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The President's Pen

Dear Fellow Ag Grads:

The snow is falling and the temperature has dropped, so that must mean it is time to start thinking about the 2013 SAGA reunion weekend. In 2012, the reunion weekend changed from a two-day format to a one-day, with the banquet followed by the mixer. Comments and suggestions from the attendees were very positive, so the SAGA executive has decided to maintain this format for 2013. Plans are under way for the reunion weekend to be held on January 5th at TCU Place in Saskatoon. We encourage all grads to attend the reunion weekend, especially the honour years of '53, '63, '73, '83, '93, '03 and '08. Registration details can be found in this newsletter.

After much discussion and reflection, the SAGA executive has decided not to continue with the curling bonspiel in 2013. The last few years have seen a steady decline in the number of bonspiel teams to the point where a bonspiel draw was not possible. The SAGA executive has decided to try something new; a fun curling event will be held Friday, January 4th. This evening of curling and socializing is open to curlers and non-curlers alike. Please check out the details found in this issue. I hope that you will come out to support this new event.

In September, SAGA collaborated with SIA to hold a resume-writing and interview workshop for the College of Agriculture and Bioresources students. The event was well-attended and I thank all of the SAGA members that volunteered to act as mentors to the students. These students are the future SAGA members and we are always looking for ways to connect with the students and encourage them to join SAGA upon graduation.

SAGA is struggling to stay active as it is becoming increasingly difficult to find executive members. We need volunteers that can help out in various positions on the executive. In 2013, vacant positions will be: Vice President, Registrar/Website, Secretary, along with members for the event committee, and newsletter committee. I am asking for your help in a number of ways:

1. If you live in the Saskatoon area please consider volunteering. Your role can be as big or as small as your time permits.
2. If you are unable to volunteer, please encourage or pass on the name of other SAGA members that may be interested in volunteering.
3. Please attend and encourage your classmates to attend the reunion weekend.
4. Encourage new graduates in your community or workplace to join SAGA.

Finally, I look forward to hearing your comments and suggestions for executive members. See you in January. Wishing you and your family a safe holiday season.

Respectfully yours, Jill Turner '80 C
jmturner@yourlink.ca 306-283-4626

THANK YOU, **Bernie Sonntag '62C** for all your dedicated years as the SAGA Newsletter Editor. Enjoy your retirement, (*or freedom lol?*) Bernie.

2013 Reunion Chairpersons List

Over the summer, the reunion chairs should have contacted classmates via mail or e-mail and informed you of the Reunion events. Hopefully a website was developed for each reunion year, but we realize that not everyone is connected to the internet. If you have not received a call or mail/e-mail message from your reunion chair, I ask that you please contact them to establish a connection. Years are '43, '53, '63, '73, '83, '93, and '03.

1953 diploma	Bob Dodds	(h) 374-7572	candbdodds@sasktel.net
1953 degree	Ross Reynolds	(h) 365-2591	rossdrey@sasktel.net
1963 diploma OR	Lynden Elviss Kurt Klein	379-4629	elvis629@sasktel.net klein@uleth.ca
1963 degree OR	Frank Dunlop Gary Storey	374-1598 374-1693	2157 East Hill, Saskatoon, S7J 3C8 gary.storey@usask.ca
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1993 degree OR OR	Kirk Blomquist Rod Lessmeister Arlan Frick		kirk.blomquist@usask.ca rod.lessmeister@syngenta.com arlan.frick@scic.gov.sk.ca
2003 diploma	Not a single Grad has volunteered to chair at this time		
2003 degree OR	Faye Dokken Shawn Senko		Faye.DokkenBouchard@gov.sk.ca senkos@canolacouncil.org

NOTE: Faye will be going on maternity leave any time in the next month so contact Shawn Senko. If you must contact Faye - 1038 Cypress Way, Regina, S4X 4R4 or (c) 306-209-4081.

Any questions from ANY 1943 Graduates and/or 2003 Dip. Grads please contact me:

Grant Wood '79C, SAGA Reunion Coordinator 966-5586 grant.wood@usask.ca
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College of AgBio - Development Coordinator/Alumni Relations

2013 SAGA Reunion Banquet

to be held at
TCU Place, January 5th, 2013

Cocktails @ 4:30 p.m.

Banquet & Program begin @ 5:30 p.m.

Welcome - Jill Turner, SAGA President

Recognition of Reunion Years 1943, 1953, 1963, 1973, 1983, 1993, 2003 and 2008

Honorary Life Member Awards Presentation

Annual General Meeting @ 8:30 p.m. The Mixer will officially start @ 9 p.m.

Purchase your tickets early for the best deal.

Prices are as follows:

	<u>Early Bird Price</u> until Dec. 24/12	<u>Regular Price</u> Dec.25/12- Jan3/13	<u>Ticket at the Door</u>
Banquet/Mixer	\$65.00	\$80.00	<u>N/A</u>
Mixer	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$20.00

Banquet Ticket purchase deadline is **January 3rd, 2013.**

SAGA uses a central registration office, so reunion chairs ARE NOT selling tickets.

You can purchase tickets two ways:

Online at ccde.usask.ca/saga after December 1st.

By phone (306) 966-5539 after December 1st.

Please note: Phone registration will not be available from December 25th – January 3rd.

If you phone during this period, please leave your name and contact number
 and your call will be returned before January 3rd.

Questions? **Barbara Larson 77C** (Banquet Chair) (306) 649-0050 bmlarson@sasktel.net

Dean Speak

Warmest greetings from me to you – at the start of what looks to be a long and snowy winter. The College and the University have been busy places over the last few months.

The new Rayner Dairy Research and Teaching Facility is rapidly taking shape at the main east entrance to the campus, pretty much at the corner of Preston and 108th. We are the envy of all other ag schools in the country, being able to build a newer, bigger dairy unit right on campus in the heart of the city. It is such a blessing to have both the University's Board of Governors and Saskatoon City officials such big boosters of agriculture!

Construction should be finished in January, but we'll likely wait until the spring for the official grand opening. The Gallery on the second floor will provide an impressive interpretation of field-to-fork agriculture, and the full glass wall looking down over the entire main floor barn will provide a perfect venue for visitors, be they school kids, general public, or visiting industry to see the state-of-the-art operation. Put it on your 'must-see' list for 2013!

We are also making excellent progress on the renewal of the Phytotron, having completed the major installation on the roof of the building of massive new chillers. This was a major step in a process that will take probably another year to complete.

AgBio's undergraduate enrolment is up nearly 10 per cent, exceeding the 3 per cent undergrad growth for the overall University. The students are spread over all our programs including diploma, and we are delighted to have such a robust group of students who will eventually provide their energetic talents to our variety of employers. It was wonderful to look at the incoming first-year class and recognize that they marked the 100th entering class – this College has been accepting

students for 100 years, to provide agricultural innovation and stewardship to the world. The ASA is going strong, and we are sure that our new students will be as wonderful as those that have gone before.

You likely will have heard of the financial cutbacks necessary at the University. The senior leadership at the University is working hard to find ways to reduce the anticipated deficit, and while no major decisions have been made, we are anticipating that AgBio, like all Colleges will need to work more efficiently on a reduced operating budget. We do know that the University has decided to close the Emma Lake Kenderdine campus for three years, which will interfere with a number of our Soil Science and field courses. This will be a challenge for our instructors but we are determined to continue to offer high quality hands-on training for our students – although some changes will be necessary. We will keep you informed. Last month was Bean Feed – the 74th such celebration! It was a gala event that celebrated our excellent scholarship-winning students, our award-winning teachers, and the sponsors, family and friends that encourage and support them as they work.

We were delighted to have our new President, Ilene Busch-Vishniac, there to celebrate with us, and wish the college a Happy 100th! We had two former Senior Sticks there, watching as the first ring was put on the new Stick; the old one was completely filled and officially retired this past January at the first event of our Centennial Year. It was a great evening in true Agro tradition.

As always, I welcome your comments, suggestions and feedback, and wish you all the very best!

**Yours in Agro spirit,
Mary Buhr**

Home Grown

Darcy '98 C, and **Angela Booy '99C** are proud to announce the arrival of daughter Number 3. Ashlyn Elaine was welcomed by two excited and very happy older sisters, Breanna and Shelby.

Email: darcybooy@littleloon.ca

Lyle Forden '00C and his wife Leanne Lomax-Forden are pleased to announce the birth of their second son. Declan Glenn Forden was born on November 11, 2012 in Regina, SK weighing 8 lbs 7 oz and 22 inches long. Declan's big brother Carter is excited to have a little brother and is sharing the spotlight quite well. Lyle and Leanne live in Raymore, SK now. Lyle continues to work for FNA on a part-time basis while operating the family farm with his father **Ken Forden '70C**. Email: lyleforden@hotmail.com

SAGA Sports News

The SAGA hockey tournament is taking place Saturday, January 5 at Aberdeen Arena. This year's tournament will have a very similar format to last year. A total of six teams will take part, including the 4 returning alumni teams and 2 teams composed of current College of Agriculture and Bioresources students. The tournament starts at 7:30 in the morning, with each team playing three games and finishing around 7 that night. Food and drinks are available at the rink as a full kitchen and bar will be open all day. Team captains of the returning alumni teams are Steve Cuddington, Neil Booth, Steve Schmidt and Lucas Ringdal/ Curtis de Gooijer.

{Please note: The organizers ARE NOT accepting any more teams for the 2013 tournament. Those interested for future tourneys are asked to contact Lucas Ringdal or Curtis deGooijer via email.}

Lucas **lar226@mail.usask.ca**

or

Curtis **cdb689@mail.usask.ca**

SAGA Curling – Friday January 4th, 2013

Due to the low number of teams participating the last few years in the SAGA Bonspiel, the format is being changed. SAGA Curling will only be played on Friday Jan. 4th 2013. We will be playing at the Rutherford Curling rink on the U of S campus. Agros should know

where it is located, but just in case, the rink is directly behind the old Poultry Science building, just north of the hockey rink. Parking is available right across Campus Drive. We are calling the event Sip n' Slide and will start at 5 pm, and curl till 11. Teams are of 2 curlers rather than 4. You will be paired to make up 4 players per side. You will play 2 ends, then sit off 2 ends, curl another 2, sit again, curl again and so on till we are done. Each 2 man team will be matched up with another 2 for every time you play. No trophies and no winning other than personal satisfaction. We want to mix and match current students and Grads, learners and veteran curlers, so Blair and I hope to get a good response from former Bonspiel participants. Blair and I will be holding an "Intro to Curling" event in December to teach students how to play so that they know what they are doing come Jan. 4th. The College has many students who do not know what curling is and SAGA wants to reach them before they graduate. For questions concerning SAGA Curling, contact:

Ewald **eflammerding@sasktel.net**
Phone: **477-1369**

or

Blair **bmv@sasktel.net**
Phone: **373-4393**

Class Giving at the College of AgBio

We all remember where we were on September 11th, 2001. This is certainly the case for Michelle Sandercock and Wade Annand, who turned that memory into an opportunity for giving. That day, they sought news and the comfort of friends in the Engineering student lounge because the Agro lounge didn't have a TV. This year, they and their fellow 2002 graduates raised money to purchase a TV for the newly-renovated student lounge.

Every year we receive a few Class Gifts for which the funds are raised by specific graduating years. Volunteers from our honour years (10 years or multiples of 10 years from the fundraising year) work with the development office to set up and run a class giving campaign. The class reps are encouraged to choose a cause that is meaningful to them and that they believe will resonate with their class peers.

Jim Ferrie and **Eric Johnson**, the 1982 class volunteers, set up a fund to support a leadership conference for students. The class of 1962 campaign, led by **Bernie**

Sonntag and **Ellwood Fleming**, raised approximately \$30,000 for the Class of 1962 Agros 50th Anniversary Awards Fund. The AgBio Discovery Program, which provides agricultural tours and camps to children, was the chosen cause for the 1952 class gift volunteers **Art Delahey** and **Bill Miner**.

The College extends a heartfelt thank you to all the class reps that volunteered to establish class gifts in honour of their graduating years and inspired their former classmates to support today's Agro students.

SAGA 2013 Honour Year volunteers are being sought for the class gift campaigns. Class gifts are wonderful for the students but also a terrific opportunity to reconnect with your former classmates.

Warm regards,
Hamish Tulloch
Development Officer
College of Agriculture and Bioresources

The Class of 57C - The Bar Has Been Raised

It began at a coffee klatch at Tony Roma's in Regina, with Roy and Beth Levee, Norm and Agnes Bray and us, Darrol and Jeannine Driver. The discussion turned to Ag Grad Reunion Celebrations and we learned that the Levees and Brays were going to their class of 1957 "2012 Get-To-Gether". We were warmly invited to attend.

This was an offer we couldn't refuse, even though my year was '55. **Roy Levee, Glenn Lowndes, Norm Bray** and I all stayed at St. Andrews for a few years and had got to know each other quite well. The date was June 15 and 16th at Greenwater Provincial Park, north of Kelvington, SK.



The 57 Grads at Memorial Tree Planting

We arrived at Greenwater and were invited to the Lowndes cottage for a delicious "Buffet Supper" and introductions to the attendees of the Class of 57. Don Acton, in an email, listed the following who hoped to attend: Norm and Agnes Bray, Chuck and Lynda Day, Darrol and Jeannine Driver, Ken and Joan Jeanneau, Larry and Helen Koturbash, Roy and Beth Levee, Glenn and Orlynn Lowndes, Gord and Nan Plaxton, Eugene and Debbie Seitz, Don and Syl Acton and Bob and Joan Middleton. I didn't get a final list of who actually did attend.

After the buffet, Glenn had arranged for a Memorial Tree Planting in the nearby forest area. This was very well attended and appreciated. Thanks, Glenn. The next morning, after brunch at the Lowndes, we were treated to a 3-4 hour historical tour of the very interesting area of northern Saskatchewan. Glenn had done a lot of research with packages of area maps, taking us through the very early history -1600 to 1930 - of the Nut Mountain Area, Porcupine Forest Reserve. Other participants on the tour were Phil Patchin, an active trapper and fur dealer, who showed us a wide variety of beautiful furs; Harold Robertson, a former trapper and DNR employee for 28 years, and Brenda McDougall, author and professor of Native Studies at the University of Ottawa. Don Acton gave us info on the geography and soil formations and how the unusual glacial lake soil deposits were possible at these higher elevations.

After the tour and a lunch break, we attended a Horse Plowing Event. Single horse, teams and drivers, showed their skills at plowing straight furrows. We arrived back at our cabins and then went to a sort of "Last Supper" which was very much appreciated. I was asked to report for the Fall Saga as an unbiased (???) attendee. I can report a job well done by the Class of 1957C, who "Raised the Bar", without a doubt! Thank you all around.

Darrol Driver
Class of '55.

A Change of Pace

Barb Stefanyshyn-Cote '87C, and husband **Peter Cote '86C**, and family have sold the Leask farm and moved near Saskatoon. They live on Valley Road, on the way to Pike Lake, south west of Saskatoon. Their business is growing flowers, bulbs, gourds and vegetables.

For more information , google Tierra Del Sol - Saskatoon.

**Thank you to everyone
who contributed
to this newsletter.**

**Happy holidays and
all the best in 2013!**

**Your newsletter
committee.**

1959 and 1960 School has a Party

The School of Agriculture Grads and spouses of '59, '60 and one '58 grad gathered at Manitou Beach on Aug. 10, 11 and 12 for a weekend of relaxation, fellowship and a chance to enjoy the amenities of Manitou Beach and the Town of Watrous. The 42 people who attended are now looking forward to our next reunion at Moose Jaw in August 2014. We try to have a reunion every two years. We were a pretty close group, as most of us stayed in residence in those days, and we are getting a few miles on us.

Attending were: Brian and Isabelle Flavel, Bulyea; Harold and Jeanette Bjornson, Westlock Alta.; Garry and Carlie Reed, Porcupine Plain; Ernie and Diane Adamko, Meath Park; Howard and Marj Wedrick, Gull Lake; Bill and Shirley Mountford, Candle Lake; Merv Sigstad and Shirley Johnson, Quill Lake; Bill and Mary Hurd, Outlook; Harry Jensen, Weyburn; Ted and Loraine Hextall, Fort Qu'Appelle; Wayne and Dorothy Johnstone, Moose Jaw; Bruce and Stella Dixon, Medicine Hat, AB; Grant Reinhardt, Asquith; Ina Hanley, Regina; Sandy Christensen, Watrous; Barry and Gladys Raymond, Aneroid; Terry and Rowna Stokke, Watrous; Don Gillespie, Regina; Bob

and Shirley Pridmore, Consul; Ron and Sheila Mason, Holbein; John Pedersen and Helen Penner, Cut Knife; Lucien Jacobs, Regina; Stan and Delores Stroeder, Humboldt and Ron and Ruth Morningstar, Watrous.

College Class of '63 Reunion

George Wilson, Frank Dunlop, Jack Ellis and Gary Storey are the four chairpersons organizing their class reunion. They are happy to report that they have 24 attending—all ready to party, reminisce, tell old war stories, brag about grandkids, and talk about all the great things they are doing and going to do. Fifty years since graduation have not slowed them down. They have a hospitality suite at the Hilton Garden Inn, and if anyone wants to come and say hello and have some refreshment—stop by Friday or Saturday. Some will tour the campus and the Ag Building and its art collection. Some will venture south in September 2013 for a tour of Colorado, planned by Cecil and Jeanette Stushnoff—their class president, who lives in Colorado.

1977 School has a Party, Too!

On July 12, 13, and 14, 26 “young” Voc Ags reunited at Manitou Springs, just outside Watrous, SK. We ate, we golfed, we swam, we drank, we swapped lies, but mostly we got reacquainted with old friends. We also were fortunate enough to meet many of the beautiful wives that have been putting up with our old buddies all these years.

Special thanks to Mark Woodworth for doing the research and contacting the families of our friends who are no longer with us. Mark read several letters that family members sent him, talking about their husbands and fathers. This was, to me, one of the highlights of the weekend.

Also a special thanks to Mellissa Harding, and the rest of the staff at Manitou Springs Resort for being such great hosts.

It was a great weekend and all who attended had a great time. We will be planning another reunion in the not too distant future, and we hope that our classmates reading this who were unable to attend will be able to join us (apologies to all you Hereford guys).

If you are from the Class of 77S and we were unable to contact you, call Mark or myself. Please!! Phone numbers are: Mark (306) 378-4056 or Blair (306) 373-4393

Pictured in the picture above right are: back row left to right: Bob Clay, Ron Kulyk, Tim Nell, Elton Ash, Grant Leroux, Bernie Yonkman, Greg Taylor, Jerry Archer, Brian Roth

Middle Row: Harley Herman, Keith Murch, John Hamm, Lorne Ball, Blair Cummins, Bill Presber, Jim Milne, Jerry Sopatyk

Front Row: Al Gifford, Milo Grimsrud, Merlin Lee, Dan Schmidt, Mark Woodworth, Garry Schweitzer, Charles Hersberger, Murray Hodgins and Al Wilson

Thanks to all who attended. See you soon.



Blair Cummins

The Pooped Deck



Jerry Knipfel, '65C, is still living on the acreage east of Swift Current along with his wife of 46 years Verna Lynne, BScHEc '66, BEd '67. Daughter **Karla '94C**, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren live close by, with son David's family and three children near Weyburn. Since retiring from AG Canada Jerry has operated a landscape and tree nursery

business in Speedy Creek, but retired from that as of December 2011. Jerry has become active in municipal politics and is currently a councillor and Deputy Reeve for the RM of Swift Current—which seems to provide all the outside challenges he needs; though he still likes to hunt game birds, train lab retrievers, as well as assist Verna Lynne in the garden. The two have become bridge players, but Jerry also enjoys doing woodworking in winter. (*Perhaps it should be called wood butchering?*) Verna Lynne is busy with felting, clowning, line dancing, clogging, kayaking and going on hikes around the world, as well as intensive gardening; Jerry gets tired just reading her calendar. They haven't seen any of the old gang in a while but, would welcome any visitors in the area. Periodically, Jerry gets the Greystone out and reminds himself of how fortunate he was to have the best of all worlds—friends, classmates, teachers as well as support from family and friends at home, many of whom he has kept in contact with. He is planning for the 2015 reunion. Email: knipfel@yourlink.ca

Harold Chapman '43C, has published a book entitled *Sharing My Life, - Building the Co-operative Movement*. It tells the story of his life, his family and his work with co-operatives and adult education. One of Harold's biggest challenges was to assist returning war veterans getting back into farming. Wartime industrial production had led to a shortage of combines and other agricultural equipment. He worked to establish many small farmer co-operatives, thereby helping the movement grow and spread to other sectors. There are also chapters on his university years, wartime service and the annual reunions of the 1943 Agro Grads. Harold's book is available from McNally Robinson Bookstore, the University Bookstore or you can call him direct at (306) 955 5452. In the meantime Harold is doing well and keeping himself busy.

Email: haroldchapman@sasktel.net

Carl Lynn '74C finished 31 years with AAFC Research Branch, Saskatoon Research Centre, November 30, 2011. From January 1, 2012 to November 30, 2012, Carl worked as Research Project Manager at Saskatchewan Pulse Growers Association as a replacement for a staff member on maternity leave. Carl's next career move is still open. He should consider going back to Ironworks. Email: lynnc221@gmail.com

Jim Horn '67S, has retired from the Nipawin branch of the CFIA after 35.5 years. He now calls Warman SK. home, and is looking to have a good time. Email: jandahorn@sasktel.net

Allen Hingston '69C, and his wife Tanya, are living the good life in Ukraine. Apparently it's still fall there, though it keeps threatening to freeze, everything is so wet it hasn't. (As of writing Nov. 8th). They spent three weeks in Turkey, end of September, beginning of October, on the Mediterranean, enjoying the sea and sun. A good place for Allen to turn 65. They haven't much planned for winter. A bit of consulting and many books in Allen's library still to read. Visitors welcome. Email: allen.hingston@sasktel.net

Gordon Frank '75C, wife Wendy, and their son **Greg '12C**, work together managing a small irrigated farm near Brooks, AB. They are also the seed sales agency for Pioneer Hi-Bred and Northstar. They grow wheat, canola, soybeans, alfalfa seed and leafcutter bees. In his spare time Gordon plays a little hockey. Gordon, his pal **Lee Melvill '74C**, and the retired gang from the Crop Diversification Centre South meet for beer and a sandwich every few weeks to share old stories and keep in touch. Email: gofrank@eidnet.org

Art Fredeen '83C, would just like say hi to all of his fellow classmates of 1983 that he graduated with almost 30 years ago now – 'time flies' is an understatement! Art has been a professor at the University of Northern British Columbia in the Ecosystem Science and Management Program, Prince George campus since 1994 (the year it opened!), mostly teaching ecology, environment and plant biology courses. The respect and admiration that he had for his College of Agriculture professors at the U of S back in the 80's has only grown over the years. He considers himself very lucky to have had such a great start to his post-secondary education! [*If classmates of '83C want Art to attend this year's Reunion, they will have to get hold of him and convince him to come (Editor's note)*].

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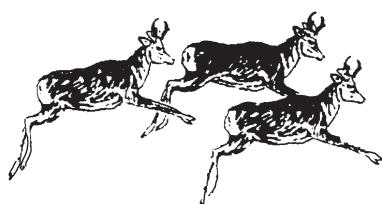
Campbell '50C, and **Phyllis Casswell** celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on August 20th, 2012. Classmates and friends are encouraged to give the happy couple a call.

Glenn Boughton '54C, and wife Shirley recently moved into a seniors apartment where they get one meal/day among the many other services. Their new address is 407 2800 Blanshard St. Victoria, V8T 5B5 Phone 778-265-4236. Glenn tries to keep up to date with happenings in the College, but being so far away with no close contacts it is sometimes a while before he hears. He likes to read about the members of the classes of 40 or more years ago, but would also enjoy it if they would drop him a line from time to time.

Email: theboughtons@gmail.com

Jim Birch '67C finally retired June 30th from the Ministry of Agriculture in Regina. He's going to remain living in Regina with his wife Bev, and their four foster children, three boys and one girl. You can contact Jim by calling (306) 757-3159 or by email at: bjbirch@sasktel.net

Thundering Herd



Colin Steen '95C is still in Minneapolis working with Syngenta, where he is the head of Syngenta's Garst and Golden Harvest Seed Business for the US. Colin usually gets

back to Saskatchewan once a summer to connect with the College of Ag friends and family. Cheers! Email: colin.steen@syngenta.com

Tracey (Mick) Logan '89C, and Cal still reside south of Oyen on a 250 head cow calf ranch. Still enjoying full time at Oyen Vet Services and driving three kids around for baseball, hockey, volleyball, dance figure skating etc. Tracey has just moved into this century and has learned how to communicate on Facebook! She can't wait to hear from you!

Email: traceylgn@gmail.com

Working Alumni

Brent Zettl '90C, is the CEO of Prairie Plant Systems Inc. The company is looking to develop new technologies that have the potential to replace antibiotics in animal feeds using health-boosting properties of plants such as mustard seeds. The goal is to develop feed supplements that will stimulate an animal's own immune system to resist infection. The long term goal of the research can have benefits for farmers and consumers alike. It would provide new income for farmers wanting to diversify their crop rotation and possibly capture new niche markets, while the end product would improve herd health for livestock and poultry producers. (*Excerpted from Saskatoon Star-Phoenix, Scott Larson*)

Bill Heenan '49S, has participated in more fall harvests than most of us are old. 70 consecutive years [and counting] of bringing in the crop. As Bill is wont to say, "It's a fair little record." Not that he's bragging or anything, Bill has always 'just liked growing things'. When spring is in the air, [and he's got that romance thing out of the way], then he's rarin' to go plant stuff. And when it's time to harvest, well, he is still just as rarin' to go. At age 83, Bill runs 11,000 acres in the Grand Coulee, SK. area with his son and one grandchild, so his rarin' to go needs to last somewhat longer than it used to, but Bill insists he's still just another farm kid. He's got another good 10 years in him, and besides, Bill has seen combines progress from threshers to self-propelled to the behemoths of today; who knows what a combine will look like after 80 years. (*Excerpts from Regina Leader-Post, Heather Polischuk*).

Keith Downey '50C, **Dave Christensen '58C**, and **Bryan Harvey '60C**, were all recipients of the 2012 Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. These awards are for significant contributions to Canada and/or for outstanding achievement abroad that has brought great credit to Canada.

Long, long time College of AgBio Professor **Red Williams** was also honoured with a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal at the September 19th, 2012 ceremony.

Mark Kuchuran '99C now works for DuPont Pioneer in Saskatoon. Mark is open for business. Email: kuch43@hotmail.com

Bob Dyck '70C and Dianne and have returned to Sask. after hibernating in Kelowna for nine years. They moved to Saskatoon to be with family and to live in a progressive Saskatchewan. Bob is pleased to observe how the people of Saskatchewan are recognizing their potential and seeing the opportunities that have always been here. Email: bobdianne52@gmail.com

ASA News and Events for 2012 - 13

The College of Agriculture and Bioresources has many student groups with an assortment of focuses ranging from business to rodeo to dairy, and they draw students from all across campus.

The Agricultural Students' Association has had a busy school year so far. Ag Bag Drag *GOOSE* month just wrapped up with a very successful Drag celebration in this 100th year of the college. The ASA sponsored a blood donation clinic with Canadian Blood Services, which was also a huge success. The remainder of the school year brings a lot more events and activities with it. In January, the ASA will be having its annual graduation celebration as well as a blood donating competition with the Engineers to determine who can rally the most support for donating blood units. Come February, the association will be supporting and participating in Ag-bio Challenge, and raising money for the annual Kinsmen Telemiracle. The ASA is always looking to get new students involved in all its activities!

Stockman's and Rodeo Club is the umbrella group from which several sub-groups branch from, including Range Team, Dairy Team, the University of Saskatchewan Rodeo Team, and the Judging Team.

Range Team has regular meetings to discuss range management including topics such as range ecology, grazing, and range improvement. The highlight of the team is the annual trip to the Society of Range Management Conference, which is in Oklahoma City in February. Throughout the year, meetings and presentations help prepare the members for the Undergrad Range Management Exam at the conference, where they compete with teams from across North America.

The Dairy Team is a new student group put together within the last year. The club's main interest is learning about different aspects of the dairy industry, and includes farm tours and industry speakers. The major event for members of the dairy team was attending the World Dairy Expo in Madison, WI this past October. At the Expo, the group watched world-class dairy shows,

attended seminars, learned about new dairy technologies, and toured farms. Upcoming for the team is helping with dairy milking demonstrations at Agribition.

The University of Saskatchewan Rodeo Team returned this year and kicked off the year with the first annual U of S Rodeo in September. It was a great success that showcased many major rodeo events and brought out a large crowd to watch and celebrate at the cabaret. The team has been traveling to and competing in other college rodeos and will continue to do so throughout the year.

AgBizz Club is a newly formed club with students focusing on farm based risk management and commodity futures. The group has had four presentations to date from industry professionals and professors in order to supplement the understanding of agriculture-related businesses. Several more speaker presentations are planned for the upcoming months including a workshop on Ag Expert software with FCC as well as an FCC lecture on financing and opportunities for young people in agriculture.

The Canadian Agri-Marketing Association (CAMA) student chapter has about fifteen members this year, both returning and new. Every year, CAMA develops an extensive marketing plan to present in April 2013 in Kansas City, Missouri. This year's marketing plan is on Bin Sense, a product that uses cables to monitor the temperature within storage bins and will notify the producers if the bin exceeds a certain temperature. In order to develop this product plan, CAMA will be involved in workshops to increase student communication and research. The members will also attend "Best of CAMA" Awards night this month to support and network with professionals from CAMA chapters across Canada.

With all these events and activities planned for the school year, students within the college are keeping busy with both academics and individual interests in student clubs.

SAGA and SIA

SAGA has a history of assisting with the organization of a seminar for agriculture students to review resume writing and interview skills.

Again in 2012, SAGA & SIA put together an annual Resume & Interview workshop on September 27, 2012. Fortunately we were able to obtain a date that was in front of the annual employment fairs that occur on campus.

Registrar/Membership/Website 2012 chairperson Vern Racz met with SIA representatives and then escaped to harvest activities in rural Saskatchewan. With Vern's thoughts and past observations, Crystal Zvacek-SIA Manager of Programs & Communications set out to build a very successful workshop.

Our event sponsors were Cargill, Co-op and U of S College of Agriculture and Bioresources. Presenters at the seminar were from Saskatchewan Crop Insurance

Corp, Farm Credit Canada, Cargill, Federated Coop and Western Ag Labs.

Al Scholtz P.Ag Registrar of SIA opened the seminar by discussing the Art of Being a Professional and Mary Buhr, Dean of College of Agriculture & Bioresources, U of S closed the session emphasizing that it is never too early to start protecting your professional image. With modern technology there is a lot of information available when prospective employers do their research.

We were well-supported by experienced SIA and SAGA members who volunteered to review the resumes of the participants which then lead to mock interview sessions. In all the sessions there was lots of active participation and in question periods the questions and answers were handled with enthusiasm.

This project can be summed up as a very successful event and well-worth support by SAGA into the future.

Crop Production Show

AGROLOGY UPDATE SEMINARS

Event Schedule

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2013

10:45am to 11:45am



FIELDS OF CORN & BEANS

The emergence of corn and beans as cropping alternatives on the southern Prairies.

Les Kletke, PAg

2:30pm to 3:30pm



FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE

How global trends will impact Prairie production, margins and exports.

Christophe Pelletier

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2013

10:45am to 11:45am



WORLD WEATHER WATCH

The expected weather conditions for the summer of 2013.

Drew Lerner

2:30pm to 3:30pm



PRAIRIE STORM CHASING

How the increase in storms will impact Prairie agriculture.

Greg Johnson

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AGROLOGY UPDATE SEMINARS

Fields of Corn & Beans
Future of Agriculture
World Weather Watch
Prairie Storm Chasing

Two days only!

Wednesday, January 9, 2013
Thursday, January 10, 2013

Seminars during the
Crop Production Show

PrairieLand Park - Breakout Room 5, Hall A

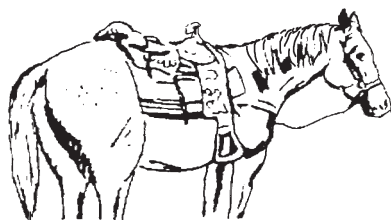
Arrive early to secure a seat!

Seminars are complimentary with a paid admission into the Crop Production Show.

For more information:

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Empty Saddles



William Mitchell Rudolph, '41S, Oct. 30th, 1917 - Oct. 22nd, 2010, of Swift Current; formerly of Gull Lake. Mitchell is survived by his wife Pearl; his son, **Bill '75C** (Nora) and their children Arwen and Karlah; his son Bruce's children, Courtney, Craig and Michael; his daughter, Lisa (Pat) Schryver and their children Jesse and Kael. Mitchell was born on the farm south of Gull Lake, where he completed high school. After working on the farm for a few years he attended the School of Agriculture. In 1951 he married Pearl Eubank, and then took over the family farm. Mitchell was a member of the Gull Lake Oddfellows Lodge, Sask. Wheat Pool and the Knox United Church. He and Pearl were members of both the Gull Lake and Swift Current Square and Round Dance Club. Even after retiring to Swift Current in 1977, he was still a great asset to his sons on the farm. In retirement, Mitchell and Pearl enjoyed wintering in Arizona. In later years, he was an executive member of the Swift Current Senior Citizens Club and enjoyed playing pool, cards, and shuffleboard. Mitchell was a gentleman whose integrity and sense of responsibility were an inspiration to all who knew him. Donations may be made to the Prairie Pioneer Lodge.

Betty Carolynn Isabel Barlow {nee Myrick} '43C, Jan. 15th, 1921 – Sept. 11th, 2012. Betty was born in Saskatoon, but grew up on the farm near Davidson. After becoming one of the first women to graduate from the College of Agriculture, she worked for a time in Calgary and Regina, before returning to the farm with her husband. The farm, her favorite place, was where she spent her last year with her beloved Teasel. Forever missed by her children, Lois (Malcolm) Wilson and Ross (Gloria) Barlow, and grandkids Niall and Daneé Wilson. At Betty's request there was no funeral. Memorial donations may be made to the U of S Agro Class of 1943 Bursary [give.usask.ca/online/] or to the Regina Humane Society.

Raymond Keith "RK" Waite, '46S, July 24th, 1925 – Nov. 7th, 2012. Keith was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He passed away on the family farm near Sovereign, SK. where he was born. Lovingly remembered by Fay, his wife of 60 years, son Laurie and daughter Heather and all of their families. Keith took his schooling in Sovereign, Saskatoon and Edmonton where he won many awards for his athleticism. While at the U of S, Keith played for the hockey Huskies as well as being on the Huskie Track & Field team. Keith was a member of the Sovereign United Church; the Sovereign Lions Club for 44 years and the Sovereign Masonic Lodge for 57 years. Keith started farming in 1946 and continued to work alongside his family until his passing. He was an enthusiastic sportsman, cheering on all his grandchildren in all their sporting activities. Keith was a man of honesty and integrity, who deeply loved his family, his friends, his land and his community. He will be remembered for the twinkle in his eye and his boisterous laugh. Donations can be made to the Sovereign Memorial Hyland Cemetery Fund.

Alfred John (Jack) Henshaw '48S, Jan. 1st, 1920 - Nov. 8th, 2012. At Sherbrooke Community Centre-Veterans Village in Saskatoon, SK. Jack is predeceased by his wife and life-long partner, Elsie, and his only brother, William (Bill) Henshaw. Jack is survived by his four daughters; Carol (George Stuart), Sharon (Fred Beresford), Joanne (Terry Mildenerberger) and Wendy (Jerry Trifunov) and their families. Jack was 92-years- old when he passed away. A full obituary will appear in a future edition of the *Regina Leader Post*. A Memorial Service will be held in Southey, Saskatchewan on December 15, 2012.

Ronald John Galloway '48S, passed away Nov. 23rd, 2012. A full obituary will be in the Spring issue.

William (Bill) Farley '50S, passed away May 5, 2011, at home at the age of 79. Bill spent most of his life farming near Grand Coulee. He also studied drafting in Regina and attended an auctioneering school in Iowa. Bill began pedigreed seed production in 1961 and became a select grower in 1969. He was a director of the Saskatchewan Seed Growers Assoc. (president '86-'87) and on the Canadian Seed Growers Assoc. national board from '89 – '95. He followed the development and introduction of new varieties and valued the relationships he

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had with the breeders and breeding institutions like Ag Canada and Crop Development Centre. Bill helped organize the Flax Growers of Western Canada and served on its board, also as president. He helped form the Flax Council of Canada and the Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission. Bill also served as chairman of the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Board. Locally, he served as a 4-H Grain Club leader and a volunteer with the Agribition Grain Show.

In recognition of his lifelong support of agriculture Bill received honorary life memberships in SAGA and SIA. He was also a Distinguished Agriculture Graduate from the U of S and a Robertson Associate by the Canadian Seed Growers Assoc. Bill was inducted into the Saskatchewan Agriculture Hall of Fame in 1998. Bill loved to read and travel, was an avid fan of the Saskatchewan Roughriders, and the sport of curling. He is survived by loving wife Lil, his children Rhonda, James and Lesley (Alex), and his twin sister Ina.

Jim Peter Misfeldt, '51C, May 28th, 1924 – Aug. 28th, 2012. Jim was born on the farm near Dahlen to Ib and Annie's family of twelve. Jim joined the RCAF in 1942 and served as a pilot in England. After the war Jim returned to Saskatchewan, married Doreen and came to the U of S. He worked for the Sask. Gov. Dept. of Municipal Affairs until 1983. Jim loved God, his family and friends. He and Doreen's door was never locked; over the years taking in many extras, kids, strangers or hitch-hikers needing a meal and a bath. When asked why he did this, Jim always said that you never knew when you might be entertaining angels. Jim was predeceased by Doreen (his wife of 60 years), two sons Brent and Kevin, one grandchild, and siblings Dora Annie, Ib and Leo. He is survived by children R. James, Jimmeen, Valrie, Trudy, Marlys, Karen and Kim and their families, and by seven brothers and sisters. Jim had 21 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren. Jim led a busy life besides his work; hunting, fishing and camping, creating with leather and wood, singing, and telling Norwegian jokes. Donations can be made to Faith Lutheran Memorial Alzheimer Society of SK. Inc. or the Canadian Cancer Society.

Clarence Iverson, '53C, May 28th, 1928 – July 28th, 2012. Clarence was born and raised in Prince, SK. and after attaining his BSA he returned there to farm. In 1961 he married Nancy Watson of Southend, Scotland,

and together they ran the farm and raised a family. Clarence was an active community member, serving as a Wheat Pool delegate, president of the Battleford's Ag. Soc. a member of the Saskatoon Soaring Club, and also of the Sons of Norway and Ski for Light. Upon retirement from farming in 1994, Clarence and Nancy indulged in their love of travel, seeing everything around the world as well as exploring Canada from coast to coast. Clarence leaves to mourn his wife of 41 years, Nancy, his children Ian and Shona and their families; and his sister Jean Ice of Minneapolis, MN. The family thanks the many staff at Saskatoon hospitals and Palliative Home Care for helping taking care of Clarence.

Douglas Wayne Cowie '71C, Dec. 7th, 1948 – April 14th, 2012. Doug was born in Mankota, and attended Luther College High School in Regina prior to enrolling in the College of Agriculture in 1967. Doug worked with the Lands Branch Dept. of Agriculture in Swift Current, Kindersley, Meadow Lake and P.A. Doug transferred over to the Department of Lands and Forests where he worked as a Lands Agrologist in P.A until his retirement in the fall of 2008. Doug is survived by wife Bonnie and four very accomplished children, Craig, Colin, Heather and Ian, his 96-year-old mother Florence in Moose Jaw and his sister Bev. Doug's final resting place was on his bee quarter north of Meath Park. Doug loved his family deeply, with his second love being the welfare and care of his bees. He is greatly missed by all his family, friends, classmates and whoever knew him.

Brian Garth Larson, '72C, July 7th, 1948 – Aug. 5th, 2012. Accidentally near Lloydminster. Garth lived in Lloydminster, AB, but was born and raised in the Semans and Outlook area. He is survived by his loving wife Darlene; three children, Brad, Michael and Kim and two grandchildren, Brooklyn and Silver; all from Saskatoon, and three brothers; Ed, in Regina, and Ervin and Stan, both of Semans. Interment took place at Semans Cemetery, Semans SK. Donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Heart and Stroke Foundation.





**Saturday, January 5 to
Saturday, January 12, 2013**

*(Events at Saskatoon Inn
unless otherwise noted.)*

Saskatchewan Ag Grads Association - TCU Place	January 5
Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission	January 7
Saskatchewan Winter Cereals Development Commission	January 7
Canaryseed Development Commission of Saskatchewan	January 7
Saskatchewan Pulse Growers	
<i>Prairieland Park - January 7 & 8 (live video feed) Saskatoon Inn - January 8 (live)</i>	
Saskatchewan Oat Development Commission	January 8
Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association	January 8 & 9
Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association	January 9
Saskatchewan Mustard Development Commission	January 9
SaskCanola	January 10
Canadian Wheat Board Day	January 11
Agri-Arm Research	January 11
Saskatchewan Fruit Growers Association	January 11 & 12

SPECIAL SESSION - Saskatoon Inn - Ballroom B

Wednesday, January 9 - 7:00 PM

Farmland Prices: Can we afford to own the land we farm?

J.P. Gervais, Senior Agriculture Economist, Farm Credit Canada

Earl Smith, Vice President, groPartners Farm and Land Management

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Celebrating a Century of Agros

By Bob McKercher '54C and Les Henry '64C

Friday, November 1, 1912, was an important date in the history of the College of Agriculture. Registered students attended the first lectures in the College.

To celebrate this milestone, the College of Agriculture and Bioresources honoured the occasion in June by hosting a day of tours, displays and a luncheon featuring locally developed and grown food. Popular treats were Saskatoon and Haskap ice creams. With over 500 alumni and staff attending, it was a very fitting tribute to the College and all who have contributed to its success over the years.

This article provides some background of College development and faculty members.

In 1907, the Act founding the University of Saskatchewan was approved by the provincial legislature. Walter C. Murray was appointed the first president in 1908.

On September 26, 1909, two colleges, Agriculture and Arts, were approved as units of the new university. This was the first College of Agriculture in Canada to be an integral part of a university. The Dean of Agriculture, W.J. Rutherford, and the Dean of Arts, George H. Ling, were the first Deans appointed at the University of Saskatchewan.

The Dean of Agriculture's house (the present Faculty Club, recently renamed the University Club) was the first greystone building occupied at the university in 1911 and cost \$20,000.

The personnel appointed in 1910 at the College of Agriculture were: William John Rutherford, Dean, and first professor of Animal Husbandry; John Bracken, professor of Field Husbandry; and Alexander Rodger Greig who had been hired in 1909 as Superintendent of Buildings and then jointly as professor of Agricultural Mechanics.

In 1911, Dean Rutherford appointed John Alexander Malcolm Shaw as a professor of Animal Science.

William Rutherford (1868-1930) attended OAC and Iowa State University at Ames. He had been Professor of Animal Husbandry at the Manitoba Agricultural College until 1906, when he became Deputy Minister of Agriculture under the Hon. W.R. Motherwell, the first Minister of Agriculture in the Saskatchewan government.

John Bracken (1883-1959) had been Superintendent of Fairs and Institutes under Motherwell. He went to the Manitoba Agricultural College as principal in

1921, became premier of Manitoba in 1922, and later was leader of the Federal Progressive Conservatives. He had an unusual nickname for a politician, "Honest John."

Alexander Greig (1872-1947) was a graduate of McGill University. In 1910, Greig's suggestion to use the colours of green and white for the U of S Huskie Athletic teams was adopted. He moved to the University of Alberta in 1939 as professor of Mechanical Engineering.

A.M. Shaw (1885-1974) was an OAC grad of 1910 and became Dean in 1930 when Rutherford died. He was Dean until 1936, became Canadian Wheat Board Commissioner 1935-1937, and then moved on to federal government appointments.

The first offices of Dean Rutherford and his early appointees were in Nutana Collegiate, and then in the original Engineering Building. Faculty moved to the College of Agriculture Building (later the College Building then the Administration Building, and, as of 2012, the Peter MacKinnon Building) in January 1912 and the students in the autumn of that year.

In the early years, degree and associate (diploma) students were taught in the same class. The first associate students received their diplomas on March 26, 1915. The first B.S.A. was awarded to John Strain from Birch Hills at the regular convocation in May 1915. Mr. Strain had received his B.A. in 1912 and completed his B.S.A. by taking the Agriculture courses. The earlier degree and diploma names listed in the agriculture grads history books were "ad eundem" degrees i.e. students had met the qualifications elsewhere.

Today's College of Agriculture and Bioresources has 85 professors on faculty and a total enrolment of about 848 undergrads and 321 post-graduate students. The 1915 graduating class had 26 students (one degree, 25 diploma) and was 100 per cent male.

The 2012 spring graduating B.S.A. class had 230 graduates, with 60 per cent being female.

We are proud of the many students' accomplishments of the College including four Rhodes Scholars: **Tom Powrie '54C, Terry Veeman '62C, Doug McArthur, '65C and Murray Fulton, '77C.**

The strong principles and foresight of the early faculty provided a very sound basis for the future of the College. We owe much to them.

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