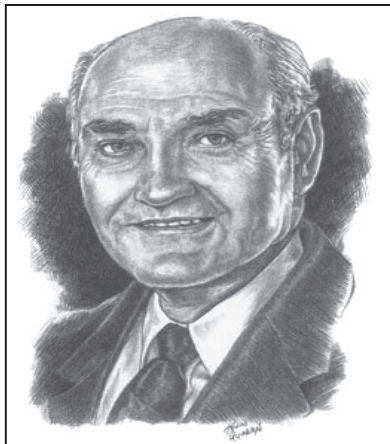


Saskatchewan Agriculture Hall of Fame



Robert Edward Brack

In a 40-year career at the University of Saskatchewan, Bob Brack left his mark on information transfer to farmers as well as the 4-H movement. Bob was born in Strasbourg in 1930 and he grew up on farms near Bulyea and Clark's Crossing. He graduated from the College with Great Distinction in 1952, receiving the most distinguished agriculture graduate of the year award from SIA. He obtained a Master's Degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1961.

Bob was first appointed to the staff of the University's Extension Department in 1952. Bob was a distinguished educator and trusted mentor. In 1982, he became Director of the Extension Division. He made many innovative and long-lasting contributions to the development of rural youth, agricultural producers and agricultural organizations.

Bob held associate memberships in the College of Agriculture and the Department of Continuing Education. For many years, he played a major role in the production and distribution of *The Guide to Farm Practice in Saskatchewan*. He was the editor of all three guides published in the 1980s.

Bob assumed leadership for the provincial 4-H Council and influenced thousands of young 4-H members over the years. He helped create the 4-H Foundation, leading to the

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James William Halford

Jim Halford pioneered the development of zero-till farming in Saskatchewan and the entire Prairie region. As much as anyone else, he is responsible for the transformation of farming practices that occurred.

Born at Indian Head in 1941, Jim Halford was a distinguished graduate of the College of Agriculture, University of Saskatchewan, in 1963. This was followed by a Master's degree in Agricultural Economics in 1966 and a Nuffield Agriculture Scholarship in 1976. While working as a Farm Management Specialist with the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture, he started farming in the mid-60s on the Halford family farm.

He soon realized that wind and water erosion were ravaging his fragile soils. Jim gradually concluded that zero-till, a new farming practice being attempted in the U.S., had the most promise for restoring soil health. In the late 70s, he began to apply the zero-till system on his farm.

It soon became clear that seeding equipment with air delivery of seed and fertilizer was needed - equipment that could operate in heavy crop residue while placing the seed and all the nutrient requirements in a one-pass system. In 1983, he built a prototype Conserva Pak TM to use on his

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permanent establishment of Camp Rayner at Lake Diefenbaker.

He was instrumental in positive changes to the 4-H program including the development of multiple-project clubs. With his encouragement, leadership activities became an important part of the 4-H curriculum.

Bob was president of the Canadian 4-H Council in 1967 and was awarded the Centennial Medal. Another honor of special note was the SIA Distinguished Agrologist Award in 1995.

Bob Brack died January 16, 2010.

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own farm and applied for patents on the design.

By 1989, Jim had launched a business manufacturing and marketing Conserva Pak seeding systems in Canada, and, by 1993, in the U.S. and Australia. The principles were adopted by many other makers of direct seeding equipment. One-pass direct seeding with limited soil disturbance became the norm in western Canada. In 2007, Conserva Pak Seeding Systems technology was sold to farm equipment giant John Deere.

Jim Halford coordinated development of the Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association and was a founding director of the Indian Head Agricultural Research Foundation (IHARF).

The one-pass seeding system that Jim pioneered became recognized as a best management practice for minimizing greenhouse gas emissions. As soil organic matter increases, more carbon is stored in the soil.

Jim Halford was the inspiration and catalyst behind many of the countless individuals who worked on soil conservation and zero tillage in Saskatchewan.

Editor's note: both of these write-ups were provided courtesy of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame.

U of S Distinguished Chairs honor Saskatchewan world leaders in research

The Distinguished Chairs Program celebrates outstanding achievement in research, scholarly, or artistic work by U of S faculty or emeriti.

The honorary appointments are held for three years, renewable for a second term. Four individuals have been selected in this inaugural round; three of them relate to agriculture.

David Christensen 58C spent most of his career in the Department of Animal and Poultry Science in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources. He began his education at the U of S and completed his graduate studies at McGill. He started his research career at Cornell University in New York before returning to the U of S.

For more than four decades, Christensen built an international reputation for his research in dairy nutrition. He was among the first to recognize the importance of trace minerals in livestock production, and feed formulations based on his research have been widely adopted in western Canada. His work in developing feed applications for agricultural co-products such as canola meal helped open new international markets for Prairie grain producers.

An excellent teacher and researcher, Christensen imparts a blend of science, practical management, and commercial application. Named as a Professor Emeritus in 2003, he has supervised more than 50 Masters and PhD students and still sits on eight graduate student committees.

His passion for sharing research knowledge extends

to international outreach to Africa, Central America, the Middle East, and Asia. The esteem in which he is held is evidenced by his many national and international awards from the research community, professional industry, and producer organizations.

Dr. James Dosman, the "father of agricultural medicine" in Canada, has devoted his career to improving the health of, and preventing injury to, farmers and their families. He established the Centre for Agricultural Medicine - now known as the Canadian Centre for Health and Safety in Agriculture (CCHSA). The organization is the only one in Canada to provide research, education, and health promotion to agricultural and rural populations - a crucial service to the families working in one of the most dangerous occupations in Canada and the U.S.

Brian Rossnagel is one of Canada's best-known crop scientists and one of the world's top experts in barley and oat breeding and genetics. Based at the Crop Development Centre at the College of Agriculture and Bioresources, he is responsible for many new cultivars, several of which have become the preferred varieties for western Canadian farmers.

He is committed to ensuring the knowledge and products of research reach the producer and industry. He gives numerous presentations, media interviews, conducts field days and tours, and speaks frequently about his research and, particularly, its application to the field.

Dean Speak

The College of Agriculture and Bioresources has been a busy place over the last few months. There's been good progress made on renewing the Phytotron, Dairy Barn and the Beef Unit. Funding was announced by CFI for the newly-named Canadian Feed Research Facility, sited in North Battleford, and that facility should be up and running by fall of 2011.

Numerous faculty have received major awards, including Curtis Pozniak, Angela Bedard-Haughn, Dave Christensen and Brian Rosznagel. We've been delighted to welcome Tom Scott as the Endowed Chair in Feed Processing Technology. Undergraduate student numbers are up this

fall, and we won the Splash Bowl water balloon fight in the Bowl against the Engineers! Our annual Bean Feed was a great success, as was Ag Bag Drag - - some things never change! We are busy planning events to celebrate 100 years of graduates from Agriculture, which happens in 2012, and of course SAGA is deeply involved. I look forward to seeing you at various events over the coming months, and wish you health and happiness as we enter the holiday season and think about welcoming 2011.

Yours in Agro spirit
Mary Buhr

President's Pen: November 2010

After a soggy summer in the field, it is good to be moving into fall activities with the hope of things drying out a bit! Plans and preparation for the 2011 SAGA Reunion Weekend on January 8th and 9th at TCU place in Saskatoon are well underway (see flyer in this newsletter for more Reunion Weekend information). We encourage graduates from all years to attend the events as well as the honor years 51, 61, 71, 81, 91, 01, and 06. For folks other than honor years wishing to get tickets for this year's banquet, an order form is conveniently located in this newsletter.

We are continuing to make progress in distributing more newsletters to SAGA members electronically through e-mail. This is a real help to the organization as we significantly reduce our postage expenses doing this. For those people who would like to receive their future SAGA newsletters electronically, they can contact us through the website saskaggrads.com

Our website continues to develop. It is a great place to go for updated information on SAGA events and happenings. We are planning to continue our work to make the website more interactive and of greater utility for members.

The College of Agriculture and Bioresources students of today will be the SAGA members of tomorrow and it is important that we provide them with all the support and encouragement we can. To this end, a professional development day was held by SAGA in the College in October for undergraduate students looking to hone their employment-opportunity-seeking skills. The event was sponsored by industry, and excellent sessions on interview techniques

and resume writing were provided by industry participants, along with a supper at which the Dean provided an inspiring talk on future opportunities in agriculture. We did not have a huge attendance, but those students that did attend were keen, with lots of exchange among participants.

Of note, in 2012 the College of Agriculture and Bioresources will be celebrating 100 years since the first graduate! A planning committee for events and activities to recognize, honor and celebrate this important anniversary in 2012 has been struck in the College. I am representing SAGA on the committee. In light of this anniversary, it is planned that the 2012 SAGA Reunion Weekend will be an extra special event: a "SUPER REUNION" with emphasis on attendance from all past years, along with additional events and activities geared towards the 100th year anniversary.

I also remind the membership that the SAGA executive really needs some folks to step forward and volunteer for positions on the SAGA executive in 2011. In particular, we desperately need volunteers for positions on Banquet and Membership committees. If you can help, we need to hear from you! Please contact me or any other member of the executive.

Finally, I look forward to seeing many of you at Reunion Weekend on January 8th and 9th, 2011.

All the best!

Jeff Schoenau,
SAGA president

Website Up and Running

www.saskaggrads.com

Secure your seat at the banquet! Please use the form in this newsletter or get it from www.saskaggrads.com. Due to higher costs, we can no longer afford to book unsold seats at the banquet. To avoid disappointment, please purchase your banquet tickets early. The banquet will sell out before the end of the Mixer on Saturday night.

Send us your email address and we will send your newsletter via email. Plus, you will receive other updates as they happen.

2011 SAGA Reunion Weekend

January 8 & 9, 2011

All Events at TCU Place, Saskatoon (formerly Centennial Auditorium)

January 8

7 pm Annual Meeting

8 pm Mixer Night

SAGA members and guests \$15 per person at the door. Membership to SAGA is \$100 for life or \$10 for annual membership.

Rooms are available for Reunion Year groups.

Contact TCU Place to reserve a separate reunion year space.

January 9

76th SAGA Reunion Banquet

4:30 Cocktails

5:30 Banquet

Program and group pictures to follow

Banquet tickets will be available for advance purchase for \$45 each.

Ticket availability cannot be guaranteed at the door.

Curling and Hockey Tournaments

Reunion Rooms Available Small or Large Groups

Reunion Years Degree & Diploma

1951, 1961, 1971, 1981, 1991, 2001, 2006

Reunion Chairs contact: Terry Tollefson at

terry.tollefson@usask.ca

SAGA Reunion Banquet January 9TH, 2011

Banquet Ticket Order Form for Non-Reunion Year Participants

****All participants (guests exempt) MUST be a member of SAGA as
this is a SAGA reunion weekend****

• SAGA Membership (please check one):

_____ Yes, I'm a member

OR

_____ No, \$100 life time membership fee

OR

_____ No, \$10 annual membership fee

• 76TH SAGA REUNION BANQUET - TCU PLACE
– Jan. 9 at 4:30 p.m. Cocktails
5:30 p.m. Banquet

\$45 x _____

TOTAL: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (optional): _____

YEAR GRADUATED: _____ COLLEGE OR _____ SCHOOL/DIPLOMA

PLEASE MAKE A CHEQUE PAYABLE TO **SAGA** FOR THE AMOUNT CALCULATED ABOVE &
RETURN THIS FORM AND PAYMENT BY JAN. 3, 2011 TO:

Room 2D27 Agriculture Building
51 Campus Dr.
University of Saskatchewan
Saskatoon, SK
S7N 5A8

****BANQUET TICKETS WILL BE HELD AT THE DOOR****

School of Agriculture '60

The School of Agriculture Class of '60 celebrated their 50 year reunion during the 2010 SAGA reunion weekend. Over half of the grads attended. - Orest and Lucille Nawrocki; Ted and Loraine Hextall; John Pedersen and Helen Penner; Milton and Leah Brown; Ron and Ruth Morningstar; Wayne and Dorothy Johnstone; Garry Vogt and Judy Cass; Jim and Elaine Willet; Ernest and Diane Adamko; Howard and Marj Wedrick; Larry and Dorothy Easton; Allan and Marilyn Kingdon; Harold and Jeanette Bjornson; Harry Jensen; Grant Reinhardt; Janice (Neufeldt) Dueck and her son Eric.

Others who joined their festivities were Betty (Charles) Guenter, former School secretary; 1959 grads Ron and Sheila Mason; Francis and Mavis Weber; Ray and Sandy Christensen; Alvin Abrey; Nick and Pauline Volk and 1961 grad Alf and Victoria Sattler. It was a great opportunity to re-connect and catch up on 50 years of happenings.

DUST OFF YOUR BROOMS OR HONE YOUR BLADES

The Annual SAGA Bonspiel & Hockey Tournament

Prizes To Win!!! Lotsa Fun To Be Had!!!

Please Contact as soon as possible to register your team.

Bonspiel:

**Blair Cummins
373-4393
bmv@sasktel.net**

or

**Don Mitchell
374-1240
blucher@sasktel.net**

\$100/Team - \$25/Player

Granite CC - Jan. 8th & 9th

****Please Note: This fee NO LONGER includes a Mixer Ticket**
[Mixer tickets sold separately @ \$15 each]**

Hockey:

**Neil Booth
270-5350 (c)
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or

**Aaron Bouchard
533-7450 (c)
aaronbouchard79@gmail.com**

\$400/team

Aberdeen Rec Complex - Jan. 8th

The earlier you register, the easier it is to get it all organized.

Vice President's report

Greetings, SAGA members

Our reunion celebrations are fast approaching. Many thanks to all the reunion chairs for their support in coordinating this event. I expect that all reunion classes have had at least one communication from their reunion chair. I know that some reunion years are already planning other events in addition to the mixer and banquet. I am aware of a few instances where our contact information was out of date, so a few members have not received a letter of invitation. In the event that you have not received your invitation, please contact your reunion chair ASAP.

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2006	Colleen Murphy ColleenM@wendlandag.com 306 423 6266	Danny Petty (Indianhead) indag@sasktel.net 306 695 2211

I encourage all reunion attendees to book accommodation early to avoid the rush. Finally, if you have any interesting Agro memorabilia that you might be willing to share, I would be interested to hear from you.

Terry Tollefson
SAGA - VP

J.W. George Ivany Internationalization Award - Michiel Grevers

Michiel (Mike) Grevers joined the U of S as co-ordinator of the Departmental Facilities and Programs, Department of Soil Science, in 1979. He has taught diploma, degree and graduate courses, done research in soil management in Saskatchewan, published some 50 articles, and developed international programs.

Mike has also actively been involved in extension activities with prairie farmers on tillage practices, manure management and soil physical conditions. In 2000, Grevers was involved in an exchange program with the Hokkaido

Research Station in Japan and participated in a study abroad program in Guatemala.

In 2001, he began work in Ethiopia. Initially a participant in a CIDA-funded project focused on agricultural practices in tropical conditions, he went on to spend seven years as Canadian project director. This work has seen Grevers and other U of S faculty members train Ethiopian faculty and students in effective agricultural practices, and provided Canadian students and faculty with valuable international experience.

Letter from a Prairie Chicken

Irene Ahner 65C

Those of you who have been reading this column for the last 30 years will know that drought has figured prominently in my reports from the SW. Well, we endured an entirely different climate this summer with 19+ in. of rain since April 1. It is a good thing that our place is situated on sand and nowhere near a creek. The reservoirs in the Cypress Hills, fed by many creeks, overflowed on June 18 and caused millions of dollars of damage to ranches, acreages, many homes & businesses in the town of Maple Creek and ripped a huge hole in the Trans Canada Highway. Several families are still living in motels as their homes are uninhabitable. Others are in their homes with no furnaces yet. A hotel and a motel have not been able to resume operations, thus making the housing shortage even worse. Repair work has been slow due to similar crises elsewhere.

Many ranches lost corrals and fences near creeks as well as damage to their homes. Some cattle were lost, too. We were very fortunate that there was no loss of human life or serious injuries, but the psychological damage will last a long time. There is worry that this could happen again if there is lots of snow this winter. Maple Creek is considering building a dike before spring to protect the town.

The rain continued to fall all summer, making it almost impossible to put up hay without some rain on it. Haying and harvesting dragged on and on. I personally missed all of the excitement in June because on the day of the flood, I was flying to Great Britain with our daughter, Alexis. We were in Scotland for two days before we checked the internet and found messages about the catastrophe at home.

Strangely enough, the UK was having an unusually dry summer - we encountered rain twice in 3 weeks and endured hot and humid conditions around London. The London Underground at 28 C is no fun. We did manage to visit historical places, visit 3 sets of relatives and see a lot

of the countryside - probably saw more sheep than there are in all of western Canada. We saw countless areas of potatoes and strawberries being grown in plastic tunnels. Alexis' husband joined us after the first week for an expedition to Hadrian's Wall before moving into southern England. We were amazed at the number of sloughs we could see from the air on our return to Saskatoon on July 10.

Later in July, I travelled to Pense to attend the 2010 reunion of the Jurelles at the home of **Terry 64C** and **Della Anderson**. Other 64C grads in the orchestra were Boyd Burrell, Ed Schultz and Jerome Martin. Former classmate Ted Benedict and **Cecil Werner 66C** plus a friend, Neal Berg, rounded out the band. About 150 people turned out to sit under a large tent or to dance in the driveway to old familiar music. We enjoyed an excellent roast beef supper and the music continued into the evening. I got to visit with **Carman 68C** and **Diane Berg**, Judy Schulz and **Howard Duncan 65C**. Ed and Judy escape the Edmonton winters by living in New Zealand for several months each year.

On my way home I dropped in to visit Larry Hill 65 BE (Ag Eng) near Waldeck and a week later he and Sandra spent an afternoon with us. Sandra and I were in Grad Wives together in the '60's.

The Ahner ranch is still operating though we plan to downsize our herd a bit this fall. Keep us in mind whenever you are in our area. Best wishes from us to all of our Agro friends for Christmas and the New Year, whether or not you tough out winter in Canada or spend it lounging on a beach somewhere.

I was sorry to read of **Bob Brack's 52C** passing. He was one of the first Extension Department persons I met as a 10 year old 4H'er. He and **Herb Clark 45C** discouraged me from entering the College of Agriculture, but 10 years later they behaved as if it was their idea!

Crop Week 2010

Website : www.cropweek.com

CROP PRODUCTION SHOW

Prairieland Exhibition

Dates and Times

January 10, Monday, 12 to 7pm

January 11 & 12, Tuesday & Wednesday, 10 am to 6 pm

January 13, Thursday, 10 am to 5 pm

January 11 & January 13, Combine Clinic 8 am - Noon

Information Theatre : Herbicide Resistance, Micronutrients, Environmental Farm Plans -

See website for times

CROP PRODUCTION WEEK

Saskatoon Inn unless stated otherwise

Canadian Wheat Board- Friday, January 14

Canaryseed, Monday, January 10

Canola Growers, Thursday, January 13, Prairieland Park

Canola Commission. Wednesday, January 12

Flax, Monday, January 10

Fruit Growers, Saturday, January 15

Mustard, Wednesday, January 10

Oats, Tuesday, January 11

Pulse, Monday January 10 (Evening only at Prairieland Park)

and Tuesday, January 11, with live feed to Prairieland Park

Sask Ag Grads Assoc., Saturday and Sunday, January 10 and 11, TCU Place

Sask Soil Conservation Association, Thursday January 13

Seed Growers, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 11 & 12

Winter Cereals, Monday, January 10

SPECIAL SESSION : WEDNESDAY EVENING , JANUARY 14

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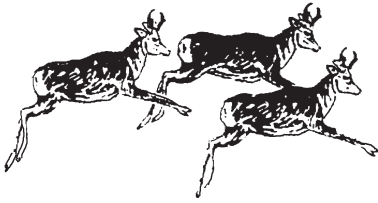
Topic: "Weather Outlook 2011"

Speaker : Drew Lerner; World Weather Inc.

7:00 pm Everyone welcome at no cost

9:00 p.m. Complimentary snacks and cash bar

Thundering Herd



Art Unsworth 74S of Maple Creek purchased a life membership in SAGA for son **Clint 10C** and suggested that more Grads do this in order to ensure long term viability of SAGA.

Rand Luhning 75C sent SAGA two life memberships for the two full time jobs he got as a result of his BSA degree. He is still farming the same dirt as 30 years ago, still has the same job with Sask Energy and the same spouse. He is still running marathons, BUT he is faster now than 30 years ago?? He hopes that the newsletters keep coming and advises the new grads to suck it up and join SAGA . . . best money they will ever spend!

Russell Fersch 95S was an apprentice coach with the national under-17 women's wrestling team at the under-17 Pan-American Wrestling Championships held in Brazil this July. Canada took the team title and one of his own personal athletes placed 2nd.

Michelle Cowal (Wacker) 90C was the volunteer coordinator for Scot Dance, the national Scottish Dancing championship held in Saskatoon in July. Over 250 competitors from every Canadian province, Scotland, England and the USA were present at the Fieldhouse in Saskatoon. Michelle's husband, **Lyle 85C**, had to stay home in Star City to do the chores.

Tim Wiens 88S has been added to the Board of The Agriculture Council of Saskatchewan representing the Saskatchewan Canola Development Commission. **Neil Ketilson 75C** of the Saskatchewan Pork Development Board chairs the Council and **Allen Kuhlmann 70C** of the Flax Development Commission is the vice-chair.

Heather Macnab 81S, of the Piapot area, has added a new wrinkle to her music career. After entering students in the 25th annual Maple Creek and District Music Festival and adjudicating at other Saskatchewan festivals,

she has moved on to performing in opera. Heather has been accepted into the Calgary Opera Chorus this fall and spends much of her time commuting between home and Calgary for rehearsals. She will be part of three productions at the Jubilee Auditorium between now and spring, namely Lucia di Lammermoor, The Inventor and Aida. Added to all this were two musical productions in Maple Creek this fall which Heather directed and accompanied. Husband **Peter Hecker 75S**, her family and neighbors are very proud of her accomplishments. Peter says he's getting very good at making his own meals.

Kathy Larson 01C and **07 MSc** works for the Western Beef Development Centre. She is on maternity leave for a few months, but plans to attend Agribition to represent WBDC.

Home Grown

Julie (Markert) 02C and **John Watson** of Maple Creek became the proud parents of Seth Alec Watson on Sept. 23/09, weighing 7 lbs. 12 oz. Julie is now back at work part-time at the Grasslands Animal Clinic. The 2010 flood seriously affected some of their grazing land.

Kathy Larson 01C and husband (Christian) welcomed Spencer Wayne Larson on September 24th by unplanned c-section! He ended up being breech and weighing a whopping 10 lbs 8 ounces.

New Researcher Award Curtis Pozniak

Curtis Pozniak 99C, associate professor in the Crop Development Centre (CDC) and the plant sciences department, has been steadily gaining a reputation in the area of plant genetics and breeding. Curtis is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan with a BSA and a PhD Degree. Pozniak's research program links basic research on the genetics and expression of agronomic disease resistance and end use quality traits with his applied research in the development of durum and other classes of wheat cultivars. His work has attracted over \$10 million in funding from various sources and, in addition to supervising graduate students, he has authored or co-authored 20 scientific manuscripts. He has been invited to speak at provincial, national and international conferences and in July, he received the Young Agronomists award from The Canadian Society of Agronomy

Pooped Deck



Jack 51C and **Joan Braidek** spent July 1-4 visiting friends and relatives in southern SK. Their first call was to **Bert Garratt 51C** and his wife Norma at Abernethy. Health problems have persuaded Bert to hand over the tractor keys to son Bill, but he still keeps an eye on what goes on in the world. He and Norma went out to the annual lunch and visitation at the Motherwell Farm, now a national heritage site. They concluded the day by watching the Roughriders win their first game of the season. Day 2 was in Regina attending **Harald Tangjerd's 49C** birthday party - his 90th. There was a good crowd of friends, relatives and grads. The latter included **Forrest Howell 47C**, **Ross Kingdon 55C**, **Jack Peck 51C**, and **Lorne Sparling 58C**. That evening they had dinner with **Darrol 55C** and **Jeannine Driver**, where Darrol reported that not an acre was planted this spring on his water-soaked lands. He hopes for an extraordinary yield next year, and some government support before that bonanza. The Braideks spent July 3 partying at Moose Jaw. Sixty years ago, Joan was maid of honor at the marriage of classmates Evelyn Woolstenholm and Bill Gilmour. Their anniversary celebration drew a large crowd that included **Art Delahey 52C** and **Ralph Howes 71C**. **Archie Colton 50C**, now residing at Kindersley Manor, enjoyed swapping stories about ag rep days in southwest Saskatchewan during a visit with Jack on July 19.

Art 51C and **Dawn Bevan** are upset about the demise of Gateway Players. Both have been actively involved in numerous productions in the last 30 years of the 43-year-old organization in Saskatoon. They hope a reinvigorated organization happens in the days ahead.

Harry Ukrainetz 51C and Rena celebrated their 50th

wedding anniversary at their church in Saskatoon on July 11. The crowd of family and friends enjoyed a good time, with their five children singing and others presenting a skit.

Wes Nuttall 58C and Joan celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a June 13 brunch at the Saskatoon Inn with friends and relatives. The event continued at the Nuttall home.

Don 57C and **Sylvia Acton** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a garden party in July. They chose one of the few days without rain.

Bob Olson 54C and Leila have moved a few miles down the road from Grafton ON to Port Credit. Leila convinced Bob that it would be nice to be closer to more shops.

Ross Oddson 54C moved to a newer seniors' home in Calgary.

Eiler 50C and **Jean Humbert** celebrated their 60th Anniversary on August 26, 2010. Who would have guessed that she would keep him that long?

Harald Tanjerd 49C had a Come and Go Birthday Party on July 2, 2010, in Regina to celebrate his 90th birthday.

Bill Cooper 51S, former SAGA President, has been named to the Enterprise Saskatchewan Board of Directors. In his words, "Enterprise Saskatchewan's new approach to policy development, along with support from colleagues and friends, encouraged my interest in a Board position."

Bernie Sonntag 62C and Mary visited their daughter, son-in-law and new grandson, Isaac, in Perth AU in August. A driving tour of the SW Australia coast and agricultural areas (wheat, sheep, cows, canola and forests) was part of the trip. Wines throughout the SW region are pretty good!

*Editors' Note - The editors of the SAGA newsletter wish to thank **Bob McKercher 54C** and **Jack Braidek 51C** for the many items they find and pass along for inclusion in the newsletter.*



Agro Families I Have Known

Les Henry '64C

This is the first of a series that talks about Agro families I have known and respected over the many years of involvement with teaching, research, extension and consulting activities. It will pick out family groups that have sent several members to study at our good old Ag College, U of S – in both the degree and diploma programs.

For sure, there will be significant families I will miss – this will bring other SAGA readers into the picture as they write “Hey- what about us?”.

Some of the families that quickly come to mind are:

The Flatens of Weyburn - by my count there are 11 with that last name who have passed through the hallowed halls.

The LaForge family of Arborfield had 5 siblings with a

degree or diploma – I think that is a record, but maybe not. The record for the most sisters is shared between the Orams of Central Butte and the Lowndes of Kelvington - I think. There are many multi- generation grads – and readers will help fill in the blanks.

My only claim to fame in that category is that Arthur W Henry was the first MSc grad at U of S and he was my Dad’s first cousin. There are many three-generation families and probably even four. Wiens of Herschel come to mind - Ruggs of Elstow, Blairs of Lanigan.

If you have a family story to tell, send it along to the SAGA editors or send me the facts and I will embellish them for inclusion in a future issue!

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Supporting the College

Mark Wartman Development Officer

In my work I have had the privilege of meeting some amazing, thoughtful and generous people. Some, through hard work, entrepreneurial spirit or a lot of good fortune, have accumulated significant wealth and are committed to using that wealth to help others. Some are just ordinary people who have enough to live on and simply want to make a contribution. Many of them are happy to be recognized for their generosity and hope that it may inspire others.

Bill Gates and Warren Buffet challenged 400 of the richest Americans to pledge half of their fortunes to their favourite causes either during their lifetimes or in their wills. Gates and Buffet have invested over \$30 billion in the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Some of that money has found its way to the University of Saskatchewan. They have called upon other wealthy people to make a conscious commitment to do the same. Buffett started it all in 2006 with his own pledge: 99% of his wealth. He says he commits it "to benefit others who, through the luck of the draw, have received the short straws in life."

But it isn't all just about billionaires, it can't be. It is about people like you and me seeing need and opportunity to make things better. Some of these amazing, thoughtful and generous people are your neighbours and friends. Some have farmed all their lives, some have run other businesses, some have been employees who have somehow built and accumulated wealth. Some have inherited their wealth, but the common thread is they care and believe that their contributions will help make a positive difference.

Over the years, the College of Agriculture and Bioresources has received many donations ranging from

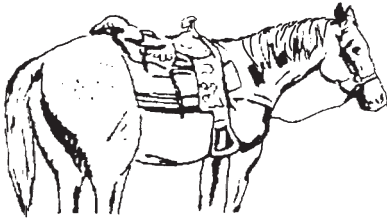
under \$100 to over \$5 million. Some of them have been made while the donors are living; some have been made in wills. The common desire is that these contributions be used to support and improve the work the College is doing; from educating students, to research and development.

The Saskatchewan Pulse Growers know that their contribution of \$1 million towards a renewed and upgraded Phytotron is an investment in the future. Other donors have made commitments to support the building of the new Dairy Research and Teaching Facility and others are looking forward to supporting a new Beef Cattle Research and Teaching Facility. Some of the donations are for bursaries and scholarships, some to support special learning programs for students. A farmer from Moose Jaw named William Rekunyk left a third of his estate, amounting to \$310,000, so the College could bring in guest lecturers. Another donation of \$50,000 will be used to support students doing field based training.

Each donation is deeply appreciated and does make a difference. Some of our donors don't want any recognition for themselves and would rather make their gifts anonymously. The wonderful thing is that they want their wealth to be an investment in helping others and in working with others to help build a better world. The Gates and Buffet challenge is issued to the wealthiest in the world but shouldn't it apply to each one of us? If you are interested in supporting the vital work of the College, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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Empty Saddles



Terry Clarke Udell 68S of Viscount passed away at age 64 on June 8, 2010.

Raymond William Christensen 59S succumbed to cancer on Oct. 3/10. Ray enjoyed the freedom and fun of his two years at the School and cherished lifetime friendships that began there. He and his wife, Sandy, raised 3 scientists and engineers Colleen, Dan and David ... at their farm near Young. His family, his farm and his community were Ray's passions. Ray and Sandy retired in 2007, giving them more time to golf, visit and travel. He will be greatly missed.

William Richard 'Dick' Merryweather 42C (June 27, 1916 - July 20, 2010). Dick was born in Lashburn and grew up on the family farm at Paynton. He married Catherine Hale in 1942. He served with the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps in WWII, after which he taught at the College in Saskatoon. He served as an Ag Rep in Swift Current and Indian Head before being promoted into the Conservation and Development Branch in Regina. He was the founding Director of the Family Farm Improvement Branch. He was the co-founder of MEXabition. In 1962 he earned a Master of Public Administration degree at Harvard University. He enjoyed parenting his daughters and grandchildren. He was an avid photographer and a member

of the Regina Photography Club and donated thousands of slides to the Archives in Regina. He was a member of SIA, SAGA, the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Lakeview United Church and Wascana Kiwanis. He participated in many community service projects. He was an avid artist and writer and expressed himself through all of these mediums. Marguerite and Dick lived in the same home in Regina for 52 years, but moved to Edmonton in 2005 to eventually take up residence in a Seniors' home.

Chuck Strautman 53S August 26, 1923 October 29, 2010. Chuck has taken his last faceoff, harvested his last garden, taken his last cuts at home plate, played his last hand and pegged out, at the St. Paul's Palliative Care Unit, after a short illness at the age of 87. Chuck was born on the family farm in the Wanganui district, between Speers and Mayfair. He received his initial schooling at Wanganui School, high school in Lloydminster and college at the U of S School of Agriculture. Chuck married Margaret Langley from Maymont in 1955 and farmed with his wife, brother and son well into his seventies. Throughout that time, he was the consummate community man, involved with service groups like the Legion and the Kinsmen, all the while maintaining an active interest in community and provincial sports. He was inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame in 1987, played baseball into his 70s and hockey until he was 84 years old. As a player, coach, manager, referee and umpire, Chuck was never far from the sports he loved so much. He was an avid outdoorsman as well, hunting and fishing throughout his life. He operated a successful mixed farm, producing grains, forages and managing a 100 head beef herd. He was involved in Farm Boys Camps

in his youth and was a respected 4-H judge for many years in northwest Saskatchewan. The success Chuck had in all his endeavors can be seen in the numerous awards and trophies he received and displayed, for hockey, baseball, hunting, fishing and other activities. Chuck was awarded an Honorary Life Membership in SAGA in 2003. While Chuck and Margaret have lived in Saskatoon since the early 1990s, they continued to make the trek to the farm at Speers every year, planting a garden that supplied half the RM and countless city friends with fresh vegetables. They also continued to make the trek to the family cabin at Chitek Lake. Chuck took great pride in attending hockey, football, volleyball and baseball games for all his grandchildren, listening to their stories from the playing fields and sharing his knowledge and insights into the sports after the games were done.

W. Hulme Henley 50C, known by many as Bill, passed away at the Veterans' Ward of the Wascana Rehabilitation Centre in Regina, on October 26, 2010. He was born on the family farm near Sedley, SK, on Nov. 22, 1923. He is survived by Dorothy (Haug) his wife of 58 years, sons Bill (Yvonne) of Saskatoon, David (Nadine) of Ottawa and daughter Susan (Michael Hanrahan) of Toronto, as well as five grandsons. Following school at Sedley and Toronto, Hulme joined the Artillery Corps and fought in France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany. Following graduation from the U of S, he farmed at Sedley for 22 years before joining the SK Land Bank Commission. Hulme was an accomplished pianist and a guardian of good manners who thoroughly enjoyed an amusing story and the laughter associated with the engaging company of others. A genuine fun guy and a friend to all he met.

Professional Development Day

Our resident historian on the SAGA executive, Les Henry, indicates that SAGA, beyond promoting alumni ties for the graduates of the College, was formed in 1935 mainly to help students find employment in a less than abundant job market. While conditions have changed and employment is more plentiful, the process of finding a suitable position has become increasingly more complex.

In response, SAGA hosted professional development days in October 2009 and 2010. The programs featured talks given by industry representatives on how to prepare for an interview and an interactive workshop on preparing a resume. Support from industry has been good and provided experts from their human resource departments. Students attending the sessions had favorable comments and were appreciative of the networking opportunity. Based on this success, the SAGA will continue to work to maintain contact with our students and graduates

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Autumn Darker

SAGA held a Professional Development Day on October 20 and had about 15 students attend this workshop. Dean Mary Buhr was the guest speaker during the supper that was provided by the industry sponsors and spoke about her recent trip to the Ukraine. Overall it was a good evening and very beneficial.

Drag sold out! About 40 alumni attended this year. Due to the great turn out, the ASA turned a profit, which will be used to update their website. The bands, Wrenched, Quickshift, and Codie Prevost were great. The 2010 Drag King & Queen competition was held with seven nominated couples during a beer night at the Sutherland Hotel. This year's King and Queen were Tyson Buyer and Laura Soucy. About 50 people came out for the event. It was a lot of fun and the ASA hopes to continue this new tradition in the years to come.

Scott Research Farm celebrates 100 years

By Peter Wilson, The StarPhoenix July 19, 2010



An 1887 Cockshutt Drill at the Scott Research Farm's 100th anniversary

The clinking of harness and the roar of diesel shared centre stage at a birthday party that spanned a Prairie century at the Scott Research Farm. Agricultural enthusiasts were out in force helping celebrate the 100th anniversary of the farm, about 160 kilometres west of Saskatoon. The Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada research centre recognized a century of service to the Canadian farmer on Friday by adding a little extra pomp and circumstance during its annual field day.

Federal Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz, along with provincial and municipal politicians, joined hundreds of visitors touring the site near Wilkie and revisiting the farm's pioneering contributions to agriculture. The nearby town of Scott was also holding its own centennial celebration, and some of those visitors took in the farming demonstrations.

