

Honourary Life Members 2012



Don Sanderson 63S presents the life membership certificate to Darald L. Marin.

Darald L. Marin – School 1963

Darald L. Marin was born at Ceylon, Saskatchewan to Everett and Esther (Sabin) Marin and raised on the family farm, homesteaded in 1908 by Cloyd and Agnes Marin. He attended the one-room Troy School, Radville Public and High Schools, SAIT in Calgary, and finally the School of Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan, graduating with his diploma in 1963. Darald and Marlene (Harrison) were married 46 years ago, and have two daughters Giselle and Laura Lee (Jason), both living on farms in the Radville area. There are five grandchildren: Justin, Kailey, Conlin, Elsa, and Korbyn.

While pursuing his education, Darald purchased his first quarter of land and launched the start of a successful farming career. As a Saskatchewan Certified Seed Grower, Darald has grown and marketed seed for 35 years, operating two smaller

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Bill J. Copeland is presented his certificate by his son Bob Copeland 85S.

William (Bill) J. Copeland – College 1960

Bill was born in Rosetown, Saskatchewan to George and Kay Copeland, farmers in the Rosetown-Elrose district of West Central Saskatchewan. He attended Windy Plain School, Rosetown Composite High School, and the College of Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan, obtaining his degree in the spring of 1960.

After graduation, Bill and his new bride, Alma Kingwell, returned to take up farming near Hughton, SK, where they have farmed ever since. Bill worked for Agriculture Canada for six years and the Department of Agriculture Economics in the College of Agriculture for an additional four years.

In 1990 their son, Bob, and his wife, Pam, joined the family business, Copeland Seeds Ltd. Bill and Alma are blessed with three grandchildren, Ben, Jon, and

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custom seed plants before investing in and presiding over Souris River Seeds processing plant in Weyburn. Over the years, Darald farmed with his brother, Brian, his youngest brother, Garnet, and his nephew, Nathan. After spending winter months instructing Farm Management classes, Darald and Marlene began offering consulting services from their farm office.

Darald gained a great deal of experience farming the Solonetzic and saline soils of southern Saskatchewan. He pursued the trend of para-plowing soils, observing dramatic benefits in current crop production. Alfalfa was incorporated into the crop rotation, and marketed to the Pacific Rim, Wyoming, southern Montana, and locally. Darald harvested and sold kochia seed in the 1980's to assist in managing saline soils, and cooperated with the Agricultural Canada Research Station (Swift Current) and the Saskatchewan Research Council to investigate selecting a kochia cultivar for use in beef cattle rations. The Marin farm practiced zero till for thirty years, but two years of excessive moisture caused the lease operator to incorporate vertical tillage to prepare for the 2012 crop.

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Sara.

Throughout his career Bill has been a leader in adopting new practices, including the elimination of tillage for over 40 years. Bill was also a pioneer in the production of pulse crops, especially lentils. He worked closely with Dr. Al Slinkard and John Buchan in the development of commercial lentil production in Saskatchewan. Bill brought a farmer's practical reality to problem solving.

In 1969 Bill added a seed cleaning plant to his seed production enterprise. The plant was expanded in 1978 to include the capability of cleaning and processing lentils. Bill was an innovator and communicated directly with growers and processors in Washington State to select appropriate cleaning and sorting machinery for Saskatchewan conditions. From a modest beginning, the plant has grown from one or two part-time employees to over 20 full-time employees. The business has been a finalist for the SABEX awards recognizing its excellent service.

Bill provided land free of charge to the University of Saskatchewan for crop research from the mid 1960's

Darald's community involvement has been extensive, volunteering for Holy Family Church, Knights of Columbus, St. Oliver Board of Education, Radville Laurier Regional Park, Radville Cooperative Association, Radville Marian Health Centre, the local figure skating club, and Radville Housing Authority. He also served as alderman and mayor for the Town of Radville, a role highlighted by the establishment of the Long Creek Rodeo, which has become a significant financial contributor to Radville Marian Health Center.

Darald is an active collector and preserver of historical artifacts, and owns the first tractor he learned to drive, a 1949 International Harvester WD6, as well as 30 other IHC tractors. Darald is currently president of the Western Canada Chapter 38 of the International Harvester Collectors Club.

Darald credits family, employees, neighbours, and many professionals and clients for his business success. In the end, though, Darald notes that the best decision he ever made was to marry the girl of his dreams, Marlene, whom he says makes the really big decisions in their business and deserves the most credit for their many successes.

to the 1990's, and established an annual field day at his farm. In recognition of his many contributions to research and outstanding achievements in agricultural development, Bill was inducted into the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2008 and the malting barley variety, CDC Copeland, was named after him.

Bill has been an active member of his community. He served as a councillor for Div. 5 of the Rural Municipality of Monet No. 257 from 1975 – 1982. He was a member of the local hospital board at a time when a new hospital was being built as part of a new Lodge. He was a member of the recreation board, contributed planning expertise and physically assisted with the building of a new rink. He served as a farmer representative on the senior grain transportation committee for many years.

Bill has also been a strong supporter behind the Elrose United Church. Over the years, he has been involved in many organizations, including various commodity groups, the Agriculture Development Fund Board, and the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association. Bill has had a major impact on his community and western Canada, contributing to Saskatchewan's role as a major producer and exporter of grain and pulse crops.

The President's Pen

Dear Fellow Ag grads:

It is both my honor and a privilege to be the *SAGA* president for 2012. *SAGA* is by far the most active alumni association at the University of Saskatchewan. This is not by accident, but by the hard work of the membership to keep the association alive and well. As part of the *SAGA* executive, I marvel at the time and commitment of the executive, and also their willingness to adapt to meet the wishes of the membership. This recommendation for change was evident in January as the reunion weekend became a one-day format. The attendance at the banquet followed by the mixer exceeded previous years. The reunion classes especially liked the format as all of their classmates attended at the same time, rather than spread over 2 days. By all reports this approach was successful and the feedback from the membership is to continue this format for 2013.

2012 marks the centennial celebration of the College and Bioresources. The kick off was held in January in conjunction with the reunion weekend. The College's Senior Stick

Dean Speak

Dear Friends,

For one hundred years, U of S Agros have been making a difference to this province, and livening up the campus community! What a legacy we have to live up to!

Those first Agros lived, loved, worked and played in a world completely foreign to us, one that we likely could not survive in. Those pioneers laid the foundation on which our world today rests, by embracing change, using the tried-and-true, learning from things that didn't work whether old or new, and stubbornly pushing themselves and their kids to make better lives for future generations. We need to live and act today; knowing the eyes of 100 years in the future will be looking back at us. I don't know about you, but I find that a very scary thought! Then I remind myself that all we can do is try hard to do what we think is best after having listened to the wise counsel of those around us – our elders and our innovative energetic young people!

And how blessed we are by the young people here at the college! I joined them for a wee while at the beginning of the ASA TeleMiracle Bed-Push on an incredibly mild early March day, and saw them a little over 48 hours later on the outskirts of Regina in snow and sleet, when they'd pushed that bed the whole way and raised over \$7,500 for charity! They were exhausted, happy, cheerful, and full of stories of flat tires and gracious drivers and crazy hills and 'refreshments' along the way and profs who'd accommodated midterm schedules and major papers due (or overdue) when they got home – and proud to be Agros!

Another group of proud Agros could be seen at the *SAGA*

was retired and to celebrate the occasion many past Senior Sticks were in attendance. Events will be held throughout this year to mark the college centennial, with the next event being held on June 22nd. Please check the college website for details.

As you know, the *SAGA* executive is made up of volunteers and we are in need of your help. If you live in or around the Saskatoon area, or can be in Saskatoon to attend meetings, please consider this opportunity. It is only with a strong volunteer base that we can continue to keep *SAGA* a viable organization.

I would love to hear from you with your comments and suggestions. If you feel that you can contribute your time to the executive, please contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,
Jill Turner, 80C
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Reunion in January – what a fabulous crowd and weekend that was! There's another major opportunity to celebrate our centennial on June 22. The college is hosting an open house event with free tours starting at 1:30 pm to see displays of what the various departments are doing in our beautiful building, the newly-refurbished student lounge, go on a bus tour of Kernan Farm, Patterson Garden and the horticulture plots, and meet old and new friends. Join us if you can!

And drive by the 108th Street entrance to campus to see our rapidly-rising fabulous new Rayner Dairy Research and Teaching Facility. What an agro-friendly campus, city and province we live in, to expand a dairy herd and insist it stay on a city campus! And what a showcase it will be! The formal opening will be in late December or early 2012, with a wonderful upper floor Interpretive Centre that will showcase all of agriculture from soil, air and water to plant, harvest, animal, and all the amazing stories and products in between. There will be a wonderful glass viewing gallery overlooking all the dairy, so everyone can see our wonderful "black-and-white ambassadors", which of course is ideal for visiting foreign dignitaries, school groups, producer workshops, classes and just satisfying any public curiosity.

It's a great time to be an Agro! Have a great summer and join us if you can on June 22.

Mary Buhr
Dean and Professor

Vice-President's Report

As the incoming VP of SAGA, the main task assigned to me is to arrange for individuals to coordinate their reunion year. I have secured reunion chairs for several but not yet all of the reunion years. I am still working on these years. I have asked that two or three fellow classmates work together to coordinate their year as working together will make the task much easier.

The reunion years are 1953, 1963, 1973, 1983, 1993, 2003. What we are proposing is to develop a website for each reunion year - one for degree and one for diploma. This was done in the past and it was very effective, but we also recognize that not everyone is connected to or wants to be connected to the internet. Over the summer the reunion chairs, in collaboration with a few other classmates, will contact their classmates via mail or e-mail and will keep them informed of the reunion events.

If you are one of the reunion years, and if over the next month or two do not receive a mail / e-mail message from your reunion chair, I ask that you please contact them to establish a connection. The SAGA office maintains records for grads but updating these records is a tough job. Also, if you are willing to assist your reunion chair, I guarantee that they would very much appreciate the help! Many hands make light work. Also, if you are a reunion year that has no reunion chair as of right now, I ask that you please contact me as I could greatly use your assistance.

If you have any questions, please contact me by phone at (w) 966-5586 or by email at grant.wood@usask.ca
Thank you.

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| 1963 degree - | Gary Storey (h) 374-1693 gary.storey@usask.ca |
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| 1973 degree - | John Beckton (w) 934-2727 |
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| 2003 degree - | Faye Dokken Faye.DokkenBouchard@gov.sk.ca |

SAGA Editorial

For all the Curlers out there in SAGA land, the final crunch has happened and we find ourselves about to be swallowed by the beast of indifference. Don't feel real bad, as we are far from the only annual Bonspiel to fall by the wayside. You regular sweepers know only too well how your own villages, towns and cities curling rinks are faring. Or have fared.

The Hockey Tournament is facing the same. At one time, hockey was a three-day event, just as the Bonspiel used to be a five-day affair. Graduate teams in both events, but especially curling, have been dropping steadily. It hasn't been too bad for the skaters, as a 6-team one-day tournament makes it reasonably easy operation to run. ONLY 8 curling teams are simple, but does not a Bonspiel make.

The Hockey guys have had a very, very difficult time finding teams to come and play. The cost for a hockey team to participate in our tournament is no different than any tourney being run elsewhere. We probably boast the lowest Bonspiel fees on the prairies, and everyone goes home with some kind of prize, but only 6 teams signed up and we scrambled to make 2 more. The Dean's Office obliged with one.

The SAGA Executive feels we have a bigger problem. Neither of the sporting events can count on the current student population to participate, and the students were aware of both events well before Christmas. Yes, the tournament had 3 student teams, but they signed on at what was close to the last minute. And the Bonspiel felt the brunt, as there was not a single student team.

Therefore SAGA needs to change, and to find a way to engage the student population of the College of Agriculture and BioResources in all our Annual Reunion activities. We realize that the College now has students and undergrads that are quite a bit different from 20 years ago. SAGA needs to connect with those that have no connection with farming in any way, and come from different cultures.

The change to our Banquet and Mixer evening was our first step. And for Curling that has brought about another change as we were very squeezed for time by the Banquet beginning at 4 pm. We played 6-end games instead of 8.

So, Blair Cummins and I (Jr. Editor Ewald) have decided to change the Bonspiel to ... well, something other than a Bonspiel, calling it a Sip n' Slide, or Rock and Rye. For 2013, we are also changing the locale to the Rutherford Rink on campus, and will be playing on only one night; the Friday evening before the Banquet. This is an attempt to attract students to participate in a sport they may know nothing about. But we still need our usual bunch of curlers to come and enjoy the time with us, so I hope you will still come and play and have fun. Hopefully we can grow back into a real Bonspiel.

Our hockey Chairs, Aaron Bouchard and Neil Booth, have attracted a couple of 4th year students to help run the 2013 hockey tournament. They feel that this will get the students involved early and with enthusiasm.

January 2013 could very well be our last kick at the can for these sporting events, so . . .

Babiuk Recognized for Research Achievements

Lorne Babiuk 67C, a professor emeritus and former Director of VIDO, has received the Canada Gairdner Wightman Award in recognition of his years of leadership in medicine and medical science. Lorne is currently the VP Research, U of A. Lorne will receive the \$100K prize at an event in Toronto and will give a series of public lectures across Canada this fall. The award was created in 1957 to recognize achievements of medical researchers who contribute significantly to improving quality of human life. Lorne received his BSA in soil microbiology at the U of S and a PhD in microbiology from UBC. He joined the U of S in 1973 as a professor of veterinary microbiology and went on to develop VIDO into a leader in vaccine development. He spearheaded the successful effort to bring the International Vaccine Centre (Intervac) to the U of S. (See news.usask.ca for more.)

Hockey Tournament 2012

The Tournament was held in the Aberdeen Rec Complex for the fifth year in a row They did a great job. Six teams participated; 3 grad, and 3 under-grad. They went at it over the course of Saturday, Jan. 6th. Organizers had a tough time getting the 3 College teams signed up by the deadline. Two 4th-year students were recruited to assist for 2013, Curtis de Goeijer and Luke Ringdal.



Winners - A-side: Thirsty Third Years



B-side: Beaver Busters [Graduate team]

SAGA 2012 Curling Bonspiel

Eight teams entered the SAGA Spiel this year, four teams in the regular and four teams in the Hutcheon event. This again followed the trend of declining entries. Thanks to the Dean's Office for entering a team this year. And a thank you to the Granite Curling Club for accommodating our needs again. The Bryan Nybo team won the Regular event. The Phil England team won the Hutcheon event.



Curling chair Don Mitchell presents the trophy to Hutcheon A winners Phil England, John Hemstad, Peter Kirychuk and Doug England.



Hutcheon "B" winners Dave Thorton, Brian Perrson, Martin Ferguson & Ken Forden



Regular A Winners Brian Nybo, Tyler Friesen, Kim Busch & Chris Baan



Regular B Winners John Hughes, Kira Glassrock, Karen Hughes & Hamish Tulloch [absent is the 1st day skip, Ellen Shawchuk]

Development Office Update

Hello SAGA Members,

We are almost halfway through 2012 and many exciting things are taking place at the college. We have already had two centennial celebrations, four honour-year classes have set up class gifts in support of this special centennial year and the new Rayner Dairy Research and Teaching Facility is under construction and should be complete by year-end.

The first event that took place was the centennial kick-off held in the Atrium in the Agriculture Building on Friday, January 6th. We had a fantastic turnout, including 21 former Senior Sticks, a number of our Professors Emeriti and many students, staff and faculty. **Dean Mary Buhr** welcomed everyone to the first centennial event of the year and spoke about the past, present and future of the College of Agriculture and Bioresources as well as the impact our graduates have on our community. Current Senior Stick, Angela Japp, was on hand to formally retire the fully ringed senior stick and Kevin Hursh, Senior Stick from 1980, amused the audience with his memories of protecting the senior stick from would-be thieves. The retired stick is currently on display in the glass case beside the North 40 store and features rotating biographies of former senior sticks.

The second event, the SAGA Super-Reunion, was a huge success, with more than 350 in attendance at the banquet and the mixer. Professor Emeritus Red Williams spoke of the historical effects the college and its graduates had on the world, while Dan Pennock, Associate Dean Academic, talked about what the future might look like because of the research and innovations coming out of the college.

This has also been an exciting year in terms of development in the college. We are extremely lucky to have such a supportive AgBio community backing us on the projects and research that are taking place within our college. As I mentioned earlier, we have had a number of classes organize gifts to the college in recognition of the outstanding education they received as students and because they want to give back. The Class of 62 was the first to create a scholarship fund, "Class of 1962 Agros 50th Anniversary Award" that will reward the academic achievement of students for many years to come. The Class of 1952 has chosen to support the AgBio Discovery Program, which was developed to introduce agriculture to children, engage the community and spark interest in the diverse opportunities the field of agriculture has to offer. The Class of 1982 is raising money to fund a leadership conference

for ASA students so that they can strengthen their skills and become more effective student body representatives and leaders. Last, but certainly not least, is the Class of 2002. These alumni are barely 10 years out of school but still have a strong connection to current students at the college. They have decided to raise funds for a television for the student lounge, which is currently undergoing renovations, with any remaining funds to be directed towards the AgBio Discovery program. The college is very grateful to the class chairpersons who have taken time out of their busy lives to organize these class gifts and also to all of their classmates for their contributions to these funds. The next centennial celebration will be an open house event at the college on June 22nd, the start of the U of S Reunion Weekend. There will be off-campus tours to Kernen Crop Research Farm, Patterson Garden and the horticulture research plots. On campus there will be guided tours of the college and the college's art, and self-guided department tours. All alumni are welcome to come to the college for the tours that will run from 1:30 pm until 4:00 pm that day. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Trina at the information provided below.

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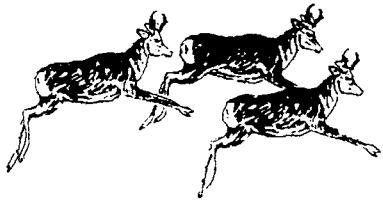
Future Agros

Peter van Dongen 00C and **Clarice Springford 00C** are proud to announce the birth of their second child. Troy Peter van Dongen was born on February 17, 2012, in Nanaimo, B.C., weighing 8 lbs. 9 oz. Big sister Janel is very excited to have a baby brother! Peter and Clarice are now living in Nanoose Bay on Vancouver Island, just a few minutes away from the Springford family farm. Clarice is enjoying life as a full-time mom and Peter continues to work at MNP, where he now oversees the firm's marketing for British Columbia.

Peter was also excited to be involved in planning the first annual Islands Agriculture Show, which took place in Duncan in February.

Rob 99C and Donna Stone are enjoying the farm life in Davidson with their two-year-old Joseph and are expecting another hired hand in October.

Thundering Herd



Al Scholz 75C PAg has been named Executive Director of the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists (SIA). Al brings a wealth of domestic and international ag and food

experience to the position. He has expertise in farm business management and is a regular commentator on current agri-food issues. The SIA is responsible for enforcement of the SIA Act that defines professional standards for practicing agrologists. It is an organization of university-trained professionals that protects the public by ensuring that its members are qualified and competent.

Heather Macnab 81S spent the 2011 winter traveling to Calgary to perform in the Calgary Opera Chorus for three different operas. She very much enjoyed the experience but did not expect to repeat it. Last fall she auditioned for the Medicine Hat Musical Theatre and won the part of "Mother Abbess" in the production of "The Sound of Music". Large contingents from Maple Creek attended the performances. Besides all the rehearsals in Medicine Hat, Heather was also directing the Chinook Musical Theatre production of "A Christmas Carol, the Musical" in Maple Creek with her voice students as the performers. Heather and son, Andrew, were also the accompanists. Just before Christmas, her adult vocal group, members of her family and her voice students put on a "Longest Night of the Year" concert. The Maple Creek area is so lucky to have such talent in its midst. Heather has recently been invited to return to rehearsals in Calgary for another opera in April, "La Boheme". Husband **Peter Hecker '75S**, managed to attend many of the performances but gave up his role as sound man this year for the local musical. He and his brothers found time to have a skiing holiday at Fernie in January, 2012 while his sons did chores.

Ed 64C, and **Judy Schultz** managed not to be in the middle of the Christchurch, N.Z. earthquake last year but they had just been there a few days before. This winter they waited till after Christmas in Edmonton before going back down to New Zealand to be with family till spring.

Ray McVicar 78C recently retired from

Saskatchewan Agriculture. Ray spent 14 years working in the Agriculture Chemical Industry and more than 19 years working in the Crops Branch with Sask AG. Ray's wife Lorna is working at the Regina Community Health Clinic and their sons Mark and Ben are attending the University of Regina.

They have no plans to move somewhere else just yet, although some trips to warmer places and contract work for Ray are in the plans.

Don Russell 70C was re-elected as the Saskatoon region chair and board of Federated Cooperatives Ltd.

Jeffrey Schoenau 84C and **Lynne Schoenau 01S** are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, **Brianna Schoenau 12C**, to Curtis Lummerding. The marriage took place in Saskatoon on Feb. 18th, 2012.

Greetings from Ukraine - **Allen R. Hingston 69C** "As I write (April 29) we are in late spring/early summer. Days are 25+, the marsh is full of frogs who serenade us all night and our cuckoo is back, cherry, apricot and early apple trees are in full bloom, later apples are beginning to bloom, the chestnut trees are fully leaved out and some early lilacs are blooming. Tulips are done and peonies and irises are beginning to bloom. Tanya's flower garden is filling up as the gladiolas are peeping through the ground and several varieties of lilies also. Today she transplanted several dozen geraniums and another several dozen petunias with many left to go.

Retirement is great and I recommend it for everyone. I'm still doing some consulting work wherever I can get it. Last fall several of us joined forces as CIBUS Management Group (www.CIBUSmanagement.com) a registered DBA under **Al Scholz (75C)** & Associates Inc. It makes one-horse consulting seem a little less lonely and we hope it will pay off enough to at least cover our investment. CIBUS was sparked by a couple of trips to Kazakhstan last summer and early winter to look at the potential there and in other parts of the FSU for consulting projects.

I was home in December to see the kids after a two year absence. Tanya declined, saying she had been to Saskatchewan twice in winter and preferred summer.

Anyone interested can find my adventures at <http://dablogfodder.blogspot.com> along with editorializing and anything else that crosses my mind when I need to post something to keep my readership up." (allen.hingston@sasktel.net)

Blair Rausch 78C is relocating back home to Saskatch-

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ewan after a 13-year sojourn to Toronto and Calgary. He will be assuming a Commercial Acct. Mgr. – Agric. position with RBC Royal Bank at the Victoria Ave East branch in Regina. He would be pleased to hear from old Agro classmates and acquaintances at blair.rausch@rbc.com .

Ben Heenan, the much-publicized 2012 draft pick of the Saskatchewan Roughriders, is the son of Deb and Dale

Pooped Deck

Jayne and **Elton Ash 77S** had their first grandson in March of 2011. With 4 daughters he's not really sure what to do with him, except wait until he gets bigger, then work on him fetching a ball or something like that... They celebrated their wedding anniversary in June, 30 years of wedded bliss. They spent some time visiting Jayne's family in

Unity in July. Jayne's brother, **Gerry Surine 77S**, decided it was time to sell the farm east of Unity and is in the process of figuring out what that will lead to. They built a new home in Kelowna and have just moved into it (November). Lots of room for lost Prairie people to stop in and ask directions, maybe stay a while for a visit. He continues in his role as Regional Executive Vice President for RE/MAX Western Canada. Business is excellent as they continue to do well with 246 offices and about 6,000 sales associates in Western Canada. Jayne volunteers at the Kelowna General Hospital. Golf, curling, and sailing take up their spare time along with other projects as they come along. They always look forward to hearing the news from back home, especially now that Saskatchewan has become a HAVE province.

During the Canadian winter, Judy and **Ed Schultz 64C** live in New Zealand where they have built a home on their son's property near Auckland. Ed intends again take a Canadian curling team to Naseby, NZ for a second curling challenge of the NZ National Senior Men's Curling Team. This will occur around Feb 15 - he needs players - so, if you know any vacationing curlers that might want to join him -- let Ed have your email address.

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Heenan 74S of Grand Coulee.

Jaime Lammerding, 2012BA, daughter of **Ewald Lammerding 88S**, is a member of the Saskatoon Valkyries, 2011 Champions of the Western Women's Football League, and also of Team Saskatchewan, the provincial women's tackle football squad. Jaime also played for Team Saskatchewan at the National Wheelchair Basketball championships in Vancouver this past May.

Clayton Campbell 62C is now in Washington State working for a grain company. He is Director of Research and learning new production practices and new varieties. They have plots scattered around the Columbia Basin. He has also started a mustard breeding program for them and apparently will be getting involved with a barley breeding program. He is also privately conducting a buckwheat breeding program. He claims to be busy. The Columbia basin where he is working is basically a desert with irrigation. They have mountains all around and can be in them in about 1 1/2 hours drive in any direction. He hopes to spend more time in them next summer.

Glenn Boughton 54C has moved from Regina to 310 Gorge Road East, room 387, Victoria, V8T 2W2.

1943 Agro Grad Reunion – **Harold Chapman 43C**
The Agro Grads of 1943 celebrated their 68th anniversary on June 23rd, 2011, at the Park Town Hotel in Saskatoon. Attending were Betty (Myrick) Barlow, Harold Chapman and friend Joan Bell, Vince and Simone Coffey, Howard and Joan Fredeen, Margaret Fredeen, (Hartley), Vi Hanson, (John), Jack and Neita Haraldson, Cliff and Betty Simpson, Lou and Margaret Hluchaniuk, and Herb and Fran Dow. Much time was spent visiting in the Hospitality Room. They had lunch and a tour at Wanuskewin Heritage Park. They were joined in the morning by Dean Mary Buhr, who brought them up-to-date on the developments and challenges facing the College. Trina Mortson, Development Coordinator with the College, told them about fund raising to help finance the programs and development of the College and of the recipient of the \$2,500 annual bursary provided by the 1943 Grads. Reports were presented on Ray Gross of Costa Rica, Bill Powell of Sydney, B.C., Fred Snell of Regina and Harvey Whitney of Edmonton. In the evening they were addressed by Dr. Malcolm Wilson, Betty Barlow's son-in-law, on Carbon Capture and

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Storage. Following breakfast on June 24, the group dispersed with plans to meet again on June 22, 2012, to help the College celebrate its 100th Anniversary.

In 2010, **Bev 81S** and **Reg 81S Halpenny** sold their farm at Madison, Sask. and bought a motor home to see the country. They departed in December 2010 and went to Kamloops to celebrate Christmas with their daughter, then headed south where they found some interesting roads down the coastline of Washington, Oregon, and California. They stopped in Napa Valley, Palm Springs, Phoenix/Mesa, and finally Las Vegas before coming home to celebrate the birth of their first grandson, Jack. In July they were back out to Kamloops to celebrate their daughter Judy's wedding to Colin. It was a grand time. The rest of the summer was spent either fishing at Turtle Lake or moving from Kindersley to their new residence in Redcliff. They were planning to head south again before winter, but Mother Nature changed their plans when a hail storm damaged the motor home. A trip to Palm Springs for New Year's Eve and a tune up on his golf game are planned. They invite all of their friends to stop in when they are in the neighborhood. The coffee is always on and they can always find something to put in it. New address: 348 Redcliff Way S. W., Redcliff AB, T0J 2P0, 403-580-4221, email reghal@telus.net Occupation: golf, fishing, and hunting, self-employed, doing as he pleases.

Ed Jackson 49C and wife Evelyn (Hollingshead) celebrated their 60th anniversary on March 5/12. Their marriage was blessed with five sons, one daughter, 14 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. They continue to live on the farm near Eston (grain/seed grower) and remain active in church service and community activity.

Wade Armstrong 72S will retire from the Saskatchewan Municipal Board on May 31. Wade and Bonnie will split their time between Regina and Lake Katepwa, with as many camping trips as possible sprinkled in somewhere.

On March 7, 2012, 150 friends and colleagues of **Gary 61C** and **Jessie Carlson**, representing a diverse group of organizations, attended a dinner to pay tribute to them for their many years of volunteer service to local, provincial, national and international communities. Former Premier Lorne Calvert was the MC. On April 27, Gary and Jessie celebrated the arrival of their fifth grandchild, a granddaughter born in

Langley, B.C. From March 28 to April 12, Gary and Jessie enjoyed wonderful tours of Israel and Egypt.

Carl Lynn 74C retired from AAFC Saskatoon Research Centre at the end of November, 2011. Supporting the research and development of forages and oilseeds and biological products was a lifetime of good experiences and memories. He started retirement by taking an eleven-month term of employment with the Saskatchewan Pulse Growers, located just a little north of his office at the Research Centre. He is looking at other possibilities after the Pulse Growers' employment ends November 2012. He enjoys working for 18,000 pulse growers. The pulse industry is now an annual billion dollar industry. Visiting his seven children in Alberta and BC takes an appreciable amount of time, travel and enjoyment.

Class of 52C

The 1952 College class reunion got off to a rousing start with seven grads and five spouses attending a dinner hosted by Liz and Art Delahey. Despite the 60 years since graduation, all were in great shape, fully cognizant and capable of tossing a few back. Although several have been regular reunion attendees there were a few who had some catching up to do. One of the favorite memories involved the deposition of a classmate, in January, into a water-filled pond under one of Dr. Patterson's greenhouse benches.

Most of the class spent their careers in Saskatchewan, while the few who moved on have maintained close ties and even returned in retirement. Those at the welcoming dinner included Reg (Catherine) Adam, Sherwood Park; Gordon (Agnes) Bowman, Calgary; Tom (Joyce) Gordon, Saskatoon; Bill Miner (our Senior Stick), Ottawa; Jake Nickel, Saskatoon; Don (Alisa) Sutherland, Winnipeg. This group was augmented by Chris Clark, Spruce Home and Ed Kowalenko, Calgary for the Reunion Dinner.

Notable news: Ed Kowalenko has recently published his book *Power To Grow*, a history of fertilizer production and marketing in western Canada. It is in limited circulation but Ed would be willing to round up a copy. Don Sutherland has finally given up farming. He has rented his Richlea acres to a nephew and taken up permanent residence in Winnipeg.

We are looking forward to our 65th!

Class of 62C Reaches a Half Century

Sixteen members of the 62C class and their wives/partners celebrated their own milestone anniversary along with the college centennial.

Just for practice they organized their own 50th class anniversary party and then joined the SAGA 100th birthday banquet and smoker the next evening.

Attending the reunion were (back) Garnet Altwasser, Jim Hart, Alf Robinson, Bill Craddock, Pete Kirychuk, Eldon Ell, Terry Veeman, Bob Bradley, (front) Al Graham, Carl Holmgren, Elwood Fleming, Ron Wilke, Bernie Sonntag, Oliver Green, Jake Hamm and Erv Mackintosh.

The Class of 1962 established an Agros 50th Anniversary Awards Fund that will provide financial assistance and reward academic achievement to undergraduate students in the College. These students are the future researchers, innovators and problem solvers in the local and global agricultural and bioresources sectors. At the end of 2011 about \$30 K had been contributed.

Future contributions by class members and other grads can be sent to:

Development Office, College of Agriculture & Bioresources, University of Saskatchewan, 51 Campus Drive, Saskatoon, SK. S7N 5A8. Cheques are made payable to: University of Saskatchewan

Benjamin Franklin once wrote: "An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."



Class of '72S

On Friday, January 6/12, the School of Agriculture Class of 1972 met at the Parktown Hotel for their 40 Year Reunion. Twenty seven out of 77 showed up As of April 30/12, eight grads have passed away.

There was good food, lots of visiting and a good time for everyone. They also had two classmates who came to their first reunion, Thanks to everyone who came and made it a success.

Lyle Findlay
Reunion Chairman

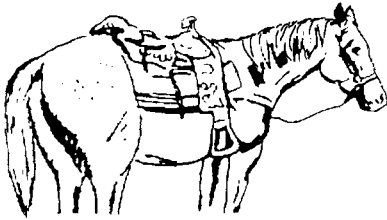


Back row (L- R): Ed Stolar, Raymond Knutson, Garry Bartolf, Mal Buckingham, Randy Bergstrom, Steve Pavlik, Terence Dreger.
3rd row(L-R): Neil Alexander, Les Clayton, Gay Holeha, Jim Massey, Florian Bendig, Wade Armstrong, Lorne Carefoot, Jim Gill.

2nd row(L-R):Walter Staniec, Pat Zentner, Malcolm Nisbet, Wayne Newport, Hazel Ritchie-MacPhee, Leonard Ber, Doug Panter.

Front row(L-R): Ken McPherson, Dennis Schlekewy, Laverne Affleck, Ralph Bowditch, Lyle Findlay

Empty Saddles



John Lodington Smith 48S passed away Nov. 22, 2011. John is survived by his wife Betty, son Kim Smith, daughter Robynne Smith, and grandsons Kyle and Ryan Pochylko; and numerous nieces and nephews. John was born Oct. 23, 1924, in Parkesville, BC. After 7 years on Vancouver Island, the family moved to a farm south of Cupar, SK. At 18, he joined the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, and became a Meteorologist Technician. He served on the Canadian cruiser HMCS Uganda, spending time in the Mediterranean and South Pacific Seas. Upon his return to Cupar, John and Walter farmed the family land together. In 1954 John married Betty Rauch from Melville and they had two children. John believed in community service and was very active in St. Mary's Anglican Church, and many Cupar and area associations. Following the sale of the family farm in 1977, John stayed active in the community until he and Betty moved to Saskatoon in order to be closer to their grandsons. John will be most remembered for being a gentleman, putting others before self and striving to make where he lived a better place. In a fitting tribute to his lifetime of community service, John's brain was donated to the Parkinson Related Disease Research Program. Funeral services and interment are being planned for the summer of 2012 in Cupar.

Leo Hleck 47S passed away Jan. 14, 2012. Born on the family farm near Englefeld, SK. on Dec. 17, 1924, Leo was the eldest of 7 children. His farming career started when he was 12 and old enough to stook, and lasted for the next 70 years. After receiving his Ag. Diploma in '47, Leo returned to the Watson area and helped with the family farm until 1953, then moved to Codette, where he was employed by Neufeld Seeds during the winter. On Sept. 4th, Leo married Anne Nickorick of Wakaw, and remained living in Codette. Son Lloyd was born in 1957, followed by daughter Leisa in '63. Leo and 5 neighbours created a feedlot called Brentwood Farms to use up surplus grain; the operation closing in 1974. Leo believed coopera-

tives were fundamental in moving Saskatchewan forward, thus being a Wheat Pool delegate for 23 years. Leo was also an active member of the Coop Board for over 20 years. He was also very involved with the NDP, Oddfellows organization, and Community Cooperative Funeral Home, as well as St. Mary's Orthodox Church. Mowing around his fields, sowing a straight line or planting trees are a few of the things Leo will be remembered for by family and friends.

Donald Lehman 47C passed away on Apr. 11/11 at the age of 88 years. He was born in Yorkton on Dec. 22, 1922. He received his early education in Yorkton. He was employed by J.I. Case Co. in Regina (1947-56), Texaco Canada (1957-60) and then joined Sask Agriculture and worked there until retirement in 1984. He was involved in the farm water and sewage program that modernized many farm homes. He was active in the mechanization of farming through Mexabition and Agribition and as the Director of the Agricultural Implements Board. He served his community as a volunteer in many organizations, including Agribition and the Farm Progress Show.

Stanley Joseph Austman 58S, was born Aug. 20, 1936 at Kenaston, SK., and died Jan. 21, 2012 after a well-fought battle with cancer, in Saskatoon. He is survived by his wife Lorine. After graduating, Stan farmed for 40 years, making sure there were no weeds and that the rows were straight. He loved his yellow CCIL combines and the crews that helped out. His many careers included a PFAA inspector, curling instructor and assistant manager at the Regina Tartan CC, a grader at the Grain Commission, and as a Substitute Teacher and Addictions Counselor in Sandy Bay. A Saskatchewan curling legend, Stan was inducted into both the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame, and the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame in 1995, and the Kenaston Athletics Wall of Honour in 2005. His curling exploits were many; 5013 games curled, won two car bonspiels in 1962 with the Merv Mann rink, played in the British Empire Games with the Bayne Secord rink, the Dominion Championships, the Elks, the Massey Ferguson, as well as countless provincial playdowns in Men's, Mixed, Texaco and Farmers. He was well known for the time he slid all the way down the ice and put the rock on the button as a demonstration, which changed curling forever by adding a hog line. Stan's greatest memory was being Eugene Hritzuk's fifth and coach in Moncton, thereby realizing his dream of curling in the Brier. He was an inspiration and friend to all who knew him.

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John Gordon Stephenson 49C July 11, 1926 – Jan. 26, 2012. John grew up on the family farm homesteaded by his father in 1905. After country school in Noble View, he graduated from Stranraer High and then attended the U of S. John was an accomplished hockey and baseball player, while also being very involved with the family farm. He wed Ada Leopold in 1950 and they were blessed by the arrival of twins Margo and Dawn in 1957, followed by John in '60. The family spent summers on the farm and winters in the city where John worked for the Sask. Assessment Branch, until they built a new home on the farm in 1970, and settled in permanently. John spent much time involved with his beloved Stranraer community, including the United Church, the Elks and any local project. He and Bob Bradley were instrumental in developing the Twin Towers Ski Area. John was passionate about farming, staying abreast of new techniques, was respected for his expertise, and acted as a representative for many farm organizations. As a SAGA life member, he embraced the opportunity to attend alumni events and reconnect with fellow Agros. John served on the U of S Senate for many years representing SIA.

Bruce Douglas Owen (Oct. 21, 1927 – May 2, 2011) Bruce was born in Edmonton and died in the Delta Hospital in BC. He pursued a lifetime career as a professor in animal science. He completed a BSc in 1950 and MSc in 1952 at the U of A. He spent several years working at Lederle Laboratories in NY and at the Beaverlodge, AB, Experimental Farm. He completed a PhD in animal nutrition at the U of S (1961) and then joined the U of S faculty. In 1977, he joined the UBC faculty, retiring in 1991. At the time of his death, he lived in Tsawwassen, BC. He is survived by his wife, Jean, sons David (Mary) of Vancouver and Douglas (Donna) of Westport, ON and 2 grandchildren. Bruce enjoyed healthy debate on matters relating to science and animal health. He enjoyed playing violin and listening to classical music and was an avid concert and opera attendee.

Donald Perrault 72C (May 28, 1950 – Oct. 21, 2011) Donald was born in Tisdale into a life of farming near Zenon Park. Left to mourn him are his wife, Mary, four sons and a daughter. He worked for Sask Ag in various roles for 27 years. He enjoyed spending time parenting, orcharding and gardening.. He was very involved in his church and school communities. He had a life-long dream of developing an orchard which is now known as Jardins St. Louis Gardens.

Ann Talbot (Caton) Saville 47C (May 17, 1923 – July 14, 2011) Ann was born in Regina. She attended school at Clear Valley and Fairwell Creek schools, completed correspondence courses at home and attended school in Carberry, MB, Maple Creek and Robsart. She was the only woman graduate from the College of Agriculture in 1947. She worked at the Lethbridge Experimental Farm for several years before marrying Bill Saville in 1950. They ranched near Ravenscrag until they retired in 1986. Her main focus was the livestock, but many native animal species also got attention. Ann and Bill also raised four children of their own. Ann was very involved in her community – 4-H, writer for various papers, freelance magazine articles, operated a bed and breakfast for farm vacationers and editor of two Ravenscrag history books. She served a three-year term on the U of S Senate. She worked as a mediator for the Farm Debt Review Board and for the Farmland Security Board (1986-94). She and Bill sold the ranch in 1986, but remained active on it until 1999 when they moved to Eastend. Ann was also an honorary life member of SAGA.

Ross Alan Johnson 79S passed away suddenly Dec. 24, 2011. He was born April 18, 1957, in Welland, ON. At the age of 15 he moved west to attend LCBI. After high school he worked in agriculture and eventually completed the diploma program at the U of S. He worked on Earl Ballard's farm near Hanley and married Earl's daughter Bev in 1978. They formed a partnership known as Lost River Ranches Ltd. specializing in Simmental cattle. Ross spent a term as President of the Simmental Assoc. Ross and Bev had 3 children – Andrew, Nicole and Julie. Later Ross transitioned into the hog industry, working for Quadraand Danbred N.A. and served as a Director for Sask Pork. In 2009 Ross purchased the Broadway Café and used the skills learned in agriculture in a different way. Ross had a love for music – the Eclipse Choir. Here he met Shelley Woloshyn with whom he spent the rest of his life.

William (Bill) Nowosad 47S was born on July 22, 1921 and passed away on Feb. 28, 2012. Bill was raised on the family farm and served in the RCAF from 1940-45, serving overseas in England with RCAF squadron 415. He married Mary Stefanuik in 1949 and farmed the family homestead. They had 3 children, Ken, Amber and Zian, and numerous grandkids. He was employed for 16 years at Central Canada Potash at Colonsay. He served on the boards

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of Meacham Telephone, Credit Union and Coop. He was a member of the SFU, the SWP and the Legion. He was a dedicated worker for the CCF/NDP. He and Mary retired from the farm in 1992 and moved to Saskatoon. He most recently resided at the Veteran's Village in Sherbrooke Nursing Home.

Newton Herald Friedrich 77C was born in Meadow Lake on June 19, 1954 and passed away on Feb. 20, 2012. He went to school in Meadow Lake and lived on the family farm near Morin Creek all his life. He died in the operating theatre at Royal University Hospital. He met his future wife at university and married in 1976 before both completed their BSA degrees.

Like many young farmers of that era and area, Newton worked a lot off the farm – road construction, oil rigs, etc. Newton held many jobs in the local ag sector – Foreman at the stockyard, farm manager, Director of a new seed cleaning plant, custom grain drying, farm product trucking, log hauling to the Meadow Lake mills and trucking services in the oil patch to the west. He was also an accomplished horseman. Newton always had a desire to help those in need along life's journey. He is survived by his wife, Kelly, and children Vawn and Kelton.

Cory Wilson 82S (Aug. 10, 1962 – Feb. 22, 2012) Cory grew up on the family farm in the Braeval district with one brother and two sisters. He always knew that he wanted to be a cattle rancher. He took his elementary and high school education in Meadow Lake and Outlook. After his Voc Ag course he worked at a ranch in Alberta for a time before taking over the family farm, mainly a cattle operation. He became an AI technician and sales rep for Western Breeders and did many projects in W. Canada and the US while always striving for better genetics and grass management for the family operation. He continued to work in the AI business for many years as company names and ownership changed. He married Shauna Verreau in 1986 – they had four children, 3 daughters and a son. Parenting/coaching kids in hockey, curling, 4-H and other ventures was a big part of family life. His last major outing was attending son Tyler's participation in the Canadian Finals Rodeo on his and Shauna's 25th anniversary.

David William Goodwillie 64C (Apr. 29, 1942 to Mar. 26, 2012). The only child of John and Ina Goodwillie, he is survived by his loving wife Darlene; daughter Karyn; son Ian and wife Michelle Manchur, and beloved grandsons David and Charles.

The family farmed in the Battle River hills south of Waseca. After receiving his teaching degree, he taught for 30 years, retiring in 1996. He loved animals, nature and his numerous hobbies. Classmates attending the funeral included Les Henry, Carmen Berg, Gordon Bonner and Bill Afseth.

Clarence Bayne Slater 72S passed away Apr. 6, 2012. Born Aug. 13, 1928, the sixth of seven children, to Albert and Helen Slater. Clarence grew up on the farm near Lanigan, where he remained until 1960. From '61 to '68, he operated a mobile feed service. But Clarence's first love was always farming, and he ran a farm near Nokomis from 1968 to 1971. After graduating from the U of S, Clarence began a 13 year career at the university, first in Crop Science, then Crop Development, and finally as Farm Manager of the Goodale Farm for Vet Med. In 1985, he started 10 years of doing practical farm work for Agriculture Canada at their Saskatoon Research Station. Clarence was active in the United Church, spending many years as a choir and board member, and began a 13 year theatrical career with St. Paul's Dinner Theatre. He enjoyed annual trips to Vancouver Island to see his brother Joe, and in 1997, went to visit the birthplace of his mother in Fife, Scotland, and that of his father in Derbyshire, England. Left to mourn his passing is his wife Rosemary, daughters Moira (Mark) Willems, Margaret (Ward) Slater-Johnson, and son David (Nicole) Slater. Also five grandchildren, and three great-grandsons.

Earle Dave Mallough 46C (1925-2012) Dave was a man of eclectic interests in literature, classical music, wood carving, art objects and an avid genealogist. He competed in curling, sailing of Dinghys, and won many awards for his photography. Dave spent most of his working life with Agriculture Canada Research Branch in Saskatoon.. He served the industry in postings throughout Saskatchewan but two activities are particularly noteworthy. Dave spent four years in Africa with CIDA, working with local people to advance agricultural development. During his tenure there, he hosted a visit by then-Prime Minister Trudeau, who demanded to know why Canada was involved in the project. Dave was able to give a full and wholesome answer, but never told the PM of the African baby delivered in the back seat of his car. Upon his return to the Ag Canada Research Centre in Saskatoon, Dave took on a significant role in developing seed supplies for new varieties of canola developed by **Dr. Keith Downey 50C**.

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The new varieties had much lower levels of some undesirable food and feed components, but seed supplies were not adequate for widespread use by farmers. Dave managed the seed increase effort in California and its shipment to Canada that enabled widespread adoption of the new varieties the following spring - a quick start for a new prairie industry. "Well done, Dave". Dave is survived by: his brother Stanley (Charlotte) and family of Montreal; his nieces, Kathie Bergstrom (Glen Beck) and family; Terri Wolfe (Brad) and family; Debi Mallough and family; and his nephew Patrick Mallough (Val) and family.

William (Bill) E. Hope 51S (July 12, 1921 – Apr. 21, 2012). His family is grateful that Bill lived a full and rewarding life for 90 years. He was born on the farm west of Saskatoon to Edward and Sarah, who had left Northern Ireland for a better life in Saskatchewan. Growing up through the Dirty Thirties, the struggles his family and neighbours faced would shape his outlook and future. He never strayed from his roots, championing the 'little guy' and his causes. Bill joined the RCAF at the age of 20, becoming a Flight Engineer and Air Gunner on an eight man Canso Bomber crew, flying anti-submarine patrols over the Pacific from the Queen Charlotte (Haida Gwaii) Islands; earning his over-seas –service medal and an honourable discharge in 1945. After the war, Bill took up farming at Smoky Burn, near Carrot

River, and became a founding member of the River Bend Coop Farm. He and his WWII veteran colleagues became true 'pioneers' experiencing many of the hardships their parents had endured a generation before.

The River Bend Coop disbanded in the mid-50's, after which Bill rented out his land (but retained ownership until 2002), moved to Saskatoon, and began a family. He worked as a Research Assistant at the U of S Center for Community Studies, later becoming the Registrar of the Western Coop College, followed by a Farmer's Advocate with the Farmer's Union. He moved to North Battleford in 1973 to be a Counselor for the NW Region of the Saskatchewan Land Bank, where he retired in 1982.

His post-war career was dedicated solely to his personal principles, cooperative social values and agriculture; all in the province he loved. Though Bill considered himself a "Jack of all Trades, Master of None", those who knew him regarded him as a "Master of many Skills". He was an avid gardener, reader and outdoorsman.

Hugh David Taylor 45S passed away at Oliver Lodge on May 1, 2012 at the age of 87 years. His wife Clara passed away 3 days later. An entrepreneur at heart, he successfully pursued several ventures over the years and was an active participant in his community. He came from Gainsborough. He had a business and served as Mayor of Vanscoy at one time.

Letter From A Prairie Chicken

I seem to have missed creating one of these letters last year, partly because I missed the deadlines and partly because I was still in shock from receiving an Honorary Life Membership from SAGA in January, 2011.

I kept thinking of the September morning in 1962 when I approached Room 101 in Crop Science for my first class in the College of Agriculture. I had to take several deep breaths before mustering the courage to walk into a room of eighty 2nd year Agros. I did know a few of them from 4-H activities but it was still a scary hour. If I had known then that someday I'd be honorary president of SAGA and then later be given this honorary life membership, I might have had more confidence that morning. Thank you again to SAGA for this honor and thank you to Carman and Diane Berg for making the presentation.

I was honoured to be in the company of **Barry Rugg '48S** and his family. When my father spent one term

in the School of Agriculture, he became friends with Barry's brother, Alan. When the Ag. Rep. Service was established, **Alan, '42C**, came to District 30 and remained for twenty years. He had a significant effect on the 4-H youth in the area as well as being a family friend. I wanted to be just like him when I grew up and he seemed rather proud of my decision to become an Agro. He proposed the toast to the bride at our wedding.

I was also thrilled to meet **Dean Mary Buhr** for the first time and hear her speak. She seems to have boundless enthusiasm for the College and all its activities. How times have changed since the 1960's. We were told at the 2012 Reunion that females now make up 62 per cent of the Agro student body.

The 2012 Reunion will be reported at length elsewhere in this newsletter but I would like to compli-

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ment the organizers of the celebrations for the 100th Anniversary of Agriculture Graduates. There was lots of time to renew old friendships at both the 100th Anniversary Kick-off in the Agriculture Building Atrium and at the banquet & mixer at TCU Place. Congratulations to **Bill Copeland '60C** and **Darald Marin '63S** upon becoming the latest Honorary Life Members.

The Maple Creek area escaped serious flooding in 2011 even though there was a lot of spring moisture. The town has constructed a 2-block long berm to keep the creek from overflowing into town. The CPR has also cleaned out the large culvert under the tracks just west of the town which had been full of trash for several years. It took till last September to finally complete the repairs to # 1 Highway.

Due to the 19 inches of rain we received in 2010, this area had the biggest hay crop in many years. There was lush growth everywhere, with a huge acreage of volunteer sweet clover which was up to the shoulders of **Derald '65C**. (We didn't have to depend on Kochia this year). It is wonderful to have so many bales piled up but as usual, there is a fly in the ointment. We only had 8 inches of rain in the growing season in 2011, mostly in May & June, so we had a dry summer and

fall. Most of you have heard about the wonderful warm temperatures we've had over the winter, but without snow cover we spend a lot of time checking for prairie fires.

I was saddened to read the obituaries for **Allan McLeod '49C** and **Jack Quick '52C** in the November SAGA. Allan was the supervisor for many of us who had Sask. Wheat Pool test plots when we were teenagers. Jack and I always had lots to talk about whenever I visited my home town of Unity and I will miss him very much. Is it just me or does it seem to the rest of you who graduated more than 40 years ago that most of the "Empty Saddles" names are becoming very familiar?

Thanks to the SAGA executive for giving me back my member-at-large job and thank you, Terry Tollefson, for my quiz prize (p 9, Nov. issue of newsletter)

Irene Ahner '65C
January, 2012

The Hitching Post

Krista Connick 00C, daughter of Don 65C, and Norma, wed Craig Todd, June 20, 2009, in Gull Lake, SK. They reside in Tompkins, SK and ranch nearby. Krista is a Rangeland Agrologist with Sask. Water Authority.

SIA Highlights

Celebrating Elite Alumni

The accomplishments of three distinguished University of Saskatchewan ag alumni, Barry Swanson, Paul McAllister and Michael Champion were honoured by the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists (SIA) in March for their outstanding contributions in the agriculture and bio-resources sectors.



Michael Champion

Doug Fehr, a University of Manitoba alumni, was also recognized.



Barry Swanson



Paul McAllister

Agriculture & Bioresource Convocation Awards

For the first time ever, a Renewable Resource Management grad, Kendra Purton, from the College of Agriculture and Bioresources receives the SIA Gold Medal Award for top graduate. Tess Strand has also been named the SIA Fulton Family Prize winner. Congratulations to both on their successes. Wishing all of the new graduates enormous success in their futures.

You can Redefine Agrology

With the industry ever evolving, it has been suggested agrology needs to accommodate the "life sciences" that surround agricultural production, such as soil and watershed stewardship and environmental goods and services. What do you think? Join us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/sia.sk.ca) and tell us how you'd define agrology.



Those Were The Days (100 Years)

Once Upon A Time
 There Were Some Classmates,
 Who Graduated Many Years Ago
 We've Come Back This Year
 To Get Together
 And Reminisce A Little So You'd Know.

Those Were The Days My Friend,
 We Thought They'd Never End
 We'd Sing And Dance For Ever And A Day
 We'd Live The Life We Choose,
 We'd Fight And Never Lose
 For We Were Young And Sure To Have Our Way.

Now Tonight I Stand Beside My Classmates
 No One Looks The Way They Used To Be
 In My Glass I See A Strange Reflection
 Is That Gray-Haired Grandpa Really Me?

And Through The Years My Friend,
 We've Done Our Best To Blend
 The Best That Life And Love
 Have Brought Our Way
 We Live The Life We Choose,
 No Unemployment Blues
 For We're Mature And Have Our Discount Days.



**L to R – Cam Caswell, Keith Downey, Eilar Humbert,
 Fred Fulton, Fred Langley and Richard Downey (Keith's son)**

Then The Busy Years Went Rushing By Us
 We Lost Our Starry Notions On The Way
 Family, Farm And Business
 Were The Main Things
 But Still The College Had Its Part To Play.

Those Were The Days My Friends,
 Bean Feeds And Farming Trends,
 At Basketball And Hockey We Did Play
 We'd Take Chem 5 Again And Fail It Even Then
 For We Were Young And Didn't Know The Way

Tonight We've Launched
 A Year Of Celebration
 One Hundred Years Of Graduates
 From U Of S
 Our History Is Something To Be Proud Of
 The Difference We Have Made Is Obvious.

The Agro Grads Are Great, We Need To Celebrate
 The Thriving Legacy We Leave Behind
 We've Made Our Mark In Time,
 And It Does Truly Shine
 To Show The Way For Agros Yet To Be.

University of Saskatchewan Alumni Reunion June 21-23, 2012

Make plans now to return to the U of S campus for the Honoured Years Reunion.
Join classmates of all colleges in the years of 1972, 1962, 1952 and earlier.
Also celebrating their 55 year anniversary is the 1957 Diploma Nursing Class.

Some of the highlights of this year's reunion include:

Welcome Reception - College Visits - Lunch & Learn with guest speaker -Campus tours
and the President's Luncheon

Please consider organizing your class events on Friday and/or Saturday evenings.
For more information about reunion events, please visit alumni.usask.ca/reunion
or contact the Alumni Relations office at 1-800-699-1907 or 966-5186.

We do not have e-mail addresses of all our Honoured Years Alumni.
Please feel free to pass this message on to your classmates.

College of Agriculture and Bioresources AgBio Open House

Celebrating 100 years!

Dean Mary Buhr invites you to join her as a special guest at the College of Agriculture and Bioresources open house event in celebration of the college's centennial. Please join us on Friday, June 22, 2012 in the Atrium, of the Agriculture Building, 51 Campus Drive on the University of Saskatchewan campus, Saskatoon. This event will take place regardless of weather.

Schedule of Events

9:30 a.m. Guest registration in Atrium

10:00 a.m. Opening remarks from **Dean Buhr**

10:30 a.m. Tour

(Kernen Crop Research Farm, Patterson Garden
or college art collection)

Noon Lunch provided

1- 4:00 p.m. College tours and department displays

1:30 p.m. Livestock research building tour

Please RSVP online at <http://alumni.usask.ca/events/registration/> or to Trina Mortson at (306) 966-4063 before June 15, 2012

For more information, please contact:Trina Mortson at trina.mortson@usask.ca or (306) 966-4063 or visit www.agbio.usask.ca/centennial

Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates' Association Inc.							
Statement of Income & Expenses 2011-11-01 to 2012-10-31							
As of Apr 4, 2012							
REVENUES	Code					Balance	
2011-10-31		Balance Chequing Account carried forward					\$2,887.32
2011-11-11	1	Life membership					\$ 100.00
2011-12-12	1	Life membership					\$ 100.00
2012-1-12	4c	Reunion Deposit		Banquet		\$ 455.00	
	4b	Reunion Deposit		Curling		\$ 800.00	
	4c	Reunion Deposit		Mixer		\$ 1,510.00	
	4c	Reunion Deposit		Forever Young Book		\$ 30.00	
	1	Reunion Deposit		Membership		\$ 262.00	
				Sum	\$ 3,057.00		
2012-1-12	4a	Reunion Deposit		Hockey Membership		\$ 230.00	
2012-1-26	1	Life Membership					\$ 100.00
2012-1-26	3	Life memberships donation					\$ 200.00
2012-2-01	4c	Reunion Deposit		Banquet Only		\$ 3,240.00	
2012-2-01	4c	Reunion Deposit		Banquet & Mixer		\$ 18,675.00	
2012-2-01	4c	Reunion Deposit		Mixer Only		\$ 90.00	
2012-2-01	1	Reunion Deposit		Annual Membership		\$ 120.00	
2012-2-01	1	Reunion Deposit		Life Membership	\$ 22,225.00	\$ 100.00	
2012-2-29	6	Interest from Nov 1, 2011 to Mar 31, 2012					\$ 0.18
2012-3-07	4b	Reunion Deposit	Net cash after paying for curling trophies				\$ 5.00
2012-3-08	3	Donation by paying cash for Hall of Fame membshp			\$ 75.00	\$ -	
					Total Revenue	\$26,017.18	
EXPENSES	Code	Cheque #				Total	
2011-11-01	16a	258	Sask Abilities Council printing mailouts			\$1,337.75	
2011-11-14	16a	259	Newsletter typesetting			\$332.00	
2011-11-29	16a	260	Sask Abilities Council Newsletter			\$698.57	
2011-12-12	16a	261	Canada Post to mail newsletter			\$617.27	
2012-1-20	17b	262	Granite Curling Club			\$504.80	
2012-1-20	17b	263	Curling Deposit			\$100.00	
2012-1-20	17c	264	Reunion Labels			\$79.12	
2012-1-20	18f	265	Gift Card for audit			\$100.00	
2012-1-26	17c	266	Hon Life Certificates			\$291.69	
2012-1-26	17c	267	Lynne Schoenau - Banquet			\$90.61	
2012-1-26	18a	268	ASA Bed Push Donation for Telemiracle			\$200.00	
2012-1-26	17c	269	TCU Place for banquet			\$16,210.81	
2012-2-01	18		Visa/MC deduction 2.03%			\$ 451.75	
2012-3-08	18d	donation	Sask Ag Hall of Fame 2012 membshp		\$ 75.00		
2012-5-04	16b	271	Website hired data entry labour			\$ 480.00	
					Total Expenses	\$21,494.37	
			Balance Chequing Account			\$7,410.13	
2011-10-31			Balance Value of Mutual Fund			\$29,649.00	
2011-12-31			Balance Value of Mutual Fund			\$29,404.84	
2012-4-02			Balance Value of Mutual Fund			\$31,274.00	

