destination for 18 months, (September 06 - March 08). However, the Chilean consulate had other ideas and after waiting from July to October for the necessary documentation we decided to start our adventure in Mexico. Following a path set out by **Gordon 89C & Louise Flaten** from Winnipeg, who had a similar adventure last year, we decided to make Morelia, Mexico our destination until July of 2007, with plans to travel to South America after that.

On November 2, we backed the van out of the garage, loaded with our 4 kids, many maps, an English-Spanish dictionary and 5.5 suitcases full of our belongings. Packing was reduced to warm weather clothes, a few textbooks for the kids, Gameboys, a few other select toys and of course, our credit cards. Morelia is a beautiful colonial city, a UN World

Heritage site ~ 200 kms west of Mexico City, at an elevation of 6000 feet and full of friendly people (about 800,000 of them). The weather was a bit chilly by Mexican standards, only 9-25 C and it was common to see the locals wearing scarves and down filled jackets but there were no snow banks and the beaches were only about 3 hours away.

We settled into Spanish classes for the adults and regular school for the kids. We lived right downtown next to the cathedral, where the bells were rang every 15 minutes starting at 5:30 am, about 1/2 hour after the Mariachi bands, dogs and firecrackers got quiet. The adjustment period was pretty quick, but not without a few homesick and frustration tears (but eventually John got over



Consulting in Kazakhstan.

it). It wasn't long before the kids were inviting friends over after school, listening to them converse in Spanish was quite remarkable since they only had 3



Barb and the kids in Mexico.

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weeks of Spanish classes before they started school. I volunteered at a stained glass shop and John became good friends with a young man just setting up a microbrewery.

We toured a fair bit of central Mexico, from the pyramids to volcanoes to beaches, engaged in several of the festivities from parades to fiestas (parties), checked out the zoo, the rodeo and became fairly comfortable with driving, even in Mexico City.

Were there surprises? Of course, but nothing overwhelming. We rented a house, found a school for the children, paid bills, coordinated mail delivery, made friends and even signed up for a Blockbuster video membership. How's the Spanish? Well, the family has gone from nil to compre-

hending almost all, if it is spoken slowly. A new language is always tough to master but at least now we know what we are trying to say.

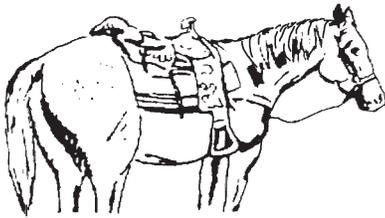
Something else that is new for us, is that John has been consulting for FarmPure Global in Kazakhstan. In the last 15 months he's been over 5 times.

Our adventure is not yet over, we left Morelia, July 3 and arrived in Chile Aug.2 via Saskatchewan (long story). Here we plan on putting our Spanish to use with the exploration of new business opportunities. We are located in Chillan, about 4 hours south of Santiago. There's lots more to tell and not enough time, so if you stop by we can fill you in over a glass of wine or maybe a Corona with lime.

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Kyle Andrew Bergen, Drake
 Pauline Bolay, Fairford, MB
 Jesse Tyler Coleman, Meskanaw
 Curtis David Dunnington, Swift Current
 Michelle Paulette Eggerman, Watson
 Anthony Dale Eliason, Outlook
 Jamie Teddy Freedman, Gronlid
 Ryan Barney Goodwin, McCord
 Nadine Ashley Gray, Lacadena
 Keri Lynn Halter, Plenty
 Cody Dane Hansen, Rockglen
 Brady Wayne Heatcoat, Assiniboia
 Ashley Joy Heavin, Melfort
 Caleb William Channon Heenan, Grand Coulee
 Duane Alan Horvey, Cabri
 Jared Lee Smith Jessiman, Lucky Lake
 Kurtis William John Kramer, Avonhurst
 Kyle Charles Langmeier, Craven
 Ryan Lee Pierce Mann, North Battleford
 Darren Mitchell Marcenko, Assiniboia
 Joel Yves Marchildon, Zenon Park
 Bradley Jayden Olynick, Morse
 Colin Eric Phillips, Lumsden
 Curtis James Ridgway, Avonlea
 Chase McLean Schafer, Brownlee
 Nichole Stacey Slobodian, Cudworth
 Danielle Megan Stensrud, Choiceland
 Derek Justin Tallon, Lafleche
 Stephen Christopher Thorson, Penzance
 Landon Conrad Zimmer, Luseland

Empty Saddles



Syl Solar 62C passed away April 3, 2007 at Humboldt, SK at the age of 68 years after 3 years of struggling with illness. He was born in Humboldt, SK where he attended school prior to attending the College of Agriculture in Saskatoon. He went on to get his Teaching Certificate, and he and wife of 40 years, Marlene, lived in Bruno where Syl taught school, including Agricultural Studies, and they owned a dairy farm. They retired from dairy farming in 2000, and Syl from teaching in 1996. He greatly missed and was predeceased by his wife, Marlene, in 2004. Many of his later years were spent involved with the Carlton Trail Society of Humboldt, SK and giving tours of the Trail through his home property. He is survived by his daughter Cheryl Solar (Shaen Kimball) of the homestead in Bruno, Philip (Sherri) Solar of Humboldt, farming the home property, and **Lisa C '92 (John S '92) Kluck** of Drumheller, AB. Interment was at St. Bruno R.C. cemetery in Bruno, SK on April 9, 2007.

Peter Noble Butala 53S aged 72 years of the Divide-Eastend, Saskatchewan, area died a mere two months after being diagnosed with esophageal and stomach cancer, on August 9, 2007 at the Shaunavon Hospital and Care Centre at Shaunavon, SK. Peter was born at Frontier, Saskatchewan on November

23, 1934. He received his education at Bonita School at Divide where he rode horse the five miles to school. One of Peter's fondest memories was of chasing wild horses and of herding cattle with his father. Peter and Sharon Butala were married in Saskatoon on May 21, 1976 and Sharon came to live on the Butala ranch west of Claydon, SK. In 1996, as he approached retirement, they made arrangements with the Nature Conservancy of Canada and the provincial government to establish the Old Man On His Back Prairie and Heritage Conservation Area. For this initiative he and his wife received a number of conservation awards, both federal and provincial. Peter was a rancher all his life and at various times was president of the Claydon Grazing Co-operative, the Southwest Forage Association and the White Mud Feeders Association and was a founding member of the Claydon Lions Club. In January, 2005, he was honoured with a lifetime membership in the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association. He is survived by his wife Sharon, his step-son Sean Hoy (Carol) of Saskatoon and step-grandchildren Declan and Maeve, his sister Nancy Bascom (Marvin) of Eastend and their family and his sister Mary Jane Butala of Calgary.

Don Dabbs, a former Professor of Horticulture in the College of Agriculture at the U of S, passed away on July 30, 2007 in Salt Springs Island, B C. Don was recognized by the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists when he received the Distinguished Agrologist award for his contribution to scientific agriculture specifically relating to horticulture.

Stan Campbell 50C, born July 3, 1928, passed peacefully in his sleep on September 11, 2007. He will be lovingly remembered by his com-

panion, Val and her family. He is also survived by sisters, Betty (Marshall), Grace, Mary (Cal); brothers, Don (Velma) and Keith. Stan worked at the Agriculture Canada Melfort Research Station and retired in 1986 and from that time helped his brother Keith run the farm. He was an active member in the Kinsmen and later K' 40's. Stan was an avid golfer and a member of the Saskatoon Golf and Country Club. His winters were spent curling at the Nutana Curling Club.

Stephen Mysack 36C passed away on April 21 in Vancouver at the age of 101. He passed away of natural causes. He was born in the Ukraine and came to Canada in 1912, settling in Saskatchewan. He had a long career in teaching, the Canadian Armed Forces, farm management and business in Saskatoon and Edmonton before retiring in Vancouver. He was active in the Ukrainian Orthodox church and teachers' associations

Sidney Stuart Blair 61C passed away on May 27th, 2007 in Saskatoon. He was born on May 12, 1938 and grew up in the Lanigan district with brother, **Wilson 63C**, and sister, Joanne. He is lovingly remembered by his wife Marlene Thingelstad and their children Peri-Lynne, Lindsay, Tiffany and Jason and many other relatives and friends. Sid completed his MSc in Soils at the U of S in 1963 and then spent his active working career with Simplot Chemical Co. in Brandon and then the Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan. He was an avid sports fan and actively supported the sports and other activities of his children and grandchildren. A "Sidney Stuart Blair Memorial Scholarship" has been established in the College of Agriculture and BioResources.

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Joseph Robert Gilchrist 76S, born November 23, 1924 in Rosetown, passed away on August 11, 2007, in Saskatoon at the age of 82. Joe joined the RCAF in 1943 where he served until he was discharged in 1974. He graduated from the U of S with a diploma in agriculture in 1976. Joe farmed near Rosetown until ill health forced him to retire.

Gordon M. Richardson 51C died on Jan.2, 2007 at the age of 80 after a long, but cheerful, battle with lung cancer in the Weyburn General Hospital. Gordon farmed at Colgate in the summers and took employment in the winters with Sask Agriculture, Wascana Technical Institute, STI in Moose Jaw, Weyburn Vocational School and various implement agencies. The family supported the Colgate United Church and the Weyburn Baptist Church along with sharing their abundant fruits, vegetables, woodwork creations, etc., with friends in Colgate and Weyburn.

College News

The College approved name changes for two departments:

Food and Bioproduct Sciences (formerly Applied Microbiology and Food Science)

Bioresource Policy, Business and Economics (formerly Agricultural Economics)

Appointments:

Professor Dan Pennock has been appointed Associate Dean (Academic), effective July 1, 2007, for a five-year term.

Associate Dean (Research) Graham Scoles has been appointed Acting Dean for this academic year and was reappointed as Associate Dean (Research) effective July 1, 2008, for a five-year term.

Professor Bob Tyler, no stranger to the Dean's Office, is acting in the Associate Dean portfolio during this academic year.

Candice Pete is the Director of the Indigenous Peoples' Resource Management Program (IPRMP). Candice is from Little Pine First Nation and holds a B.Comm. from the U of S.

David Natcher, Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics. David comes from Memorial University in Newfoundland.

Danielle Gaudet, Academic Counsellor in IPRMP. Danielle was previously an instructor with Prairie West Regional College in Warman.

Fall Enrolment

The following are preliminary numbers of students who have been admitted to the College of Agriculture and Bioresources for the 2007-08 academic session.

BSA	189
B.Sc. (AGBS)	47
Diploma	17

Enrolment in the Degree programs appears to be stable or up slightly, while enrolment in the Diploma program is down significantly from last year.

Last Minute News

Irene Ahner, 65C, has spent a great deal of time over the last year running back and forth from Maple Creek to Unity, trying to look after her father, Alex Keay, and his affairs. He is now, at age 94, a permanent resident of the Unity Long Term Care facility. Alex attended the School of Agriculture in 1937 but the economics of the time did not permit him to finish.

Derald, 65C, has managed to keep things together on the home front. Due to adequate rain in May and June, there was a good hay crop, despite the heat and drought over the summer.

Don Connick, 65C, reports from Gull Lake that he took off an average crop this fall. He says the crop was like a blonde. It looked good standing but there wasn't a lot in the head. Somewhere Lynn Boyes is laughing and saying, "I taught that boy everything he knows!"

Don is on the board of APAS, which takes up a lot of his time.

Ian 71C and Eleanor **Bowie**, of Piapot, are now enthusiastic grandparents of Morgan Donald, born Feb. 22, 2007 to Jon and Tracy Bowie. Jon is a popular and published western Canadian cowboy poet. There are three generations of Bowies on the ranch again.

Morgan's great-grandfather was the late **Don Bowie 39C** and his aunt is **Elayna 94C**. If Morgan follows in the family footsteps, he will graduate in 2029, perhaps as a poetic agrologist.

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Justin Neil Allport, Kyle
Kathy Lyn Anderson, Watrous
Digit Dee Ash, Glentworth
Travis Leslie Bender, Rockglen
Denise Lorraine Benfield, Springside
Chad Brian Bohachewski, Porcupine Plain
Courtney Ann Boryski, Saskatoon
Karen Lynn Bowditch, Tisdale
Brooke Elaine Boyes, Glen Ewen
Jordan M Bue, Tisdale
Adam Roy Carlson, Swift Current
Chelsey Rae Carruthers, Biggar
Yang Chen, Jiangsee, China
Denise Raeleen Clair, Radisson
Dwayne Larry Cruise, Stalwart
Kyla Marie denBrok, Esterhazy
Michael Brent Emigh, Saskaton
Heather Nadine Englot, Glenavon
Tyler John Fewings, Pierson
Amber Rae Fiset, Lafleche
Kimberly Fitzpatrick, Saskatoon
Adam Alexander Fritzler, Saskatoon
Maria Theresa Fuchs, Fleming
Daphne Gail Gottselig, Findlater
Taylor John Grafton, Prince George, BC
Murray Douglas Gray, Aylsham
Chad Matthew Guidinger, Eatonia
Steven M Hankey, Saskatoon
Mary Mona Hattum, Ponteix
Bradley William Hayes, Eatonia
Shenjie Hu , Shanghai, China
Emily Anne Hunter, Dorchester, ON
Jarod Bruce Jackson, Saskatoon
Melissa Lynn Johnson, Abbotsford, BC
Eliza Beth-Ann Kapeller, Mistatem
Chelsea Mae Kelln, Strasbourg
Rebecca Jane Kent, Strasbourg
Tyler William Kessler, Pangman
Skye Leticia Ketilson, Saskatoon
Jessica Elizabeth Ann Kilistoff, Clavet
Jung Hoon Kim, Busan, South Korea
Lisa Dawn Kirkham, Saltcoats
Karla Jenna Klemmer, Saskatoon
Sheala Marie Konecsni, Saskatoon
Amanda May Labach, Saskatoon
Andrew Robert Laing, Regina
Amanda Lee Leitner, Cartwright

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Qian Li, Vancouver BC
Stephanie Cecille Ludwig, Calgary AB
Graeme Scott Mansfield, Regina
Adele Louise McIntosh, Maryfield
Angela Mary McKague, Ogema
Brynn Danielle McLeod-Jones, Prince Albert
Barclay Dustin Meinert, Shaunavon
Sean Gerald Miller, Avonlea
Nadia Sara Mori, Kallnach, Switzerland
Colleen Patricia Murphy, Paynton
Stephen Roy Myer , Maidstone
Trista Lee Myers, Bulyea
Amanda Christina Olthof, Prince Albert
Jeremy Arthur Olthof, Granum
Darcy Tyler Patoine, Rush Lake
Emily Tess Pitchko, Viscount
Jessica Simone Podhordeski, Saskatoon
Shelly Dawn Popowich, Canora
Brian Reginald Prodahl, Saskatoon
Adithya Ramachandran, Saskatoon
Keely Dawne Relland, Nipawin
Megan Jolene Ridgway, Avonlea
Paul Raymond Riviere, Radville
Frederic Marc Roy, Saskatoon
Karlrah Rae Rudolph, Gull Lake
Shanda Dawn Sedgwick, Elrose
Janna Lynn Silzer, Swift Current
Greg Allen Simonson, Macrorie
Nicole Cara Simpson, Moose Jaw
Jeremy Richard Sincennes, Picture Butte, AB
Sheena Amanda Smith, Lloydminster
Tianni Song, Shenyang, Liaoning, China
Glenn Arthur Stacey, Saskatoon
Ronald Marshall Urton, Moose Jaw
Amanda Yvonne Van De Kerckhove, Moosomin
Lee-Anne Judy Walter, Lampman
Devin Maurice Watteyne, Lafleche
Leah Cindy Welter, Viscount
Rose Anne Katherine Whelan, Westaskiwin AB
Holly Janelle Margaret White, Gull Lake
Michelle Kristin Wilkinson, Tisdale
Jessica Lynn Williams, Pennant
Tyler David Wilson, Kindersley
Kimberly Anne Wood, Prince Albert
Jonathan Gerard Zdunich, Kenaston
Laurie Anne Macy Zemlak, Elfros

