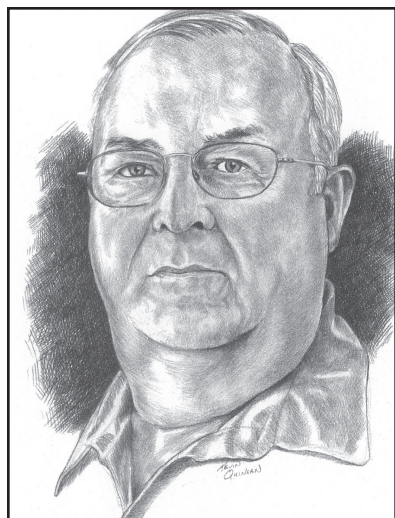


## Voldeng named to Sask Ag Hall of Fame



Laverne Voldeng, a leader in the hog industry, was born March 13, 1941, in Spalding, Saskatchewan. He went to primary school in Naicam and finished his grade twelve at Lutheran College Bible Institute in Outlook. He obtained his degree in agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan and completed his masters in animal nutrition in 1967. He was a Professional Agrologist from 1966 to 2002.

After the completion of his degrees, Laverne was actively involved in the farm, his community and the hog industry. Laverne was a pioneer of hog production, being one of the first in Saskatchewan to build and operate a 300-sow farrow-to-finish hog operation. Along with a later grain venture, this was to become V and V

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## The Class of 60C Connection



Left to right; Bryan Harvey 60C, Alma Copeland 61BSHEc and Glen Hass 60C.

Alma was inducted into the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame in August 2007, Bryan in 2006 and Glen in 2005. Alma's spouse is **Bill Copeland 60C** and **Bob Copeland 85S**, is their son.

Bryan Harvey recently received a CSSA Presidential Award. According to the CSSA, "The Presidential Award is given to those who have influenced the science or practice of crop production so greatly that the impact of their efforts will be enduring on future science. Their work may have enhanced the yield or quality of crops, improved the potential utility of crop products, provided breakthrough techniques or unique materials for progress by others, or for our understanding of some aspect of crop science." He was also inducted as an Officer of the Order of Canada by the Governor General on 26 Oct 2007.

## SAGA ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, January 5, 2008  
7:00 p.m. TCU Place

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend the SAGA Annual Meeting. Some of the issues to be discussed are as follows:

### PROPOSED INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Executive has proposed a motion to be put to the Annual Meeting to increase our SAGA Lifetime Membership Fee from \$80.00 to \$100.00. In order to implement this motion it needs to be voted on at our Annual Meeting. The rationale for the increase will be presented at the meeting. Please attend the Annual Meeting to discuss changes needed to keep SAGA moving forward.

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This is also a good opportunity to encourage other family members, friends or colleagues to purchase a membership before the increase is implemented.

### **PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION**

The proposed changes to the SAGA Constitution are mainly housekeeping details that need to be updated. The proposed changes will be available at the Annual Meeting. If you would like a copy of the proposed changes prior to the Annual Meeting, please contact our Registrar, Richard Bellamy, with your mailing address and he will forward a copy to you.

**SAGA REGISTRAR  
Richard Bellamy S'66  
Box 320 RPO University  
Saskatoon, SK S7N 4J8  
306 651-3441**

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Livestock Ltd.-Laverne's family farm, a success for over 36 years.

Laverne pioneered many hog production techniques. Among these: advanced record-keeping systems, early adoption of confinement technology (sow crates to reduce piglet crushing), artificial insemination technology (frequency and technique), on-farm computerized milling technology, innovative manure handling and utilization of manure nutrient technologies.

Laverne used his knowledge and experience in the hog industry to design training programs for SIAST. He was also a member of the Wecan Project development Inc.- an internationally focused consortium of complementary companies with products and expertise in the hog production sector.

Laverne served on the Board of Directors for the Saskatchewan Hog Marketing Commission from 1980-1983. During his tenure, the hog price stabilization program known as SHARP and an IN TRANSIT Insurance Program were developed. As well, the Prairie Swine Centre, an internationally renowned research facility was opened.

Following in his father's footsteps, Laverne served on the board of directors of the Naicam Credit Union. Laverne had an instrumental part in ensuring the continued survival of Credit Union services in the community through his work during the amalgamation process with Advantage Credit Union (Melfort).

## **The President's Pen**

Hello Fellow Grads:

Another year has just about passed us by. I would like to say how proud I am of the entire SAGA executive this year. It has been a very busy one and all of the executive have stepped up and done an excellent job. We have had input into the diploma review that is occurring within the College of Agriculture and Bioresources. We will hopefully hear more on this at the reunion banquet from Acting Dean Graham Scoles.

We have also been trying to get the SAGA finances in order and to secure the longevity of the association. Our fees will be going up to \$100 for lifetime membership in the new year. We have received a number of donations from an article Les Henry wrote in the spring newsletter looking for moldy money. Thank you to all of those who sent in donations. We have also re-instated the e-mail newsletter to reduce our printing and mailing cost. This process is ongoing and we hope to be able to move to a web based newsletter that you can access without having to download the pdf file. Please bear with us through these changes.

The biggest change has been with our reunion weekend. It is now before the Crop Production Week and it has a new venue, TCU Place. The mixer is on Saturday Jan. 5th and we are trying to get all the reunion groups to meet at the mixer or in a room adjacent to the mixer. We also have a casino night booked with ASA students acting as dealers. We hope to get more of the mixing between grad years and students that was the backbone of SAGA in the past. The Banquet will be on Sunday Jan. 6th at TCU Place.

Come out and make the weekend a success. Thanks again to the entire executive for their hard work and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

**Ken Sapsford 79C**





## **Reunion Update - New Date, New Location,**

### **More Fun, BIGGER Laughs!!**

**Details for the Reunion Weekend, January 5 & 6, 2008**

**SAGA Annual meeting will be held at TCU Place before the Mixer,**

**starting at 7 pm, Saturday, January 5, 2008**

**Mixer - Saturday January 5, 2008, 8 pm - 1 am**

There will be a \$10 charge for the Mixer at the door. This includes beef-on-a-bun, reunion room rental and lots of fun and laughter! A cash bar will be available at the mixer on Saturday and banquet on Sunday evening. Entertainment at the Mixer will include a 'play money' casino.

Banquet - Sunday January 6, 2008, Cocktails start at 5:30 pm Banquet tickets will be available at the Mixer from the Reunion Coordinator Jim Bessel (306-373-6771) or Lisa Horn (306-249-0850) at \$35 each.

A block of 20 rooms will be held for January 4 and 5, 2008, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 306-244-2311, until December 5, 2007. The cost of the rooms for each night is \$119, plus taxes, totaling \$134.73. There is also a charge for parking at \$9.00 plus taxes, equaling \$9.49 per day.

People with special needs (meals, access, etc) should inform their Reunion Chair. Arrangements for meals will be made through the Banquet Coordinator at TCU place. If you have further questions, please contact Jim Bessel directly at (306) 373-6771. We're looking forward to the best Reunion Weekend ever!

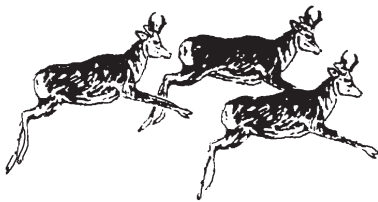
### **THANKS FOR THE MOULDY \$\$\$ FROM UNDER THE MATTRESS Les Henry 64C**

In the spring newsletter we explained SAGA's financial situation and requested voluntary contributions from old fossils like me who have long since used up the measly Life Membership fee we paid eons ago. Our sincere thanks to the 31 members who forked over a grand total of \$4225. That will help a lot to balance the books – at least in the short term.

For those who missed the opportunity, there is still time. I am sure there are a number of the remaining 1870 members who will want to do their bit. Thanks to all.

Cheques can be mailed to SAGA, Box 320 , RPO, University, Saskatoon SK, S7N 4J8

## Thundering Herd



**Peter van Dongen 00C** recently took on two new part-time contract positions through their company, Sincera Group Communications. He now splits his time between the roles of project facilitator for the Islands Agri-Food Initiative, a joint federal-provincial funding program administered by the Investment Agriculture Foundation of B.C., and regional marketing manager for Meyers Norris Penny, which has four offices on the Island. He also continues to write for various agricultural publications

**Rod 88C & Rebecca Krip 00C** are currently living in Saskatoon. Rod is employed with Koch Fertilizer Canada Ltd. (formerly Simplot) Rebecca is on mat leave with Syngenta Crop Protection.

**Rob Neyedley 83C** started with Monsanto with 1987, moved to Saskatoon in 1992, to Winnipeg in 2001 and to Ottawa in 2007, all with Monsanto.

**Gerry Hertz 84C** had his 6th year anniversary with Top Crop Manager as Western Canada Sales Manager. He and Alanna have kept the same box number at Edenwold, since 1994 on a small farm with Shayla (14), Keisha (11), a dog and 20 outdoor cats.

The heat hurt the canola this year, but the price made it a very good year. Alanna Koch is back in "job search" mode after her directorship in Agricore

United came to an end with the sale to Viterra. She is also President of CAFTA and has been making Geneva her second home.

**Dale Knouse '93C** is working as Customer Service Office Manager for Sask. Crop Insurance in Humboldt. He has been married to **Carolyn Edwards 93C** for 12 years and they now have four daughters: Cassandra (6), Jocelyn (3) along with twin daughters who arrived in March of 2007, Catrina and Gabrielle.

When Carolyn is not busy being a mom, she manages the Strasbourg Production Unit for Big Sky Farms.

**Rachelle Peterson 96C** and **Colin Peterson 95C** live on an overgrown acreage/farm in the Langham area and are both working in Saskatoon. Rachelle works as a feed specialist inspector for the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Colin teaches Animal Science at the College. They have 2 children - a boy and a girl.

**Pat Flaten 82S** and **86C** is currently Program Head of the agricultural side of things at SIAST and is also taking a turn as President of the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists.

**Shannon Meyers 95C** is the GM for Fast Genetics and Trish Meyers has spent the last several years employed with Agricore United and is now enjoying maternity leave. Although Shannon and Trish reside in Saskatoon, they're still involved in farming at Melfort.

**DeLeigh Yobb 97C** is living and working in Edmonton at the zoo. She is living common law with **Robin Lawrence 96C** who is a territorial manager for a combine company.

**Warren Kaeding 85C** is still one

of the wheels at Wagon Wheel Seed Corp. in Churchbridge growing pedigreed seed for the masses with his father, **Roger 47S**.

Warren and his wife reluctantly sent their first born off to be an engineer at the U of S, but hope that he may come to his senses after a few months of hassle from the Agros.

**Mark and Lindsay Folk** both **88C** are living in Regina, with their two boys - Tyler (14) and Carter (11). Mark is the Manager, Livestock Financing Programs, Sask Ag & Food and Lindsay is the Manager, Production Solutions, at Farm Credit Canada (where there are lots of '88S grads!). They keep busy with the kids chasing football, baseball and hockey games and manage a bit of golfing themselves.

**Jason Jacobson 02C** articulated with McKercher, McKercher and Whitmore Ltd. in Saskatoon after completing his law degree at Dalhousie University in 2006. He joined the Saskatoon office as an Associate in 2007. He maintains a general practice with an emphasis on Commercial and Corporate Law, Securities, Environmental Law and Real Estate.

**Lori-Ann Kaminski 82C** is a program officer for Manitoba Agriculture's Agri-Food Research and Development Initiative. Her interests include the agronomy and economics of fibre and seed hemp.

**Hank Classen 71C**, head of Animal and Poultry Science, received the Poultry Science Association Distinguished Services Award. He has also been elected a fellow of the association and was enrolled on its list of fellows on July 11.

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**Don Folden 89C** relocated to Saskatoon in March. He married Charlene Olson (BComm grad) on Sept 15. She is Traffic Manager at CJWW/Magic 98 and The Bull 92.9. They bought a house on Laurentian Drive in Saskatoon and sold the home quarter at St. Brieux. Don is working for Kaverit Cranes and Service looking after Saskatchewan, Manitoba and NW Ontario. E-Mail donfolden@sasktel.net.

Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food has been participating in a CIDA initiative to help develop the agriculture industry in the Ukraine. The project is managed by the Saskatchewan Trade and Export Partnership (STEP). **Leroy Bader 71C** Agrologist at Tisdale spent two weeks in the Ukraine in July and goes back for a return visit in December. **Don Perrault 72C** stationed at Prince Albert spent two weeks there in October.

**Barry Swanson 72C** continues to be the Saskatchewan Lieutenant for Iogen Corporation and their proposed ethanol plant at Birch Hills. Everyone is guessing as to when the announcement will be made.

**Cyril Laforge 72C** keeps on helping farmers in the Prince Albert area with farm management decision making but says retirement is in the cards in 2008.

**Ed Tanner 72C** continues with the alfalfa seed and leaf cutter business along with partner **Eugene Bendig 70C**.

**Joanne Kowalski 92C** and **Shannon Poppy 06C** participated in the North American Agroforestry Conference in Quebec City in June.

**Laurie Tollefson 75C** and **Bernie Sonntag 62C** were members of a team that visited Inner Mongolia Agriculture University in November to explore opportunities for increased interaction between that institution and Canadian universities and research agencies. Employed and retired

Agros interested in participating can contact Laurie or Bernie for more information.

**Darald Marin 63S** farms at Radville in the summer and plays golf and visits with other ‘Voc Ag’s’ in Arizona in the winter months.

**Russ Harris 71C** has just gotten back into the Ag business after 25 years pursuing other things. He is working for Andrukow Group Solutions out of St. Paul, AB. selling fertilizer, ag chemicals and seeds

**Russell Fersch 95S** was named Saskatchewan Cadet Female (age 15-16) coach of the year by the Saskatchewan Wrestling Association. He took this fall off from coaching (football and volleyball) and did some travelling. He visited with **Dixon Hammond 95S** and **Curtis Sinnott 96C** both of Pincher Creek on a southern Alberta tour. Later on a tour up north he ran into **Heath Eaton 93S** (Frenchmen’s Butte), **Joe “Al Bundy” Larre 98C** (St.Walburg), **Heidi Fuhr 96S** (Lloydminster), **Stu Barthel 98C** (St.Walburg) and **Becky Mitchell (VetMed 2000)** (Lloydminster).

**Thad Trefiak 78S**, Reunion Chairman for his class, asks that all 78S grads forward their own and classmates’ email addresses to him at [tm.trefiak@sasktel.net](mailto:tm.trefiak@sasktel.net) and advise him of their plans regarding attendance at the reunion mixer and/or banquet. Classmates could also call (306) 675-4436.

**Henry Janzen 80C, PhD ‘84**, Research Scientist, Lethbridge Research Centre, AAFC, was appointed Fellow of the American Society of Soil Science. Also, he was a contributor to the IPCC report, which was named together with Al Gore for the Nobel prize.

**Ewald Lammerding 88S** wants to remind the 20yr. Diploma class that this is their Honour Year and asks that they get in touch with him as soon as possible at (306) 477-1369 or [eflammerding@sasktel.net](mailto:eflammerding@sasktel.net)



## Pooped Deck



**Jerome Martin 64C, MSc (1966), PhD (U of A, 1976)** and his wife Merle own and operate Spotted Cow Press. They produce e-books as well as paper books. If SAGA members are interested in how e-publications are used contact Jerome at [jmartin@spottedcowpress.ca](mailto:jmartin@spottedcowpress.ca). Their Golden Prairie book contains historical photographs which Jerome made over a 50 year period. It also includes text and audio. It is free. Jerome presented it at a conference called Homesteading Revisited at the Center for Great Plains Studies at the University of Nebraska (Lincoln) in May, 2007. He thinks that SAGA readers would enjoy this look at a small Saskatchewan town, one like many other small towns on the Canadian Prairies. The future of publishing and the future of education includes technology - e-books, blogs, podcasts. Jerome is involved in educational and book projects, in Canada and overseas, which use video podcasts and e-publications.

**Bob Middleton 57C** reminds SAGA members that the Saskatchewan Agriculture Hall of Fame has a committee that looks after receipt of nominees. Names of worthy candidates can be sent to R. E. Middleton, 227 Candle

Cres., Saskatoon, SK S7K 5A3  
tel (306)931-9251

**Clayton Campbell 62C** still has more work to do thanks to a \$100,000 research grant to Kade Research Ltd., Morden, Man., from the Agri-Food Development Initiative for further research in the next 2 years on buckwheat. Japan is the main market for Manitoba buckwheat.

**Larry White 64C** participated in a market study to Japan in June. The trip was a project of Parkland Agroforestry Inc. and funded by the Agriculture Development Fund. Haskap (Blue Honeysuckle) is an emerging fruit crop being developed by Dr. Bob Bors at the University of Saskatchewan. The crop is indigenous to the Ainu aboriginals of the Hokkaido Prefecture of Japan. The crop offers future export potential for growers..

**Peter McLaren 54C** has taken up condo living in Prince Albert. He hasn't sold the farm yet and still wins most of the bridge games he plays.

**Stan Kirkland 75C** says that life is good way out West in the Comox Valley. The Kirklands have purchased a home and don't plan to move again.

**Leo Nordal 62S** has become a partial paraplegic! He will be 75 in December. His wife, Anita, passed away on January 15, 2007. He lives in the Knotty Pine Manor, Suite #1, in Moosomin and still enjoys messages from his friends. His address is Box 535, Moosomin, SK, S0G 3N0.

**Walter Doyle 51C** and Joy have been living in their condominium in Victoria for nineteen years and have enjoyed every day they've been there. He did some reminiscing about his working days some 50 years ago.

From 1956 to 1964 he worked for the Land's Branch of the Sask. Dept. of Agriculture out of Nipawin. His main responsibility was the Veteran's Land Settlement at Smoky Burn and Connell Creek east of Carrot River. The branch hired third year Agro students as summer help. He was fortunate to have several students work with him over those years. They included Larry Koturbash, Ted Gray, Don Horkoff, Garnet Altwasser, Bob Gilmour and Ron McKinnon. He wonders where they are now and would enjoy hearing from any of them after they read this in the SAGA. His email address is [wdoyle@shaw.ca](mailto:wdoyle@shaw.ca) and his phone number is (250) 370-5176. He would be pleased to hear from any other Agros who might be out their way to enjoy the mild winters.

## Home Grown

**Peter van Dongen 00C** and **Clarice Springford 00C** are new members of the parenthood club after welcoming a baby girl into the world. Janel Clarice van Dongen was born May 17, 2007, in Nanaimo, B.C., weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz. As the first grandchild all around, there's no shortage of attention for this little girl!

**Rod 88C & Rebecca Krip 00C** recently had a baby - July 13th - a little boy - Reese Edward Krip.

**Dale Knouse 93C** and **Carolyn Edwards 93C** now have four daughters with the arrival of twin daughters, Catrina and Gabrielle, in March of 2007.

**Shannon 95C** and **Trish 94C Meyers** welcomed Luca and Matty, twin brothers, into the family in February. With three boys in the family, big brother is Kieran. Dad's excited to have hunting partners.

## Three Generations of Evans

**Ross Alex Evans 46S and 50C** and wife, Elizabeth, celebrated their 50th anniversary on April 21, 2007. In addition to the three stellar Agro specimens in the photo - Ross, RJ and **Bob 79C** - there were several other agros in the audience that night. They were **Jack Alex 50C**, best man 50 years ago; **Fred Fulton 50C** brother-in-law; nephews **Tom Hewson 58S**, **Leonard Hewson 66C** and **Murray Fulton 77C**; and long-time friends **Frank McLeod 48S**, **Hulme Henley 50C** and **Darrol Driver 55C**. RJ is still a work in progress as a current Agro student and Huskie athlete. Mother's name was Elizabeth Dickey when she was the School secretary.



## Agros Everywhere

### **Murray Fulton**

#### **Distinguished Graduate Supervisor Award**

With a storied history of guiding graduate students to successful industry, government and academic careers, Murray Fulton is the prototype of what many faculty supervisors aspire to be. A professor in the Department of Bioresource Policy, Business and Economics, College of Agriculture and Bioresources, Fulton received his PhD from the University of California, Berkeley in 1985 and joined the University of Saskatchewan that same year. Since then, Fulton has served as director of the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, department head in Agricultural Economics and acting associate dean of Graduate Studies and Research. Since 1985, Fulton has supervised 36 graduate students, 11 at the PhD level. These students have gone on to successful careers in various sectors, with three of his masters students and five PhDs now in faculty positions around the world. His colleagues say although it would often be easier to give graduate students a ready-made research topic, he encourages them to pursue their own interests and ideas, and is always genuinely excited about the research of those under his tutelage.

### **Jeff Schoenau**

#### **Award for Distinction in Outreach and Engagement**

With local, national and international accolades to his credit, Jeff Schoenau's contributions to soil fertility and management have significantly furthered the University's outreach and engagement mission. Schoenau received his BSA and PhD degrees from the University of Saskatchewan and is currently a senior research specialist in the Department of Soil Science in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources. He also holds the Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food Research Chair in Nutrient Management. His many research achievements have led to a number of awards, including the Agriculture Institute of Canada's Outstanding Young Agrologist Award in 1998, the Robert E. Wagner Young Scientist Award from the Potash and Phosphate Institute in 2000, the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists' Outstanding Young Agrologist Award in 2002 and the NSERC Synergy Award for Innovation in 2004. In 1992, Schoenau's work on a cost-effective soil testing tool and forecasting software led to the creation of the Plant Root Simulator (PRS)™. The technology has provided a basis for fertilizer use on more than three million acres of farmland in Western Canada, and improved yields for a variety of grain, pulse and forage crops.

# CLASS OF '62 TURNS "45"

## Bob Bradley

What a combination! The University of Saskatchewan was celebrating its 100th Anniversary while the proud Class of 1962 AGROS reminisced about 45 years. In some ways it's hard to believe it was 45 years since we graduated but a lot of water has run under the bridge.

Approximately 44 young men (no girls in our class) headed out to "seek our fortunes" It was respectfully recognized that six of our classmates of '62 have passed away during these forty-five years. Although there had been several reunions over the years, it was really great to get together in Saskatoon in September and reminisce, tell yarns, review careers, talk about families and enjoy the very best of food and refreshments.

About 20 classmates (many accompanied by their spouse) came back from across the country, to celebrate. Some had not seen each other since graduation, and it was somewhat challenging to figure out just who we all were.

We know Bill McLaughlin migrated to Australia shortly after graduation and liked it so much he didn't come back.



**Their supervisors - front - Jean Wilke, Marcella Tremere, Elaine Nelson, Mary Sonntag, Alice Hart, Pat Church, Marj Chopiuk Back - Jean Craig, Bonny Hamm, Faye Altwasser, Michelle Veeman, Faye Bradley, Elaine Graham, Carole Kirychuk, Jan Linnell, Linda Wiebe**



**The workers - front - Glenn Nelson, Bob Bradley, Arnold Tremere, Pete Kirychuk, Terry Veeman, Garnet Altwasser, Alf Robinson  
Middle - Elwood Fleming, Jim Hart, Bob Mitchell, Gene Chopiuk, Bob Linnell  
Back - Al Graham, Jack Hamm, Terry Church, Art Wiebe, Oliver Green, Bernie Sonntag, Carl Holmgren, Ron Wilke**

(Bob and Faye Bradley visited Bill and his wife in 2003) A few more we just haven't located: Anybody know the whereabouts of Larry Kane, Keith Turner or Wayne Woolfitt?

Action started Friday afternoon with a steak barbeque hosted by Bernie and Mary Sonntag. What a Feast! This led to many stories and a few snorts.

Seems parties don't last as long as they used to! After a "do what you like day" Saturday, (golfing, shopping, visiting, touring campus etc.) the gang got a bit dressed up and took in the Gala Dinner and Dance event that was part of the University Centennial Celebration. Wow! What a first class event.

The week-end concluded with Sunday brunch at the Saskatoon Golf and Country Club where fond "good-byes" were exchanged and all agreed we "Gotta do it again for the BIG FIVE - O."



**CURLING! CURLING! CURLING!**

Ag Grad Bonspiel needs you!!

New place - New dates

Dates: January 4, 5 & 6, 2008

Depending on number of entries, curling may begin on Jan.4 evening

Place: Granite Curling Club, Saskatoon

Fees: \$100 per team - includes tickets to the Mixer

Students can curl for \$10 per person

Individual entries are invited - we'll find you a team

Entries are invited for both the regular and Hutcheon (old Agros) events.

Join us for a weekend of FUN!

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

Contact: Virginia Peters - (306)-237-9506 or  
bvpeters@sasktel.net

**HOCKEY is HERE!!!!**

2008 SAGA Hockey Tournament.

The time has come for all of you Hall of Famers and those who just feel a few votes short to brush the cob webs off your gear and show your college buddies that you can still put the puck into the net.

Where: Aberdeen SK

Dates: Jan 5/6

Cost: \$300 per team

Deadline: Jan 3, 2008

Please contact Mark Kuchuran at mark.kuchuran@basf.com or Steve Cuddington at steve\_cuddington@hotmail.com or (306)270-0014 to register your team.

**ASA Report**

Hello Agro Grads,

We hope everyone has become adjusted to the cold and is getting ready for the holiday season. Here at the College of Agriculture and Bio-Resources we are in the midst of final exams and getting ready for the long anticipated Christmas break.

We've had a successful fall of activities. On October 10th we held our annual United Way Blitz raising over \$1150. On October 26th we teamed up with Marvel School of Hair and Esthetics to raise money for Breast Cancer. Hair cuts were given in the Atrium and for something different we had leg waxing in the lounge. We have some guys who are great sports and after passing a hat around the lounge stated that if we raised a certain amount of money the President and External Social Director would get their legs waxed; the money was raised and both guys sported smoother legs for drag that evening. The event was a huge success and there were some shocking transformations in the students after the hair cuts and in total we raised over \$960 for Breast Cancer research.

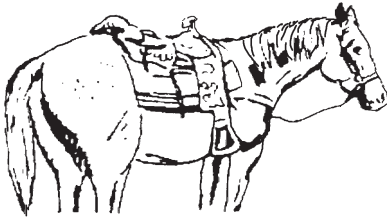
Drag was once again a success and it all began with Hillbilly Havoc were we challenged a different college every Thursday night and finally the last Thursday we challenged the Ag Alumni. There were about 80 people that came out to Grad Pre-pub and the old tradition of the straw hats was once again renewed as the hats were given to the grads. This year drag was at TCU Place and we found the new venue to be successful, There was a complete Saskatchewan line-up of performers and we saw about 800 people come out on Friday October 26th. About 120 people felt up to the day long pub-crawl Saturday which was also a good time.

Our efforts with Hot 93 country station were a hit and after weeks of making Cristy Beggs milk a glove, compete in a hog call competition and paint an engineer we finally awarded her with a jersey at drag that said "Agros Bagged Cristy Beggs". On October 31st we hosted the Blood Drive on campus and had 22 Agros donate blood. We had a challenge against the Engineers and we had about 7 more students donate than them. Please check out our website www.uofsagros.com to look at pictures of the Breast Cancer fundraiser, drag and the other drag kick-off events.

On behalf of the College of Agriculture and Bio-Resources we would like to wish you all the best for the New Year and a Merry Christmas.

**Stephanie Dreger**  
**Public Relations Officer 2007-08**

## Empty Saddles



**Brian Marin 76S** passed away on Feb.3, 2007, near Yellowknife, NWT. He had a massive heart attack and died in his sleep. His business interests included hauling supplies to diamond mines on an ice road.

**Jean Connick**, mother of Don 65C, passed away at her home in Gull Lake on April 27, 2007 at the age of 89. She was predeceased by her husband, Loren. Jean was a very active farm wife and also took part in the Golden Sheaf Homemakers Club and Eastern Star. She was an avid historian and did a great deal of research for the local community history books. She is survived by Don (Norma) of Gull Lake, Ken (Betty) of Saskatoon, Jane (Earl) Martin of Calgary, seven grandchildren, including Krista Connick 00C and two great grandchildren.

**Beryl F. Dowdeswell**, aged 85 years, of Swift Current, passed away on July 2, 2007 at the Cypress Regional Hospital. She and her husband, Les, farmed in the Pennant area for many years before retirement. Beryl was very involved in community endeavors - UCW, 4-H, Farmers' Union and politics - as well as sponsorship of two children from Indonesia and Uganda. She also loved to travel. She was predeceased by Les in 1975 and is survived by her sons **Donald 65C** (Celia), Orlan (Faye) four grandchildren, three great grandchildren and her special friend of 30 years, Jim Beatie.

From the *Green and White*:

**Frederick Charles Bird, 38S**, of Lashburn, SK, d. January 28, 2006.

**William Edgar Thompson, 38C**, of Kelowna, BC, d. April 28, 2007

**Eric Lionel Sweatman, 40S**, of Rosetown, SK, d. March 10, 2007.

**Oliver Bernard Horvey, 41S**, of Swift Current, SK, d. March 2007.

**Edgar Ewart Mapletoft 41S**, of Fort Pitt, SK, d. April 1, 2006.

**John Olaf Hanson, 43C, MSc'68 (U of Wisc.)**, of Wadena, SK, d. July 16, 2007.

**Clifford Walker, 43S**, of Rosetown, SK, d. February 25, 2007.

**Gordon Haase, 44C, MSc'47**, of Edmonton, AB, d. September 27, 2006.

**Ernest Roy Wengel, 46S**, of Stewart Valley, SK, d. October 2006.

**Frank Seidle, 47S**, of Medstead, SK, d. June 17, 2005.

**John E Fox 48S**, of Landis, SK, d. April 2007

**Robert Emmett Hickey, 49S**, of Nipawin, d. March 27, 2007.

**John Stoyko, 49C**, of Regina, SK, d. March 13, 2007.

**Charles Ross Richards, 50C**, of Moose Jaw, d. Feb. 28, 2007.

**William Albert Weiss 50C**, of Calgary, d. August 18, 2007.

**Gordon McPherson Richardson, 51C**, of Weyburn, SK, d. Jan. 2, /07.

**James Frederick Rookie, 51C**, of Victoria, BC, d. Feb. 8/07.

**Michael Joseph Schenhyer, 57S**, of Saskatoon, SK, d. April 8, 2007.

**Roland Joseph Brassard, 58C**, of Lloydminster, SK, d. March 4, 2007.

**Stanley Howard Turner, 60S**, of Gronlid, SK, d. March 3, 2007.

**Michael Harry Selby, 64S**, of Lloydminster, SK, d. November 23, 2006

**Joseph Robert Gilchrist, 75S**, of Saskatoon, SK., d. August 11, 2007.



## College News

On September 20, University Council officially approved the name change for the Department of Bioresource Policy, Business, and Economics - PBE for short (formerly the Department of Agricultural Economics). The department felt that the change was important because it better reflected the ever broadening scope of their teaching and research.

Members of the department have interests that encompass a broad spectrum of issues pertaining to the use and management of resources that are rooted in biological systems - from environmental sustainability, to the management of aboriginal lands, to the running of agricultural businesses, to rural development policy, to industrial organization in the agri-food sector, to the operation of safe and efficient supply chains, to consumer expectations, to economic policy making in the domestic and international arenas - to name only a few. Their work sits at the nexus of policy, business and economics. Labels are important signaling devices, and the new name more accurately signals to students, the university and the society what it is that the department does.

## Update from the College of Agriculture and Bioresources

*By Graham Scoles PAg (Acting Dean)*

As indicated in the last SAGA Newsletter, in May of this year Dean Ernie Barber was asked to serve as Acting Provost and Vice-President Academic for the University while the search for a new Provost and Vice-President Academic continued. Ernie decided that he would accept this appointment but also decided that he would not return to the College as Dean. Hence the search for a new Dean is underway and I provide this update as Acting Dean.

On the academic front, an active recruitment program and a new degree appear to be paying off. Enrolment in the College has rebounded somewhat from last year with 486 students in the BSA program (although a far cry from the 761 in 1998/9!!) and 58 students in the first two years of a new B.Sc. in Agribusiness program. The latter program may have drawn a few students from the B.S.A. but is primarily drawing students directly from high school. A proposal from the College for another B.Sc. program (in Renewable Resource Management) is also making its way through the University approval process.

The Diploma program is a different story. This year only 18 students entered the program and 26 students returned from last year to complete the second year of the program (it had a peak enrolment of 316 students in 1977/8). Because of the steady enrolment decline over the last few years the College will be putting forward a proposal for new Diplomas in Agribusiness and Agronomy. These will consist mostly of degree-level courses and will be designed to allow students to transfer into a degree program after the

two years with no loss of course credit.

Looking to future enrolment trends, an important statistic for both the University of Saskatchewan and the College (both of which have traditionally relied heavily on students from within the province) is that after this year's Grade 12 graduations, the number of Saskatchewan high school graduates will begin to fall. Projections show a decline from approximately 16,000 graduates this year to approximately 13,000 by 2013-14. As this decline will be disproportionately higher in rural areas (traditionally a significant source of students) the College will need to continue its recruitment efforts, particularly in urban areas, among the aboriginal population and outside of the province.

Briefly in other areas, the College will be hiring five new faculty this year and is looking forward to seeing the ground broken on two major infrastructure projects (a Feed Technology Research Facility and a Grain Innovation Laboratory) at the intersection of 108th St. and Preston.



