

Copeland named to Sask Ag Hall of Fame

Bill Copeland 60C was a pioneer in the production of pulse crops, particularly lentils, and he has been a leader in adopting new farming practices. Born in 1937 in Rosetown, Bill attended Rosetown Composite High School and went on to earn his BSA degree at the U of S in 1960.

After graduation, Bill and his new bride, Alma Kingwell, took up farming near Hughton. In order to make a go of it in the early years Bill and Alma worked in Saskatoon during the winter months.

Early in his farming career, he eliminated the practice of summerfallow and adopted minimum tillage and direct seeding. His leadership was noted by friends and neighbors and Bill provided advice and support to others to make the transition.

Bill worked closely with Dr. Al Slinkard of the university Crop Development Centre and John Buchan of Saskatchewan Agriculture in helping to commercialize lentil production in Saskatchewan. West central Saskatchewan ultimately became a major producing region for lentils.

Bill began seed production at the outset of his farming career and quickly added a seed cleaning plant in 1969. All-State Grain approached Bill to process len-

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Bill Copeland 60C

2009 SAGA Reunion Weekend

**January 10 & 11, 2009
All Events at TCU Place, Saskatoon
(formerly Centennial Auditorium)
January 10 - Annual Meeting
Mixer/Casino Night**

January 11 - 74th SAGA Reunion Banquet

**Curling and Hockey tournaments
Reunion Rooms Available - Small or Large Groups**

**Reunion Years Degree and Diploma:
1949, 1959, 1969, 1979, 1989, 1999, 2004**

**Reunion Chairs contact: Carl Lynn 956-7656 or
lynnnc@agr.gc.ca**

Call for Nominations

**SAGA Honorary
Life Members
Degree and Diploma**

Please send
nominations to:

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tils in preparation for export and a partnership was struck. Copeland Seeds has been a major player in the processing of pulse crops and other specialty crops for many years. Over his farming career, Bill has been an enthusiastic supporter of research.

From the mid-1960s until the 90s, he provided land free of charge to the university for testing new crops. When the university insisted that he accept payment, he reluctantly agreed and then established the Copeland Prize in Crop Science to encourage students to adopt this area of study. The malting barley CDC Copeland was named after him in recognition of his many contributions to research.

Bill served as councillor in the RM of Monet for a number of years. He was a member of the local hospital board when a new hospital was built in Elrose. He was a member of the recreation board when the town was rebuilding their rink. He was a farmer representative on the Senior Grain Transportation Committee for many years, in addition to being a member of many farm associations.

SAGA Hockey 2008 - January 5 and 6th, 2008

The SAGA Hockey tournament was a huge success this past winter. The tournament was held in the new rink in Aberdeen with a total of eight teams competing for the two trophies. Each team was guaranteed three games with finals played on Saturday night and Sunday morning.

The A side winner this year was the Pittsburgh Penguins led by Sidney Crosby (aka **Jeremy German 01C**) and Evgeni Malkin (aka **Jason McMartin 96C**). The final score was 5 - 2 in favour of Jeremy's Farm Team over the Red Light Riker team. **Trevor Middlekoop 00C** stopped a lot of rubber to keep the score close, facing at least 50 shots in the game!

The B side winner was the Dino's Oilers team (different than the Oilers team that won the A side in 2006 and 2007). They won a hard fought battle against the Hornets. The C side winner was the Oilers, who beat the St. Louis Greens (mix of 73C to 10C).

For information or to enter a team in the 2009 SAGA Hockey Tournament please contact **Mark Kuchuran 99C** at mark.kuchuran@basf.com.



A side winners: Jeremy's Farm Team

Back Row (L to R)- Jeremy German 01C, Bryce Bahrey, Dylan Lidster, Robert Kennedy, Mike Burecailo 00C
Front Row (L to R)- Lyle Gartner, Jason McMartin 96C, Brian Briggs 03C, Chad Kuhn, David Michayluk



B side winners: Dino's Oilers

Players in the picture are as follows: Back row (L to R) Landon Thompson, Chris Sonntag, Mitch Loverin, Shaun Loverin, Tyson Robertson, Brodey Loverin 12C, Steve Buhr 08C. Front (L to R) : Brett Ewen 09C, Logan LaSalle, Jeff Ewen 12C, Travis Praproski, and Kyle Mackow 08C

President's Pen

Once again our summer has passed by very quickly and we are looking forward to a new season. I hope all of you had a great summer filled with many happy memories, especially the SAGA Alumni who attended their summer reunions.

Regarding Reunions, please mark your calendars today and plan to attend the SAGA Reunion weekend of January 10th & 11th, 2009. The SAGA Executive is planning to hold the reunion weekend BEFORE Crop Production Week and again the venue will be TCU Place. We are continuing with a similar format, but making some changes suggested by SAGA members after a very successful 2008 Reunion weekend.

Welcome to all new and returning Agriculture & Bio-Resources students. We wish you a successful year of studies. Through your ASA, we look forward to you being involved in upcoming SAGA events. Once you have graduated, consider becoming a SAGA member to continue the long-standing traditions that have evolved from this very special College. Remember that a SAGA life-time membership is a great gift as a grad present, and ensures that Ag Grads have a way to stay in contact with fellow graduands for many years to come.

As your President, one of the major activities this past summer was participation on the 2008 Alumni Awards Selection Committee. A number of awards are given out by the U of S Alumni Assoc. in recognition of exceptional people and their accomplishments. The award list included:

- Alumni Award of Achievement
- Alumni Excellence in Aboriginal Initiatives Award
- Alumni Humanitarian Award
- Alumni Mentorship Award
- Alumni Service Award
- Outstanding Young Alumni Award

I am representing SAGA by attending a gala dinner in mid-October to recognize this year's award recipients. After being involved on the Alumni Awards Committee, I am convinced that there are many Saskatchewan agriculture grads who would qualify for many of these awards. Therefore, if you are aware of someone who should be recognized by the U of S Alumni Association, please contact the office at 1-800-699-1907 and ask for the selection criteria.

Our new SAGA website is currently being developed and should be up and running early this fall. We are hoping this new technology format will keep you informed and provide current and timely information to all SAGA members.

We hope to see all of you at the SAGA Reunion weekend in Jan. 2009.

**SAGA President,
Jim Bessel**

Reunion chairs

Degree

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Diploma

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Need a volunteer chair for both 1999 and 2004. Contact Carl Lynn at lynnc@agr.gc.ca or 306 956 7656.

Class of 58 Celebrates 50 Years

The frosh class of 1954 started with 34 eager farm lads and 28 BSAs emerged four years later.

Two colleagues are deceased and 19 attended the reunion which included a tour of the Agric Building (hosted by A/ Dean Graham Scoles and professor of the '58 class, Dr. Red Williams), dinner with mates and spouses, the Mixer and the SAGA gala banquet.

Clifford Acton - Sask. Soil Survey; Malaysia with the Colombo Plan; the Canada Land Inventory in Saskatoon & Guelph; consulting in Indonesia and Viet Nam with CIDA. Cliff and Enid live near Guelph, Ontario

Bill Bradley - U of S Dairy Science; Molson Breweries (brewing, quality control & management) in several Canadian sites from Vancouver to St. John's, Newfoundland. Bill and Betty live in Moose Jaw.

David Christensen - Faculty, Animal Science Dept U of S.; on leave to Makerere University in Uganda; CIDA projects in 25 countries. Member, Order of Canada, in recognition of international work in Animal and Poultry Science. David and Jenny live in Saskatoon.

Dennis Ehman - farmed in the Craik district since graduation.

Orrin Clayton - summer work in 1957 with the Canadian Seed Growers' Association in Ottawa; returned upon graduation and retired 42 years later. Honorary Life Memberships: Canadian Seed Growers Assoc., SK Seed Growers' Assoc. and International Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies. A registered variety is named CDC Orrin. Orrin and Pam live in Ottawa and retain farm land in NE Saskatchewan.

Edward (Ted) Gray - SK Lands Branch; Economics Division, Ag Canada, Ottawa; Trade Commissioner Service - postings in Tokyo, Brussels, London, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; loaned to Saskatchewan as Pacific Rim Trade Consultant; Ottawa to head the Agric. & Food Division of Industry, Trade & Commerce/Foreign Affairs (DFAIT) Ted and Janice live in Ottawa.

Albert Gorrill - Charlottetown Experimental Farm; Fredericton Research Station; Univ. of Sydney, Australia; returned to the Bulyea home farm to raise sheep & grain.

In '75 he established Lamb Acres Electric Fencing. Albert and Eva live in Bulyea, SK.

James (Jim) Hartley - SK Municipal Assessment Appraiser, Weyburn; Regional Planning Commission in Lethbridge; Central Ontario Joint Planning Board, Oshawa; National Parks & Historic Sites, Calgary, as Chief of Planning; assisted Milly with home business: Fraternal Gifts. James & Milly live in Calgary.



Standing: Wes Nuttall, Clifford Acton, David Christensen, Allan Robin, Gordon Thomsen, Lorne Hehn, Orrin Clayton, Dennis Ehman, Edward (Ted) Gray, Albert Gorrill

Front row: John Linton, Warren Wismer, Ev King, Bill Bradley, Lorne Sparling, Elvin Haupstein, James (Jim) Hartley. **Attended the reunion but missing from photo:** Ed Spratt & Ken Murray

Elvin Haupstein - returned to the family dairy farm at Weyburn; involved with Dairy Producers Co-op, Dairy Farmers of Canada, Agrifoods International and the Dairy Farmers of Saskatchewan. Elvin & Nellie live in Weyburn.

Lorne Hehn - farmed in Markinch, part-time with Plant Products in Regina; elected Director, United Grain Growers and later UGG President; Served as Chief Commissioner and Chairman of the Canadian Wheat Board, Winnipeg from 1990 to 1999. Lorne and Beth live in Saskatoon.

Ev King - Economics Division, Ag Canada, Edmonton; Ottawa with Canada Agriculture and other government departments; assigned to Geneva with the role of developing communications in developing nations. Ev and Mary Anne live in Nepean, Ontario.

John Linton - two years on the family farm in SE SK, elected a Wheat Pool Delegate and joined the "Farmers March on Ottawa" in 1959; Montreal with John Labatt; London Ontario as Research Farm Manager; President, Feed Division of John Labatt [Miracle Feeds]. John and spouse Romy Sheppard live in London, Ontario.

Ken Murray - taught Vocational Agriculture & Biology in Marengo; taught high school sciences at Wilkie, Kindersley and Outlook. Ken and Helen live in Saskatoon.

Wesley Nuttall - SK Assessment Branch; Macdonald

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College; Research Scientist, Melfort Research Station 1965 to 1991; visiting scientist, Saskatoon Research Station; life membership in the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists. Published 35+ research papers on crop response to nutrient elements in fertilizers in relation to soil tests, physical properties of Gray Wooded soils, sulphur & boron deficiencies causing no seed-set in canola and effects (temperature and precipitation) of global warming on crop yields in NE Saskatchewan. Wesley and Joan live in Saskatoon.

Allan Robin - 35 years of farming at Nipawin followed by a family Antique business, doing shows across Canada. Allan and Maureen live in Saskatoon.

Lorne Sparling - Economics Div., Ag Canada, Winnipeg; Voc Agric teacher (high school & adults), Tisdale & Prince Albert; management roles with Community College & Comprehensive High School, PA and Department of Continuing Education, Regina; a bit of farming. Lorne and Carey live in Regina.

Edward Spratt- Ag Canada at Indian Head; Rothamsted Experimental Farm, UK; Brandon Research Station; Saskatchewan Potash Corporation (PCS) as chief agronomist; long-term projects in England, India, Egypt and Jamaica and 4-6 week stints in Ghana, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Colombia, China, Philippines, Trinidad, Haiti; general consulting. Overseas for 15 years (never missed a summer visit to the Davidson farm). Edward and Donna live at Davidson in summer and winter in Saskatoon.

Gordon Thomsen - 40 years of farming at Carlyle; SK Agriculture in Regina for 14 winters; volunteers full time and works seriously at curling.

Did a stint in Zambia with a CIDA sponsored wheat-growing project. Gordon and Donna recently moved from Carlyle to Regina.

Warren Wismer - sold feed for Quaker Oats; farm reporter at CFQC radio & TV; Alberta Government in charge of the Information Branch, Alberta Environment; supervised programs of Ag in the Classroom, Green Certificate Farm Training, Farm Safety. Warren and Sandra live in Edmonton.

Those unable to attend but in the communications loop: **Bob Wong**, a dentist in Coquitlam, B.C; **Ron**

Marquardt, Faculty, Animal Science, U of Man; **Thomas May**, college science teacher, Medicine Hat; **Doug Schmit**, taught school, CEO of regional colleges in Alberta and SK; **Dale Shultz**, Christian ministry throughout North America; **Ellis Cline**, Dairy & Poultry Pool, Sanitation Inspector; Livestock Branch SK AG.

We Remember Them

Roland Brassard, longtime Regional Agrologist, in Lloydminster. Passed away in March, 2007.

Marvin Henderson, Landscape/greenhouse owner and operator in Saskatoon. Passed away in 1998.

Class of 74 BSA celebrates with Les Voice

On August 8 to 10th, 32 graduates of the 1974 class met for the weekend at the farm of host **Les Voice** near Bradwell. Les Voice is well-known and respected in the purebred cattle production and sales circles in Canada. Les spent his working life at the Bradwell family farm on the development of a purebred herd. This created annual sales attended by many cattle producers in western Canada and buyers from south of the border. Les developed an up-to-date show barn and sales ring with adjoining pens so that several lots of animals could be sold as separate groups without coming into contact with each other for the purposes of disease prevention. Les also worked for Saskatchewan Agriculture for a time.

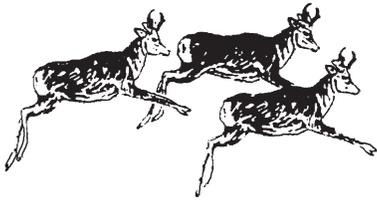
Les is seriously ill and wished to see his classmates again, perhaps for the last time. His classmates arrived August 8 and did what all Agros do when they meet (talk, debate and drink beer). They had a BBQ Saturday night with the same activities as the first night and all those remaining Sunday had a brunch with more discussion and stories. The BBQ master of ceremonies was **Gerry Gross**, senior stick of the 1974 class. The conclusion at the end of the evening, "We must be getting older, there is still beer left!"

Les was very appreciative of his classmates' attendance and thanked everyone for sharing the time together. Many memories were shared. Les, the Class of 1974 thanks you for creating and sharing these memories.

More Options for Students

SIAS Integrated Resource Management, Resource and Environmental Law, and Forest Ecosystem Technology diploma graduates will now have the option of continuing their education by enrolling in Years 3 and 4 of the Bachelor of Science in Renewable Resource Management or the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture - Environmental Science major at the U of S College of Agriculture and Bioresources.

Thundering Herd



Brendan Ostafie 01C is a new life member of SAGA. After graduation he returned to the family farm and pedigreed seed business at Canora. He has worked as a crop inspector for CFIA in Yorkton for the past 10 summers.

Perry Miller 84C and Lesa have been in Bozeman for 10 years. Last summer at a softball tournament in Montana their U14 Bozeman team got to play a Regina team where he bumped into **Chris Ruschowski 84C**. They had a great visit and did lots of bragging about their daughters! Chris' daughter Mikaela was pitching and Perry's daughter Tessa got a hit her first at bat (but not the next two). By the next day one of the moms on the Bozeman team had Chris doing belly ripples. He's still got it!

Bill Turner 66C, Murray Fulton 77C and **Bernie Sonntag 62C** spent part of June in China on a CIDA-funded project with Parliamentary Centre staff on a cooperative project with the National People's Congress staff regarding potential new legislation in China concerning agriculture technology extension and rural finance. A return visit to Canada by NPC staff is expected this fall.

Murray Fulton 77C has moved to a different office in the Diefenbaker Centre and a new faculty position as a Professor in the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy. The

Johnson Shoyama Graduate School, with campuses at the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Regina, is an interdisciplinary centre for public policy research, teaching and outreach.

Wilf Keller 69C retired from the Plant Biotechnology Institute, National Research Council of Canada, on September 30, 2008. He has accepted the position of President and CEO of Genome Prairie in Saskatoon effective October 1, 2008.

Alex Kennedy 82S (Honorary Life Member 2008) and his wife, Josephine, were at the scene of an explosion and fire on the Little Pine First Nation near Cutknife on April 24/08. Alex was in the band hall when the explosion occurred. He and others were in attendance at a funeral. Some minor injuries were incurred by several people as they fled the building. Alex alerted emergency response services and assisted them in their on site work.

Rod Delahey 80C is climbing the coaching ladder as an assistant coach of the Eastside Skyhawks soccer team. His charges won the gold medal in the city championships for their division and a silver medal at a tournament. Olympics 2016 could be next!

Rod Delahey 80C, president of Heyday Communications, has merged his company with the Marketing Den, one of Saskatoon's oldest marketing and communications companies. Rod assumed the role of account manager for agriculture under the Marketing Den banner and brings with him clients such as Novozymes (formerly Philom Bios), UAP and Seed Hawk.

Glen Byrnes 63C, Kevin Hursh 80C and **Vince Walker 75C** were all

elected to the Board of Directors of the Canaryseed Development Commission of Saskatchewan. The commission is funded by a producer delivery check-off and aims to increase the value of canaryseed through market development, research and communications.

Richard White 94C was recently appointed as the General Manager of the Canadian Canola Growers Association. The CCGA represents all of the provincial canola growers associations in Canada on national and international issues that affect canola growers.

Wayne Bacon 67S was recently re-elected for a three year term as a Director of the Saskatchewan Canola Development Commission. **Jim Caughlin 74C** and **Tim Wiens 94C** are other members of the board.

Tom Burwell 64C continues to serve as a director of the Saskatchewan Mustard Development Commission.

Al VanCaesele 89C is currently employed with Brett Young Seeds as a Regional Account Manager. Indian Head has now been home for 12 years. Kim (BSN '90) is the Public Health Nurse in Indian Head and surrounding area. Daughters Teagan (12) and Kennedy (9) are busy with dance in the winter and soccer in the spring. Al is trying to coach Teagan's team, but he's getting older and hurt his last good knee this year. Coaching from the sideline should be the preferred method at a certain age. Kim keeps reminding him that he should start acting his age sometime soon. He is looking forward to seeing all the '89 grads at the Smoker in January.

Clark B Anderson 71C and wife

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Delores (BSc '70) are in the process of retiring from farming! Since moving to the city of Yorkton, Clark has become involved with the Yorkton Exhibition Board and the Yorkton Cooperative Association as well as throwing in the odd game of golf.

Son **Wesley C. Anderson 01C** has moved back to Saskatchewan from Alberta as Sales Agronomist for JRI in Corrinne. Wes and wife Susi have added a son to their family - Cole, born on January 11, 2008. That brings the grandchildren count to three as daughter Lindsay (BSP 2000) has a son and a daughter. Retirement will likely bring some babysitting duties.

Sean Dorosz 93C is living in

southeastern Pennsylvania and still employed with CNH America working as a North American marketing manager for Crop Production (seeding and spraying) products. The largest concentration of these products is in western Canada so he gets to travel back to the home country quite often. His wife, Val BEd '92, is doing well as a part time aid in the local school district. Miranda, 12, their oldest daughter, is now entering Grade 7. Natalie, 10, is entering Grade 5. Kids are growing and everyone is healthy. Anyone who is in the southeast PA area is invited to stop in for a visit.

Ken Sapsford 79C, research assistant in Plant Sciences at the U of S, was the winner of the SIA's Distinguished Agrologist award for

2008. The award recognizes outstanding accomplishment in agriculture in the province.

On March 5, 2008, Prime Minister Stephen Harper presented the Outstanding Achievement Award of the Public Service of Canada to five senior public servants for sustained and exceptional performance of their duties. One of the recipients was **Philip H. Amundson 76C**, Canada Food Inspection Agency.

"I am pleased to have the opportunity today to recognize some of the most talented members of the Public Service of Canada," said Prime Minister Harper. "This year's recipients of the Outstanding Achievement Awards are being recognized for their extraordinary talent, effort and leadership."

Agros Everywhere

Bill Turner 66C received the Global Cooperator Award from the Canadian Cooperative Association in Winnipeg on June 26, 2008. Following are excerpts from the award presentation ceremony:

After completing a graduate degree in Agricultural Economics at the University of Saskatchewan, he and his wife, Joan, returned to the family farm and specialized in the production of pedigree seed. His experiences farming, participating in the activities of a rural community, his personal values, and his formal training in economics all combined to forge his belief and involvement in co-operatives and credit unions - an involvement that now spans three decades

Bill has served in leadership roles, usually on the board of directors and often as chair or president of many co-operative organizations:

- The International Co-operative Alliance, Americas Region
- The Canadian Co-operative Association
- Credit Union Central of Canada
- Co-operative Trust Company
- The Co-operators Group
- Credit Union Central of Saskatchewan
- Credit Union Deposit Guarantee Corporation
- The Centre for the Study of Co-operatives

- Canadian Co-operative Association, Saskatchewan Region
- Saskatchewan Wheat Pool
- Sherwood Credit Union, and the
- Cupar Consumers Co-operative to name just a few.

He has contributed his time and wisdom to countless government agencies, advisory bodies, community groups, and farmers' associations -- always giving the greatest effort while bringing out the best of everyone around the table. His seemingly endless enthusiasm and commitment were contagious, and though he was often at the root of important initiatives, he was sure to credit everyone involved for their achievements.

While Bill Turner has received accolades and awards for his involvement with co-operatives, including CCA's Canadian Co-operative Achievement Award and the Saskatchewan Co-operative Merit Award, his contributions related to international co-operative development have drawn less attention ... at least here in Canada.

Among other accomplishments, Bill has designed co-operative development and training programs, consulted with legislators developing co-op laws and provided expert advice to emerging co-operatives and credit unions and delivered countless presentations on the various aspects of co-op development.

The Pooped Deck



Bob Hougham 49S and Joyce are now retired on their Y Coulee Ranch near Frenchman Butte. Bob was the administrator of the village of Paradise Hill for 15 years. The ranch is now run by their sons Tom and Ken and families.

Bob and Joyce celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in July and still enjoy good health and following the activities of their grand kids. Bob's hobbies include making rope halters and other chuckwagon paraphernalia, bucking wood in the winter, gopher control, general ranch errands, fishing and quad trips in the bush with his pals.

Clarence Gutheil 56C has moved to Winnipeg. He claims that he is road kill on the information highway and wants his newsletter to continue to arrive via Post Canada.

Dennis Smith 68C retired from SAMA in 2007 after 30 years in the assessment field. He plans to remain on the farm at Creelman after downsizing a bit by renting out some land. Dennis and Judy will be busy with community affairs and visiting kids and grand kids in Virginia, Minnesota and Regina.

Garth Smith 74C retired in January 2008 from DowAgra Sciences in Calgary after 30 years with the company where he was sales manager for Canada. Garth also worked for Sask Ag early in his career. Garth and Gail plan on remaining in Calgary. They have four children; one at Queen's university while the others are still in high school. Garth will be busy with their rental properties in Regina and has other projects to keep him busy until the children finish school.

Bernie 62C and Mary Sonntag enjoyed a 3-week junket to Europe in April. A bus trip around Italy was followed by two-nighters in each of Vienna, Paris and London on the way home. High prices for beer, wine and ice cream all along the route were a considerable deterrent, but didn't entirely prevent having a good time.

Bruce Martin 40C celebrated his 90th birthday in January '08. His wife Grace, step-daughter Janet, his son and three daughters along with their spouses and the grand kids gathered in the Oak Bay United Church hall to help Bruce celebrate. The register was signed by 138 friends and family members.

Bruce still drives the old Buick and, along with Grace, attends church and community activities.

An eye sight problem has forced him to retire from playing the piano for the Men's Club and the Fellowship Club. He is considered the historian director on the Board of Vista Towers where they live in Victoria.

Bruce keeps in touch with his 40C classmates - **Maurice Braunstein**, Regina; **Harvey Dunn**, Gilbert, AZ; **Ed Hudek**, Winnipeg; **Moey Gorback**, Vancouver; **Norm Scharf**, Grand Prairie, AB; **Ivar Tollefson**, Rochester, NY; **Fred Schroer**, Unity; and widows **Gwen Barr (Dougie)**,

Westbank, BC; and **Evelyn Thode (Bill)**, Nanaimo, BC.

Don Lehman 47C and his wife, Alice, recently moved out of their Regina home to Victoria Park Special Care Home after both suffered some significant health problems. They are comfortable in a small suite and receive lots of extra help from their daughter Barbara, who is a retired teacher in Regina.

Their eldest daughter from Winnipeg is a frequent visitor and generates considerable revenue for West Jet. The girls and their families are putting their home up for sale and Don expects to make some money in the current housing market. He extends best wishes and good health to all.

Glenn Gutheil 54C made another pilgrimage in August from California to his roots in Lang. The occasion was a 50th anniversary party at the Town Hall. He and Drey were half of the graduating class of '49 of the Lang High School. He thought that 30 or 40 of the Gutheil clan would attend, including brother **Clarence 56C**.

Julian Dumanski 62C received a citation from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change for his contribution to the Nobel Peace Prize for 2007.

Gus MacKenzie 54C and Joan have returned to Montreal from Victoria and now live in Dorval near where they were when Gus was a prof at Macdonald College.

Congratulations and best wishes to **Barry Rugg 48S** and Betty who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family and friends on July 12th at the Elstow Hall.

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An Ag Grad Reunion broke out at the Cooper Farm Sale Apr.18, 2008. Attendees included:

Bob Blakely 51S; Gary Meier 76C; Vic Surgic 59C; Bill Copeland 60C; Bob Dodds 53S; Rob Ivey 71C; Brice Budd 85S; Merv Helgason 61S; Al McDougald 65C; Warren Jolly 70S; Al Short 59C; Dave Thompson 54S; Jack Drew 57S 61C; Lorence Peterson 65C; Frank Dunlop 63C; Daryl Jacobson; Vern Racz 68C; Hubert Esquirol; Brent Gessell (Ag Eng); Zenneth Faye (Ag Eng); George 44S, Thomas 48S and William 51S Cooper; James 83S, Barry 81S and Sheldon 84S Cooper.

Other Agros were in attendance or participated as internet bidders. For example, **Terry Karstens 84S87C** was the successful internet bidder on the 36-foot straight-cut header.

What are young Cooper grads going to do? James is employed at Watrous New Holland, Barry is the Manager, Farm Supplies, Clearview Agro, Foam Lake and Sheldon is the Manager, Farm Supplies, Bank End Co-op and facilitates the area Environmental Farm Plans.

The senior Coopers are all retired: George at Foam Lake, Thomas at Kelliher, William and Joseph at Saskatoon. The 105-year-old home farm is occupied by Sheldon, Tammy and Audra.

Stewart Given 50C and May celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 8-8-08 - lucky day for more than the Chinese. Stewart is retired from FCC.

Over 80 guests attended an open house at their home in Kanata. His brother Tait (Eng 49) and wife Louise came from Vancouver. Cousins, nieces and nephews attended as did daughters Kathleen, MaryAnn and Alison, their spouses and five grandchildren. **Bill Hamilton 50C** and Esther were there. It was a huge celebration not dampened by the weather!

Charles Hutchinson 48S and Justina celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this summer. Gavin Hamilton and his wife, Wilma, from Westbank joined in the celebration. Gavin was best man at the wedding. The Hutchinsons are taking life easy in St. Albert where they are close to family, but still claim to miss Saskatchewan.

Basil Fritz honoured

Basil Fritz 73C, retired livestock specialist and ag rep, and his wife, Bev, have been living and working in Inner Mongolia (Range and Forage Extension) for several years. Baz is a Long Term Technical Adviser (LTTA) in a CIDA project in Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region (IMAR), China.

The following was written by one of Baz's Chinese co-workers.

Dear all:

I hardly wait to announce you good news. Our IMAR LTTA Basil Patrick Fritz were given the title "Love Envoy" by The Red Cross Organization in Hulunbeier City because of his special contribution on grassland protection and his care about the grassland people in Hulunbeier, IMAR.

I have been working with him for several years; I know from my own experience that he earn this award by his day-to-day hard work. He always encourage people by saying "No man will work for your interests, unless they are his" , but actually I saw a man working for other people's interest, that is our Batu. He works with the herders even when the temperature is minus 38 outside on the grassland. He will stop to help the herders to build the fence and gate even it was raining. He is the person worried most about the herders when there is a big lost on the grassland area at lambing season. He tries to find out the price of all kinds of feed to provide some useful information to the herders in a dry year like this. He will talk to local processors to find out better livestock market information and try to increase the herders' income. He tries every way to increase herders' income and protect the "most beautiful" grassland in the world. Whenever he saw the sign of degradation on the grassland, I can see his concern from his eyes. I still remember he said, "protecting the beautiful grassland and assisting the poor herders is a life-long career, I wish I had started to work here earlier."

I know his heart is on the grassland and on the grassland people, but I still shocked when I heard him said like that. What a spirit he has! What a person he is! We have to say this is "the spirit of internationalism!"

Mr. Fritz deserves this award. The local herders always call him "Lao Ba" to show their respect and their love to him.

I think this award is not only for him but also for our project; this is an outcome of our project. More and more people start to recognize our effort to protecting the grassland and assisting the local people. I am more than happy to share this good news with you all - my colleagues and my friends!

Sincerely yours, Vicky Wang
Project Officer, Hailar Project Field Office IMAR
China-Canada Sustainable
Agriculture Development Project

2008 Spring Convocation

BSA Grads

Melanie Lisa Adair, Redvers
 Brooke Loren Aitken, Eyebrow
 Nathan Clifford Allen, Lemberg
 Chantal Camille Bauche, Redvers
 Tamara Linsey Bogdan, North Battleford
 Thalia Kimberly Bradford, Allan
 Jenny Louise Calow, Hoosier
 Timothy John Chalk, Radisson
 Misaki Cho, Osaka, Japan
 Jeff Samuel Chupik, Danbury
 Perry Landon Dangstorp, Redvers
 Alan Peter Davies, Indian Head
 Jenna Madeline Drinkwater, Saskatoon
 Cara Marlene Drury, Lumsden
 Stacey Emily Anne Dunn, La Ronge
 Hanny Elsadr, Toronto ON
 Jessica Therese Forrester, Saskatoon
 Brenden Dale Von Freeden, Dundurn
 Shannon Lisa Friesen, Moose Jaw
 Timothy Joshua Patrick Fuhr, Langenburg
 Tatiana Mary Gabrush, Saskatoon
 Breanne Kiera Galloway, Vancouver, BC
 Janina Leigh Gislason, Foam Lake
 Brenan Caley McGill Glassford, Lafleche
 Lorelei Madeline Gress, Tisdale
 Jenna-Lee Pauline Joan Heska, Surrey BC
 Danielle Jeannine Hill, Saskatoon
 Deneen Meagan Hoffus, Bjorkdale
 Jodi Lynn Holzman, Wilkie
 Jonna Jacob, Saskatoon
 Amanda Dawn Johnson, Wilkie
 Tyler Larry Kaban, Yorkton
 Jordan Wesley Kielo, Delisle
 Justin Lloyd Krieger, Jansen
 Jonathan Earl Larson, Nokomis
 Shelby Dean Layman, Woodrow
 Tanesa Jenine Leib, Southey
 Erin Dawn Linder, Abbey
 Megan Jill Lynch, Sedley
 Neil Christopher MacDougall, Langbank
 Duncan James McLean, Pekisko, AB
 Eric William McPeek, Coronach
 Tyler John Morhart, Spring Valley
 Mitchell Glen Morrison, Denholm
 Steven Matthew Myers, Wawota
 Katelyn Marie Olsen, Simmie
 Laurie Carol Lynn Ostrosky, Tisdale
 Terri Lynn Paulson, Foam Lake
 Daniel Robert Pihowich, St. Brieux

Jennifer Rae Prentice, Abbey
 Kyla Meagan Randall, Saskatoon
 Barrett Andrew Rankin, Milden
 Kaci Dale Rea, Marengo
 Kelli Dawn Rea, Marengo
 Colleen Nicole Redlick, Biggar
 Landon James Robertson, Saskatoon
 Darren William Rowatt, Saskatoon
 Jason Jacob Sawatzky, Hague
 Miranda Marie Schafer, Kindersley
 Coy William Schellenberg, Beechy
 Shan Shan Shi, China
 Karlo Bryce Simonson, Outlook
 Dong Yan Song, China
 Jocelyn Jean Stefankiw, Wishart
 Jenna Anne Ternes, Fox Valley
 Paul James Vandertweel, Gronlid
 Taija Yvonne Watson, Chauvin, AB
 Janelle Laura Wilson, Carlyle
 Xin Zhou, China

B.Sc. (Agbs) Degree Grads

Laura Anne Hoffman, Bruno
 Kirby Edward Poirier, Wiseton
 Brent Lester Twordick, Saskatoon
 Carol Ann Thomson, Dinsmore
 Marc Joseph Delage, Regina
 Michael Frederick Yeager, Lake Lenore
 Andrew Allan Larson, Moose Jaw
 Jay Stanley Mars Peterson, Frontier

Diploma Grads

Francois Misael Begrand, St. Louis
 Jessica Rose Brodziak, Preeceville
 Milann Dominique Daniel, St. Louis
 Wayne Devasis Ferguson, Theodore
 Caitlin Marie Gobert, Portage la Prairie MB
 Rory Cameron Gregoire, North Battleford
 Megan Krystal Hall, Craven
 Kaitlyn Bridget Kasper, Outlook
 Lindsay Mae Kohl, Mankota
 Ashley Rose Madden, St. Walburg
 Stephanie Jean Meier, Ridgedale
 Christopher John O'Connor, Kisbey
 Tiffany Lee Peters, Perdue
 Andrea Robin Ross, Verwood
 Colby Joe Sproat, Kipling
 Jessica Dawn Taylor, Tisdale
 Garrett Shay Verhelst, Lafleche
 Bethany Brett Yewsuk, Wynyard

Energy in Agriculture

Comment by Red Williams

With our current preoccupation with energy use and price, it is worthwhile having a look at how it impacts farming. This came up in a discussion with a friend of mine from Lafleche, SK. He had an interesting cut on the very effective manner in which farmers have used energy over the ages for the benefit of first, themselves, and then overall society.

In the beginning, our fore bearers supplemented their meat diet with wild grains and fruits and one family could only feed itself: not very energy efficient even when they learned to sow as well as reap. But then, about 11,000 years ago the wild ox was domesticated and trained to assist to till a plot of land (the horse didn't come along for another 6,000 years). It was a big step ahead except that the work animals had to be fed as well as the family, leaving only a

little for barter for other benefits. Not much changed in this basic pattern of exchanging energy for food, even when the homesteaders arrived on the prairies. Out of every quarter section the production from 120 acres was for the farmer to eat and sell, while 40 was needed to feed the energy source: the horse.

Then came the technical leap-ahead with steam, gasoline and diesel power so one farm family could feed 20 or 30 in the cities. Next came large machinery, new seeds and equipment and large acreages. A farmer could feed 80 people locally with lots left over to export. It was a long process in shifting from sweat labour to fossil fuel power.

In the present, when efforts to reduce fossil fuel use as well as green house gases have become part of political platforms everywhere, we must be very careful how we approach food production. I for one don't want to go back to hunting and gathering.

North China Agriculture



Animal and human energy



Hillside Terraces



Cleaning rapeseed



Grasslands

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1961 Agro Reunion

The class of '61 has done it again! Instead of waiting for the regular 5 year reunion interval, they met for a 47-year reunion at the island home of Lynn and Betty Thompson. It could be a record for Agro classes - 11 reunions and the 50 year one will be an even dozen. Can anyone beat that record?

A summer destination of Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, saw 13 of the original 38 grads wending their way westward. They stopped off for a day in Fort Langley with hosts Syd and Janice Pickerell. A tour of the Fort in the year of BC's 150th birthday and an evening meal together got things off to a great start.

The following morning it was off to the ferry terminal and a 'mini-cruise' to Salt Spring Island. Here they met the Thompsons and other classmates who arrived via Victoria and Vancouver Island. That evening saw all together at

the Thompson residence for a Chinese meal, photos and a great deal of reminiscing.

The next day Lynn led a tour of the two provincial parks on the island and a local cheese farm. Time spent on a mountain top and wandering the ocean shoreline introduced all to the reason for the Thompson escape from winter! Golfing, shopping and art tours filled the rest of the day. In the evening all gathered for a meal and visit at the hotel where all were staying. A wonderful addition saw retired islanders Dean of Agriculture John Stewart and his wife Ann joining the gang.

The final morning together saw everyone breakfasting at the hotel before a leisurely departure to the ferry terminal.

Emails since the reunion confirm that it was a great success with references to the beautiful site and most of all the continued camaraderie of the class of '61 and their spouses.

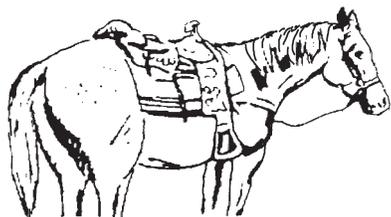


Agro Class of '61 Salt Spring Island Reunion
 July 2 - 4, 2008
 Back - Ray Wheeler, Jack Shields, Gus Peesker, Bob Bullock, Bob Baker, Bob Gilmour, Gary Rice, Dan Beveridge.
 Front - Lynn Thompson, Jack Drew, Wayne Clews, Syd Pickerell, Ron Johnson.



Agro Class of '61 Wives
 Back - Evelyn Peesker, Glennis Wheeler, Pat Bullock, Gaylene Drew, Janice Pickerell, Jean Rice, Wyn Clews, Doreen Gilmour.
 Front - Betty Thompson, Joan Baker, Betty Shields, Angelina Beveridge, Lizzie Thompson (granddaughter).

Empty Saddles



Joseph Dempsey Campbell 41C passed away peacefully at home in Victoria on March 24, 2008. He was 97 years old.

Cliff March 48S of Lancer passed away peacefully on Apr. 29, 2008 at the age of 91 years. Following service in the armed forces during WWII and attendance at the School, Cliff farmed at Lancer for the rest of his life. He became a Wheat Pool delegate in 1968 and served on the Board from 1974-84. He was their representative on the Natural Products Marketing Council and also the Pool delegate to the Saskatchewan Federation of Agriculture. In 1994 he was awarded a Certificate of Merit for service within the Credit Union and the Pool. He was an active member of the CCF/NDP, the Lancer United Church, the Royal Canadian Legion and the provincial museum association. Cliff is survived by his wife, Jean, children Sandra (Charlie) Watson, Wayne (Marion), **Keith 77S** (Fran) and several grandchildren.

John Bond 43C died peacefully after a short illness on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at City Hospital in Saskatoon. John lived in Wadena, Meota and Birch Hills before his family finally settled in Leask, SK in 1930. After BSA graduation he served overseas with the South Saskatchewan Regiment in

World War II and was part of the forces that liberated Holland. After returning to Canada in 1946, he joined the Veteran's Land Administration staff. He spent his working years in Prince Albert, Saskatoon and Ottawa, retiring to Saskatoon in 1987. In 1946, while in Prince Albert, he joined the military reserves, eventually commanding the First Battalion North Saskatchewan Regiment as Lt. Colonel for 13 years. In 1947, he married Betty Leach, a Saskatoon City Hospital nurse. Together they raised four children. John loved nature and masterminded many family camping and fishing trips. He was a devoted member of the Golden Eagle birders, an avid lily grower, an outdoor enthusiast and a cross country skier. John was committed to the Anglican Church and he especially loved singing in the choirs. In Prince Albert he served as a lay minister at St. George's Church.

Thomas Stanley Rackham 37C passed away May 6, 2008 at Ottawa, Ontario at age 93 years. Tom was born in Lloydminster, Saskatchewan. He graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a BSA (distinction), and later obtained a Master's degree from Montana State University. He farmed for several years in the Lloydminster area and went on to a career as an agricultural economist with provincial and federal governments as well as the United Nations, World Bank and Asia Development Bank. He retired to Vancouver Island where he continued to consult for international agencies and was the owner of a small hotel sometimes referred to as "Faulty Towers". His passion was writing about farming and his father's experiences as a Barr Colonist as well as a keen interest in archeology. Following the passing of his wife, Amber, he moved to Ottawa to be near family.

Maurice Dean Boesch 53C passed away May 15, 2008.

Robert William Lodge 49C passed away on July 21, 2008. Bob was born in 1922 in Mulvilhill, Manitoba. At an early age the family moved to Swift Current where Bob completed his secondary education. Bob enrolled at the College of Agriculture, but interrupted his studies to go on active service during WWII. He saw combat in Holland and Italy as a Lieutenant with the Canadian army. He graduated with a BSA in 1949, met and married Irene Brown and joined the Research Branch at Swift Current. In 1950, Bob and his family moved to Moscow, Idaho where Bob completed his M.Sc. (Forestry) at the University of Idaho. Later Bob attended the University of North Wales graduating with his Ph.D. in 1958. The family returned to Swift Current where they lived until 1964 when Bob was loaned to FAO (United Nations).

In 1973, Bob was appointed Chief of the Land Use Service of PFRA. While there, Bob accepted a temporary posting to teach at the University of Zambia, under the auspices of the University of Manitoba. After their return from Africa, Bob retired from the federal public service and worked for the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture for some time. In 1985 Bob was named a Fellow of the Society of Range Management in recognition of his dedication to his profession and the advancement of the science. He was the author of numerous scientific articles and publications. In 1995 Bob and Irene moved to Victoria. Bob's interests included sailing, model aeroplanes, gardening, reading and travelling. His community service included a number of years on the Swift Current City Council and the board of the Swift Current Credit Union. He was a founding member of

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the Regional Library Board.

Edward Halstead 61C passed away on May 30, 2008 at the age of 75. Ed was born in Alberta and as a child his family moved to the farm at Nokomis. He met and married Bette Woods in Nokomis. He was an ardent hockey player in his youth, but his love of the land took him to study agriculture - BSA and MSc at the U of S and PhD at Purdue University. He was Director of the Soil Testing Lab and then Professor of Soil Science at the U of S. His international activity began with an appointment to the IAEA in Vienna. He was a consultant with the Potash and Phosphate Institute of Canada for a number of years. He and Bette had two daughters and four grandchildren.

Robert George Bristow 54S passed away at St. Paul's Hospital on June 22, 2008. He was born at Strongfield on June 20, 1934. He attended school there and then enrolled in the School of Agriculture. Bob made many lifelong friendships during his university years and attended many ag grad reunions. He married Ruth Hendren on July 18, 1959 and five children followed. Bob was a dedicated community volunteer - 4-H, Strongfield Co-op, Wheat Pool, United Church, rural natural gas project, irrigation project, school board and school division trustee and the Gardiner Dam Terminal project. He worked on the construction of the Gardiner Dam and toured many people through the site after its completion. Travel was one of his passions and he encouraged his family to experience life and customs in the world around them.

Gilles Henri Blezy 74S, late of Storthoaks, passed away unexpectedly at the age of 53 years on Wednesday, April 2, 2008. Gilles was predeceased

by his parents, Marcel and Anne Marie Blezy and brother Aurele Blezy. He is survived by his loving family: wife Francine; two sons, Kevin Blezy and Trent Blezy; four brothers, Gerald Blezy, Raymond (Diane) Blezy, Herve (Annie) Blezy and Alain (Debbie) Blezy, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. A funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, April 11, 2008 at St. Anthony R.C. Church, Storthoaks.

Larry Lutwick PhD 1960 in Soil Science from the U of S passed away on Jan. 23, 2008 in Lethbridge at age 86. Larry was a Navy veteran and native of New Brunswick. He completed BSc and MSc degrees at MacDonald College. He spent his working career with Research Branch, AAFC, at Vauxhall and Lethbridge. He worked closely with the late **Tracy Anderson 43C** on soils and tillage research.

Earl Francis Lawrence 42S passed away suddenly on August 20, 2008. He was born on October 28, 1921 on the family farm in the Colonsay district. He returned to the farm in 1946 after serving overseas in WWII. He married Jean Simmons in 1949. They had two children and seven granddaughters. He spent the majority of his life working the land he loved. He was the brother of **Tom Lawrence 50C**.

Edward Panamaroff 64S passed away on May 1, 2008. He was born in 1942. Known as 'Big Ed', he spent his life on the family farm at Struan. He was an avid sportsman and liked antique car shows and auction sales. He worked off the farm as a farmland real estate agent.

Reginald George Winny 58S passed away suddenly on January 4, 2008. He was born on November 17, 1937. He attended school in the

farming communities of Sovereign and Rosetown before enrolling in the School of Agriculture. His marriage to Sandra Bell resulted in three sons. His love of working the land and his work ethic left very little room for activities and interests. He enjoyed many activities with his kids and grandkids. He was still farming when he died suddenly while waiting to load a semi with canola in his yard.

W. Andrew Russell 49C passed away in Edmonton on Sept. 9, 2008 at the age of 90. Andy was born on April 12, 1918 near Jansen, SK. Andy taught school for several years at Jansen before enlisting. He flew for the RAF with Squadron 31 over Burma. After graduating from the U of S in 1949, he joined Agriculture Canada. He worked in Indian Head, Fort Simpson, Scott and retired in Morden. He worked as an agrologist in horticulture and potato breeding. He and Lyn moved back to Indian Head in 1983 and then to St. Albert in 1991. He was active in many community activities and generously supported local initiatives. His hobbies included woodworking and growing roses.

From the *Green and White*

Shadick, John, Dip/Agric'28, of Victoria, BC, d. January 1, 2008.

Harth, Philip, Dip/Agric'39, of Neudorf, SK, d. December 24, 2007.

Hamilton, Frank Fletcher, Dip/Agric'40, of Moose Jaw, SK, d. February 1, 2008.

Wotherspoon, Douglas, Dip/Agric'45, of Melville, SK, d. January 11, 2008.

Montgomery, Robert William, Dip/Agric'46, of Morse, SK, d. August 2, 2007

Tysdal, Gordon Ernest, Dip/Agric'46, of Briercrest, SK, d. June

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Kosik, Stanley, Dip/Agric'48, of Smeaton, SK, d. August 13, 2007.

McLeod, Frank S, Dip/Agric'48, of Regina, SK, d. January 10, 2008.

Dawson, Alan Bruce, BSA'49, BA'50, of Kelowna, BC, d. October 18, 2007.

Pederson, Ernest Laurence, Dip/Agric'50, d. January 20, 2006.

Weiss, William Albert, BSA'50, of

Kelowna, BC, d. August 18, 2007.

Blake, Frank Robert, Dip/Agric'52, of Regina, SK, d. May 24, 2007

McNaughton, Charles Hosmer, BSA'53, of Winnipeg, MB, d. August 31, 2007.

Hockley, Dalton George, Dip/Agric'55, of Yellow Grass, SK, d. December 21, 2007.

Shaw, Bert Allen, Dip/Agric'59 of

Balcarres, SK, d. December 10, 2007.

Marcil, Francis Armand, Dip/Agric'64, of Lake Alma, SK, d. October 4, 2007.

Klukewich, Timothy William, Dip/Agric'67, of Campbell River, BC, d. September 21, 2007.

Johnston, Brian Douglas, Dip/Agric'69 of Weyburn, SK, d. January 18, 2008.

News from the College

On May 30th, President Peter Mackinnon announced that the new Dean of the college would be Dr. Mary Buhr. Until recently, Mary was serving as Interim Dean of OAC, University of Guelph, while OAC conducted its own search for a Dean. Prior to that Mary had been serving as Associate Dean (Academic) at OAC.

Mary earned a B.Sc., M.Sc. and PhD in Biology from the University of Waterloo in 1976, 1978 and 1982 respectively.

She then worked as a visiting scientist with Agriculture Canada in Brandon, Manitoba before taking a position in 1983 in the Dept. of Animal Science at the University of Manitoba.

In 1988, she moved to the Dept. of Animal and Poultry Science at the Ontario Agricultural College of the University of Guelph as an assistant professor, reaching full professor status in 2000. Mary's research interests centre on all aspects of sperm physiology and its relationship to fertility and artificial insemination.

Mary will not begin in her new role until July 1st, 2009 and hence I write this column having the pleasure of serving as Acting Dean for another year.

Dr. Andrew Van Kessel (Animal and Poultry Science) has agreed to serve as Associate Dean (Research) during that period.

Also on the personnel front, one new faculty member joined us on July 1st. Dr. Mike Rogers is now a member of Food and Bioproduct Sciences. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Guelph.

Two other faculty members will join us shortly. Dr. Tom Yates will be a lecturer in the Department of Soil Science and his duties will be closely associated with the Renewable Resource Program.

Dr. Eric Lamb will join the Department of Plant Sciences as a biometrician/statistician. Eric obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Alberta in 2007.

In other news, increased undergraduate enrolment continues to be THE College priority.

Based on the number of students admitted it appears that first-year enrolment will be similar to last year with enrolment in the Agribusiness and Renewable Resource Management programs meeting our targets. The BSA program continues to be the biggest program in the College with 136 first year students admitted at this date.

This year will see the first students enter the two new two-year diploma programs in Agribusiness and Agronomy. So far the number of students admitted to these programs is similar to last year. Final enrolment figures will not be known until

October.

Based on an agreement with Inner Mongolia Agricultural University, we do expect to enrol six students from that institution for the final two years of their program.

We will soon be breaking ground on another expansion at the Crop Science Field Laboratory. This addition will house the Grain Innovation Laboratory and new workshop space for the Soil Science Department. The Grain Innovation Laboratory will provide new and expanded laboratory facilities for the quality screening programs of the Crop Development Centre. Planning is still proceeding on the Feed Technology Research Facility.

I look forward to another year as Acting Dean and the many challenges and opportunities that I know it will bring.

In September I will be travelling to Mongolia (not to be confused with Inner Mongolia!!) to help celebrate Mongolia State University of Agriculture's 50th Anniversary. This is the University with which we are collaborating on a seven-year CIDA-funded project (Training for Rural Development).

Wishing you all the best and looking forward to seeing many of you in January (or before).

Graham Scoles

