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President's Pen

Darn!! It's winter again. But wait! Hockey's started. Curling's started. I don't have to get up at 5 am anymore. Got a winter vacation planned; Disney World, with the grandkids. And, of course there are great SAGA events coming up. Maybe winter isn't so bad!!

SAGA tried something new this year in an attempt to attract old and new grads to join us. And what attracts any Agro faster than a bear to bacon? Why ... free beer!!

So we got together with a few Grads to try to figure out a way to provide those free suds. First, we did the Farm Progress Show in June. We hadn't a lot of time to advertise our presence but **Pat Beaujot '81C** of Seed Hawk invited us to join them at their Beer Garden, the first one on them. And we had a good 20 - 30 grads show up.

Next up; Agribition. With a little more knowledge of what we were doing, I got in touch with **Marty Seymour '98C**, CEO of the show, who put an ad in the program, which helped immensely. With more than a little help from **Lloyd Streifel '83 C**, CEO of Moody's Equipment (Saskatoon), who sponsored us in our endeavours to provide a free mug to the Grads who put in an appearance, we doubled our numbers. **Darryl Ulledal '89C**, Agribition Sponsorship honcho, probably had a hand in it, too.

Many thanks to Marty, and Lloyd, and to the Exec. who helped out. To make it all that much more fun, **Dean Mary Buhr** stopped by for a visit. And while Dean Buhr is not a U of S Ag Grad, we at SAGA are a magnanimous bunch, and she was able to imbibe freely with us. SAGA is now thinking about an event at the 2015 Crop Production Show. Watch for more information about SAGA and CPS.

Plans are well underway for the 2015 reunion weekend.

Aside from the Honourary Life Awards at our 80th Annual Banquet, we are once again holding a hockey tournament and a curling night.

As of this writing we are still looking for reunion chairs for the 2005 Diploma and both 2010 years. For the time being, **Grant Wood** is doing the 2005 group, and I am handling the 2010s. And **Allan McDougald** will round up the 1945 Grads. If you would like to be part of the best Alumni Association at the U of S, please contact us soon.

SAGA owes **Bryan Harvey '60C** a very big thanks for stepping to the plate and volunteering to assume the vice president's job. Bryan has been an integral part of SAGA in many capacities for many years. It would be difficult to find a better person for the job. Thanks, Bryan!

We were also very fortunate to have another volunteer step forward, and that is **Katelyn Duncan '14C**. She will be helping out Darcy Jones organizing the Reunion banquet and mixer. Thank you, Katelyn!

And we are actively looking for people to fill the upcoming 2015 Executive. If anyone is interested in serving on the executive, please contact us. The SAGA will be meeting with Michael Raine of *The Western Producer* in the coming weeks, so look for some interesting results from that meeting!!

That is all I have for you this month. Hope to see you all at our upcoming events!

Blair Cummins '77S
SAGA President

2015 Reunion Chairs

1945 - School & College -	Allan McDougald	agmcdougald@sasktel.net	306-221-9874
1955 - School	Howard Mattila	mattl@sasktel.net	306-937-2987
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1975 - College	Stan Kirkland	pantano@shaw.ca and Doug Leask	250-339-3772 306-543-9816
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1985 - College	Ray Elliott	elliott1@mymts.net	204-773-3462
1995 - School	Russell Fersch	russfersch@sasktel.net	306-378-7977
1995 - College	Louis Bossaer	louis.bossaer@kochind.com	306-250-8402
2005 - School	Grant Wood	grant.wood@usask.ca	306-260-8396
2005 - College	Chelsea Norheim	c.r.norheim@gmail.com	306-227-0944
2010 - School & College	Blair Cummins	bmv@sasktel.net	306-373-4393

For questions beyond what your chair can answer, contact:

Bryan Harvey (VP) - bryan.harvey@usask.ca OR **Ewald Lammerding** - thesaga@sasktel.net

80th SAGA Reunion Banquet

January 10, 2014

Festivities will be held at:
 TCU Place – The Grand Gallery (downstairs)
 Cocktails at 4:30 p.m.
 Banquet & Program begin at 5:30 p.m.

Welcome: **Blair Cummins '77 S**

Recognition of Reunions Years – 1945, 1955, 1965, 1975, 1985, 1995, 2005, 2010

Honourary Life Member Awards Presentation

Annual General Meeting at 8:30 p.m.

The Mixer will officially start at 9 p.m.

Purchase your tickets early for the best deal.

Prices as follows:

	<u>Early Bird Price</u> until Dec. 23/14	<u>Regular Price</u> Dec. 23/13- Jan 6/14	<u>Ticket at the door</u>
Banquet & Mixer	\$73.50	\$85.00	N/A
Mixer	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$20.00

Banquet Ticket purchase deadline is January 6th, 2015.

SAGA will be using a central registration office, so reunion chairs ARE NOT selling tickets.

You may purchase tickets two ways:

>>> Online @ ccde.usask.ca/saga after November 24, 2014 <<<

>>> Phone @ **306-966-5539** after November 24, 2014 <<<

ATTENTION: Phone registration will not be available from December 24th – January 2nd.
Please use online registration during this time or call back on January 2nd.

FAQs contact: Darcy Jones, Banquet Organizer - at **306-665-1949** or darcyjones@sasktel.net
 OR:

Katelyn Duncan – **306-541-3626** or kod180@mail.usask.ca

** SAGA will have a new photographer this year **

SAGA Hockey In Waldheim

The tournament will be a one day event held in Waldheim on Jan. 10th starting at 9:00 a.m. There will be food and beverages of all choices available. Refs will be supplied. The tournament costs \$250/team and team captains are: Royce Iodoen, Mitch Bond, Steve Schmidt, Gerrit Baan, Kelly Baillargeon and a college team.

This year there will be an award in memory of **Aaron Bouchard '02 C**, a long-time contributor to the success of the tournament and a friend to many.

If you have questions, contact:

Curtis: 306-921-6639

Luke 306-867-4110

cdgooijer@bourgault.com or

ringdal855@gmail.com

Curling With SAGA

We are booked at Rutherford rink on the U of S campus again, but at the same time hedging our stones in the hope of returning to the Granite CC. City playdowns begin that same week, but the CC has no idea how many teams will enter, so the possibility exists that we just might be able to rent ice at Granite on Jan. 9th. The catch is we won't know until the playdown sign-up date passes, just before Xmas.

Hence, Rutherford is our go-to rink, which would be a catered affair and would run from 5:30 to 10:30. If we are able to secure the Granite, with its own restaurant and bar, we would use from 8 pm till 1 am. And Don is thinking up exciting new scoring systems and bonus rounds. So, it'll be a great time again wherever we are; why not come and curl with us? Fees should be in the \$15 - \$20 range, depending on which rink

Enquiries contact:

Don 306-374-1240

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Notes from the AgBio Development Office

Honouring the Memory of a Past Graduate - **Ron Gallaway** was a proud graduate of the School of Agriculture (1948), appreciating both the value of his education as well as the many friendships it provided. Building upon this training, he operated a very successful Estevan-area farm for more than 50 years. He was also a dedicated contributor within his home community and the province of Saskatchewan - serving on numerous organizational boards, not only in the agriculture sector but also for other organizations that were close to his heart. His spirit of giving back earned him many honours, including a place in the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame as well as the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal. Ron passed away in 2012 at the age of 88.

This year, Ron's wife Marguerite established the Ron Gallaway Memorial Scholarship. Paying respect to Ron's roots in the School of Agriculture, this award recognizes academic achievement of diploma graduates who have decided to continue in one of the college's degree programs. It was my pleasure working with Marguerite to set up this award, which both honours Ron's memory and assists deserving students en route to rewarding agricultural careers of their own. The first Ron Gallaway Memorial Scholarship was awarded this fall to **Justin Dering**.

Hamish Tulloch '91C
Development Officer

Who are these Happy Hula Hosts?

See Page 7.



Dean Speak

Dear Friends.

Well, 2014 has been quite a year at the University of Saskatchewan! The College is doing amazing things: great undergraduate enrolment, highest research dollars ever, wonderful new facilities opened and working. The new Animal Biosciences Degree continues to attract a large number of students contributing to our record number of over 1000 in undergraduate and certificate programs. The Rayner Dairy Research & Teaching Unit has attracted lots of tours from public, politicians, national and international visitors, school groups, while our own undergrads and grads use it for labs and research (open on campus 12:30-4:30 Mon-Sat. Just drop in – maybe during the SAGA reunion)!

The Canadian Feed Research Centre opened in North Battleford, and the multi-million dollar refurbishing of the Phytotron is complete. Now our planning and fundraising are focusing on creating a state-of-the-art beef unit.

The College's successes do not blind us to the significant damage our University's reputation suffered from the administrative turmoil in May. Our global image and our self-pride took a serious hit and it will be a challenge to rebuild. The good news is that, although our reputation is tarnished, the quality of the work and the education here is top-notch. Our job is to ensure that the rest of the world sees and focuses on that.

Products from the University's research are feeding millions of people, improving the environment and fuelling Saskatchewan's and Canada's economic growth. We are improving the quality of life locally, nationally and internationally and will just keep on doing more and more of that!

AgBio is continually renewing our undergrad programs to meet the needs of our students and employers and our partners help enhance our students' experience!

This year, the government of Saskatchewan funded a new Chair in forage breeding, and the Canadian Canola Council funded an endowed Chair in Agricultural Policy.

Professors excel: **Terry Tollefson** posthumously received the Provost's Teaching Excellence Award, **Ken Rosaasen** got the President's Award for Outstanding Outreach and Extension, **Ken Van Rees** the national Desire2Learn Innovation in Teaching award from the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, and both Professors **David Natcher** and **Greg Penner** were named Enhancement Chairs for research excellence.

It doesn't matter whether it is teaching, research or outreach - - - AGROS ROCK!

Yours in Agro Spirit,

Mary

SAGA Members Get To Have Some Fun!

We, of the Executive level of SAGA, have come across a unique opportunity.

While downing their free beverage at Agribition, several Grads came up with an idea. It turns out that Dean Mary Buhr does not own an Agro shirt!

How is this possible, you ask?

Well, turns out she does not have a good answer.

So, the opportunity is that all SAGA members can submit a really cool and unique nickname for Dean Buhr. Send your suggestion to us via Facebook, Twitter or email thesaga@sasktel.net.

Or the old fashioned way: call one of us.

Only three rules for you to follow:

1. It must be clean and proper
2. It must be witty
3. It must be to us by Dec. 24th.

Dean Buhr gets to choose the one she likes best. The ASA will donate the shirt, SAGA will sew on the name, and it will be presented at the 2015 Reunion Banquet on Jan. 10th.

To the Grads whose idea it was; you know who you are. We salute you!

Agro Alumni Achievement Awards

Fred Fulton '50 C, '68 PGD, '72 MCgEd, for his significant contributions to the U of S and the agricultural industry. As a faculty member of the School of Ag for almost 40 years, Fred spent his summers on the farm and winters at the U of S teaching classes ranging from public speaking and parliamentary procedure to rural life and crop disease.

In 1982-83, he served as the school's acting director and president of SIA, with which he has a long-standing relationship. Fred was on the executive of SAGA and the U of S Alumni board, including a year as president for both organizations.

Fred and his wife, Norma, have been generous donors to the U of S. They established the Fred Fulton Family Scholarship, were members of the Sodbusters Club that funded architectural drawings for the new Agriculture Building, and were supporters of the subsequent construction of the building.

{Ed. note: Fred has his name etched on many of the SAGA Bonspiel trophies over the years.}

Andrew Schmitz '63 C, '65 MSc, '99 DLitt for his significant contributions to education, agriculture and economics. Andy is a world-renowned scholar specializing in international economics, marketing, and public and agricultural policies. He has held four endowed chairs: two at the U of S, one at the University of Florida, Gainesville, which he currently holds, and one at the University of California, Berkley.

He has authored or co-authored over 20 books and 200 professional journal articles that have won six research awards and is a fellow of the Canadian Agricultural Economics Association. He is a respected consultant for hundreds of companies and agencies including the World Bank, the Economic Council of Canada, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the US Dep't of Ag.

For over 20 years now, Andy has led an annual conference in Moose Jaw, providing a forum for policymakers, academics and farmers to discuss agricultural issues.

{Ed. note: Andy was the auctioneer at the SAGA Bonspiel's Calcuttas several times.}

The '54 C Had a Party ... and Then Some!

In September, seven Agro classmates and their spouses gathered to celebrate 60 years since graduation in 1954. We were delighted Tom Bunn (Vancouver) and Elmer Tumak (Nepean, ON) decided it was time to attend a reunion – their first since 1954! Reunion highlights included a Kick Off dinner at McKerchers, then lunch and a tour of Solar Gardens near Pike Lake SK, followed by a Hawaiian Night at The Ivy in town, where **Peter McLaren** and **Bob McKercher** were the "Hula Hosts" complete with grass skirts. As part of the “entertainment”, classmates recalled “their worst class,” some of their class high jinks, and where they boarded during university days. Hilarious stories! The reunion concluded with a lunch at the University Club, where we were pleased to have the company of Interim University President Gordon Barnhart. This is the eighth reunion of the class, having celebrated at five year intervals more recently. The assistance of the Alumni Office was most appreciated.



L – R: Kim Thorson, Peter McLaren, Gordon Barnhart, Elmer Tumak and Bob McKercher



L - R: Hank Nickel, Elmer Tumak, Bob McKercher, Ed Haid, Tom Bunn and Peter McLaren
(Missing Kim Thorson)

Recognition of Agros - Over the Decades

Chancellor Emeritus Ted K. Turner, D/Agric'48, LLD'89, of Regina, SK, has written his memoir, *Beyond the Farm Gate: The Story of a Farm Boy Who Helped Make the Wheat Pool a World-Class Business*.

Keith K. Downey, BSA'50, MSc'52, PhD'61, DSc'94, of Saskatoon, SK, was nominated by the Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce for the 2014 Oslo Business for Peace Award.

Sara E. Williams, BA'63, BSA'87, MSc'97, of Grasswood, SK, known for her books on prairie gardening, recently published *Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo: A Photographic History*.

Prof. Emeritus Lorne A. B. Babiuk, BSA'67, MSc'69, PhD'72, DSc'87, DSc'14, of Edmonton, AB, received an Honorary Doctor of Science from the U of S at the 2014 Spring Convocation ceremonies.

Wilf A. Keller, BSA'69, PhD'72, of Saskatoon, SK, received the 2014 Saskatoon Shines! Tourism Award for his role as president of the Agricultural Biotechnology International Conference.

Marlene I. Fehr, {nee Cochran} BSA'71, of Melfort, SK, received the President's Service Award from the University of Saskatchewan at the 2014 Spring Convocation ceremonies.

Prof. Terry S. Tollefson, BSc'72, SC'73, MSc'76 (D), of Saskatoon, SK, was posthumously awarded the U of S 2014 Provost's College Award for Outstanding Teaching, College of Agriculture and Bioresources.

Mike J. Hoffort, BSA'88, of Buena Vista, SK, was appointed president and CEO of Farm Credit Canada.

Marty W. Seymour, BSA'98, of Regina, SK, was named one of CBC Saskatchewan's Future 40 for 2014.

Leanne C. Thompson, BSA'00, MSc'03, of Ceylon, SK, was a finalist for the 2014 Outstanding Young Farmers' Award.

*{Courtesy of Green and White
U of S Alumni Magazine}*

Pooped Deck

After 10 years of retirement in Prince Albert, **Stewart Adam '68 C** and Sharon decided to downsize and head for a milder climate. They enjoyed their first winter in Victoria, and are looking forward to their second.

They have learned not to mention the nice days and early flowers and blossoms too often when communicating with friends and family back in the [c]old country!

Stewart has taken up lawn bowling and joined the Victoria Rotary Club so he's keeping busy. The inner harbour is a buzz of activities with cruise ships, passengers, buskers, boats and float planes and booths. *{And your point is Stewart? (Ed)}* Or watch the protests and/or celebrations in front of the legislature buildings.

Anyone visiting, give them a call. **250-383-0484** or **sdadam43@gmail.com**

Ralph '70 S and **Barbara (nee Woolf) '77 C** Larson, have also retired to the Island, homesteading on a golf course in Courtenay, BC. Barb relates that only a month and a half into it, life is fabulous! Being members of a yacht club helps with the adjustments of no longer shoveling snow. After 40 plus years of farming and working it is nice to finally smell the roses.

Barb, who had been the SAGA banquet organizer the last few years, would like to send her best wishes for this year's banquet. She won't be here; she and Ralph will be tipping pina colodas in Puerto Vallarta.

Might as well visit them too, should one find oneself on the Island. **250-871-0425** or email **blars2294@shaw.ca**

ASA in 2014 - 15

The College of Agriculture and Bioresources has been quite busy this year between academics and all sorts of other activities. The Agriculture Students' Association has once again made sure there are many events for students to be involved with throughout the school year.

Big Buddy Little Buddy took place Sept. 11th. We travelled to Vonda, and had a great turn out; a lot of first years came to meet the upper year Agros. Fall Mixer was held in Warman on Oct. 9th. About 40 Ag students did the Rider Trip on Oct. 19th.

This year's Ag Bag Drag *Goose* was a huge success. Two thousand tickets were sold this year! It took place on Oct. 24th at Prairieland Park. DJ Anchor played music throughout the night followed by Chris Henderson.

Ten Agros travelled to Nipawin for Stick Trip on Oct. 31st. The Bean Feed Awards Dinner was on Nov. 21st at TCU Place. This formal event consisted of over 300 students, parents, alumni, and industry partners to recognize students awarded a scholarship, and people who have donated to the college. Christmas Formal is during the last week before finals, Dec. 2nd. This gives the students one last chance to go out with friends before the stress begins.

There are many more exciting events to come in the New Year. Winter Mixer is happening on Jan. 24th. There will be a hockey tournament during the day and a dance to end off the night. The location is still to be determined.

SAGA: Using the Technology

Many of you use email, Facebook or Twitter and surf the internet. Now SAGA is using these platforms to make information available to you with a greater variety and frequency of content.

We believe that more grads can be reached and encouraged to participate in SAGA events, as we did with great success for the recent Farm Progress and Agribition shows, and hopefully with the upcoming Annual Reunion Weekend and Crop Production.

The AgBio Challenge will take place Jan. 27th. Sponsored by SIA, students are encouraged to enter a team; they are required to pitch an idea of what they think would be beneficial in the Ag industry. The teams with the best ideas will have the chance to win prizes. On Jan. 30th, the annual Graduation Banquet will occur at TCU place. This includes supper, awards, presentations, and a dance to follow.

Telemiracle fundraising begins in January with Calcutta Bowling. Later on in Feb. there will be an ASA executive auction, with all the money going towards Telemiracle. The Bed-Push will not be happening this year as it's only done every second year.

Blood Clinics on campus have been busy throughout the first term. In second term we'll organize a Blood Drive Challenge: Agros vs. the Engineers. Those clinics take place through Feb. and into March.

Cummoniwannalaya, our tropically-themed event, is also quite successful. This winter it will be held on Mar. 13th, again at Prairieland Park. It is quite similar to Ag Bag Drag *Goose*. There will be foam machines again this year since our great turn out last year had such a blast! The ASA does their best to get all of the agriculture students involved throughout the year. There is never a dull moment in the College of Agriculture, that's for sure!

Kerry Gerein
ASA – SAGA Liaison

Below are our links to access the latest SAGA happenings, as well as news concerning U of S Ag Grads, busy in the world of agriculture. And then ... come and join us!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/saskaggrads>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/saskaggrads>

Website: <http://saskaggrads.com>

Chris Unsworth '12C

Calling all Former 4-Hers!

Are you a 4-H alumni interested in keeping up to date with 4-H news and events?

4-H Saskatchewan will celebrate 100 years in 2017! Do you want to attend the celebrations?

We are seeking willing volunteers to help plan our 100th anniversary celebrations!

If you are interested in staying in touch with 4-H Saskatchewan or learning more about the Centennial celebrations, contact us at **306-933-7727** or by email at **info@4-h.sk.ca**.

Working Alumni

Saskatchewan's Outstanding Young Farmers For 2014

Aaron '01 C and **Adrienne '03 C Ivey** from Ituna SK, were named Saskatchewan's Outstanding Young Farmers at Canada's Farm Progress Show in June. The couple owns and operates a mixed cattle and grain farm in partnership with Aaron's parents, Bob and Karen Ivey. Aaron has been farming full-time since graduation. Adrienne has worked for seed company Brett Young and Blair's Fertilizer. She is originally from the Tisdale area. They have been building the cow herd and expanding their land base over the past 15 years.

"We calve about 1200 cows on grass," says Aaron. "We background those calves through the winter and they get grassed again the following year before going into a finishing lot. We retain ownership of the calves from birth until they go to slaughter."

Bale grazing, extended weaning and genetic selection have all been areas of innovation and change.

Aaron and Adrienne have two children---eight-year-old Noelle and six-year-old Colton. The couple represented Saskatchewan at the National Outstanding Young Farmers competition in November.

The other nominees for the award were **Ryan and Lianne Thompson '00 C, '03 MSc**, from Ceylon in the southeast part of the province. The Thompsons are cow/calf producers.

Exploring New Frontiers

Curtis Pozniak '99 C, '03 PhD U of S researchers are part of an international team that has published the

first chromosome-based draft sequence of the wheat genome, a development that promises wheat breeders powerful new tools in developing varieties to meet the challenges of world population growth and climate change.

"The wheat genome sequence will accelerate gene discovery in wheat, and pave the way for development of tools to improve breeding of complex traits such as yield, insect and disease resistance, and end-use quality," said Curtis, a professor in AgBio and geneticist with the U of S Crop Development Centre.

He is a principal investigator for the University of Saskatchewan's contribution to the paper that appeared in the July 18, 2014 issue of the international journal, *Science*.

Curtis is also a project leader of Canadian Triticum Advancement through Genomics [CTAG], a multi-year, multi-million dollar project managed by Genome Prairie that supports sequencing of the wheat genome. CTAG represents Canada's contribution to the International Wheat Genome Sequencing Consortium, which is focused on sequencing each of the 21 chromosomes of bread wheat.

The project involves more than 1,000 researchers worldwide, with the goal of producing a complete wheat genome sequence. To date, this has been achieved for chromosome 3B, the largest of wheat's 21 chromosomes. The sequencing work is a key step towards generating the knowledge needed to unlock higher productivity in wheat. Canada's annual wheat crop is valued at about \$4 billion, with much of that production destined for global markets.

SK Agricultural Hall Of Fame Inductees

The Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame announced its latest new members in August, including three Ag Grads: **Elvin Haupstein '58 C**, who served in various organizations that represented the Saskatchewan dairy industry.

Alex Kennedy '62 S, and SAGA 2008 Honourary Life Member, played a leading role in the development and advancement of agriculture on reserve lands.

Guy Lafond, '84 PhD - PI Sc, had a major impact on soil conservation and cropping practices in Saskatchewan, and internationally.

Others inducted: Gary Jones, innovator and advocate within the Saskatchewan cattle industry; Dale Montgomery, one of Canada's top stock dog handlers; and Dave Sefton, a leader in farm organizations making a difference for farmers across the province. Mr. Lafond and Mr. Haupstein were inducted posthumously.

Honourary Life Members



Pictured at the 2014 Reunion are Honourary Life Members:
 Back row: **Bill Cooper (1992) '51 S, Bob McKercher (1988) '54 C, Les Henry (2008) '64 C, Gary Storey (2003) '63 C**
 Centre: **Fred Fulton (1993) '50 C, Irene Ahner (2011) '65 C, Glen Hass (2002) '60 C, Bill Heenan (2013) '49 S, Dave Thompson (1996) '48 C**
 Front row: **Bill Copeland (2012) '60 C, Bernie Sonntag, '62 C (2014), Marcel Dubois (2014) '61 S, '65 C, Bob Dodds (2002) '53 S**

Your Local Lexiphile

When you've seen one shopping center . . . you've seen a mall.

Police were called to a day care where a three-year-old was . . . resisting a rest.

The batteries were given out . . . free of charge.

A dentist and a manicurist married . . . They fought tooth and nail.

A will is a . . . dead giveaway.

If you don't pay your exorcist . . . you can get repossessed.

With her marriage, she got a new name . . . and a dress.

**Merry Christmas and
 Happy Holidays
 from SAGA**



Meeting French Agriculturalists

At the SAGA Promotional Event we hosted alongside Seed Hawk at the Farm Progress Show, **Edwin '88 S** and **Barbara '90 C Podhorodeski**, brought along two French Agriculture students. Anselme Guerin was living with the Podhorodeski family on their farm near Shipman, SK, while Antoine Franck de Preaumont was residing at a neighbour's place. Both young men are in the midst of attaining their 5 year Masters in Agriculture Degree at The Institute of LaSalle Polytechnique in Beauvais, France.



L – R: Blair Cummins - SAGA President, Antoine Franck de Preaumont, Chris Unsworth - SAGA Communications, and Anselme Guerin.

Part of the program is to spend 4 months [June – October] in an English-speaking country after students complete their second year, to improve their English and experience agriculture in a different country. Barb and Edwin have hosted 14 students since 2000.

This year, 12 students spent the summer in the Prince Albert area, several around Regina, one in North Battleford, a few in southern Alberta and the Peace River area, and some in Ontario. Around 30 students arrive each year in Canada. They also travel to the Australia, New Zealand, USA, India and other nations that speak English

Genetic Problem Solving

After their eleventh child, an Alice couple decided that was enough. Social Welfare wouldn't buy them a bigger bed and they weren't strong or bright enough to use proper birth control. So the husband went to his doctor and told him that him and the Missus didn't want any more children.

The doctor told him he could perform a vasectomy. That would fix things, but it was expensive.

A less costly alternative was to go home, get a firecracker, light it, put it in a beer can, hold the can up to his ear and count to ten.

The husband said to the doctor, "I may not be the smartest guy in the world, Doc, but I don't see how putting a firecracker in a beer can next to my ear is going to help me."

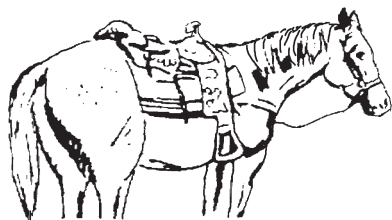
"Trust me," said the doctor, "it will do the job."

So the man went home, drank a beer can dry, lit a firecracker and put it in the can.

He held the can up to his ear and began to count: "1,2,3,4,5..." at which point he paused, then placed the beer can between his legs so he could continue counting on his other hand.



Empty Saddles



Robert Earl Chapman '46C Aug. 25, 1923 – Oct. 5, 2014. Born in Saskatoon, due to drought the family moved from Floral to Meskanaw SK. in '34. The same year he earned his BSA, Earl

was a founding member of the Laurel Farm Cooperative at Meskanaw. In '47 he married Elsie and they raised three sons. Always proactive in using the newest farming practices, Earl was involved in his community, the Wheat Pool and the United Church. He enjoyed family summer holidays, following his children's activities, playing golf and cards. He and Elsie retired to Melfort in '71. Predeceased by Elsie in '01. Survived by 3 sons, 4 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren; two brothers and one sister.

Gordon Stewart Colquhoun '49C From Maple Creek. Predeceased by his wife.

Gerald Frederick Crofford '49 S July 18, 1928 – Dec. 19, 2013. An Asquith, SK lad, at the U of S Gerry learned all the skills necessary to modernize the family farm and to define his political views. As a welder, he worked in Inuvik, NWT, then with Sask Power. Gerry added Education; a Dale Carnegie course; inter-session at the Labor College of McGill, and was actively involved and on the executive (often President) of: the local CCF/NDP, of his Union - OCAW, the United Church and the Music Festival. In '69, the family moved to Moose Jaw, where Gerry taught welding at STI. With Norma, he always enjoyed a rich and active life with folks they met along the way. Predeceased by his wife.

Delmar Gordon Pettem '49 S Apr. 14, 1924 – Jan. 13, 2014. Born and lived in the Assiniboia SK. area. Predeceased by his wife Olive, and two brothers. Delmar is survived by two daughters, and six grandchildren.

Grover Arndt "Bud" Richardt '49 S Sept. 13, 1927 - June 2, 2014. Born on the homestead near Clavet SK. While attending Nutana Collegiate he was a mem-

ber of the Air Cadets. Farmed with his dad Otto till '67, when the dairy herd was sold, and he began a new career with beef cattle. A founding member of the Canadian Charolais Association, he imported some of the first "full blood Charolais" into SK. Bud loved everything to do with the farm and cattle, watching his next generations grow up, and his trips to the Farm Progress Show, Agribition, and cattle sales throughout the years. Bud was predeceased by his wife, Maxine and is survived by three children and five grandchildren.

Sherwood James Galvin '50 C Dec. 27, 1926 - Aug. 12, 2014. Eldest of three raised near Elrose, SK. Ted completed Gr. 9 & 10 via correspondence, Gr. 11 & 12 at Elrose. He married Marion in '48, completed his BSA, and together they operated a mixed farm until '94. Sherwood loved many things in life, but his wife and his children were first in line. He gave to the community; Ag Advisory Committee, RM of Monet, Gunworth Wheat Pool, Elrose United Church, 4-H Club, Elrose Boy Scouts and minor ball, and the Masonic Lodge of Elrose. Predeceased by Marion and one sister; he leaves one brother, five children, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and relatives in Ireland.

George Edward Lee '53 S Oct. 19, 1934 - June 10, 2014. From Watson, SK. George also attained his BSc & MSc at U of S, then his PhD at Purdue. Married Elsie in '59 and they settled in Saskatoon to raise their three children. George's career at U of S included Head of the Dept. of Ag Ec, Associate Dean of the College of Ag, Coordinator of Ag Research, Head of Western Beef Development Centre, Board of Ag Development Fund, Prairie Swine Centre, Chair of SK Farmland Security Board and Fellow of the Ag Institute of Canada, while also very active in his community, woodworking, gardening and very much with his family. Survived by his wife Marlene; 1 sister, 4 children and 5 grandchildren. Predeceased by Elsie, second wife Caroline and 1 sister.

Alan Herman Schmidt '58 S Dec. 12, 1937 - June 8, 2014. Growing up on a farm south of Saskatoon, Alan developed a love of the land and farming that remained with him, taking over the farm in '73. Alan also enjoyed the freedom of the open road, driving a semi for many

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years, until retiring in the early '00s. Whether working the land, or watching in retirement, Alan always enjoyed discussing the crops, weather, and the challenges of farming. A member of the SK Wildlife Federation in the '60s & 70s, 'Big Al' is fondly remembered for his love of cribbage, besting his children & grandchildren whenever possible. Survived by wife Doreen, 1 sister, 3 children & 8 grandchildren. Predeceased by 1 son.

Robert William Mayell, 59 C May 5, 1936 - June 4, 2014. Born in Assiniboia SK. the youngest of six, was raised in Regina from the age of 8. Educated at Air-lie country school, then Connaught Community School and Balfour Collegiate in the city. After the U of S, Bob worked for the Inspection Branch, Ag Canada in Manitoba and Saskatchewan until retiring in '95. Recognized for his long service with an Award Of Merit in '94, Bob was also an Honourary Life Member of the SSGA. Bob spent as much time as he could on the family farm, enjoyed hunting and playing guitar, and the Snowbirds in Moose Jaw. Predeceased by a sister and brother, Bob is missed by 2 sisters, 1 brother and many nieces and nephews.

David Stanley Wooff '59 C Feb. 8, 1938 – June 11, 2014. Born on the farm near Turtleford. David also was a Law ('64) graduate from the U of S. He spent 11 years practicing law in Saskatoon before moving back to Turtleford to take over the family land. David was very active within his community and will be remembered for his keen mind and quick wit. Survived by 3 children, 4 grandchildren, his children's mother Trudy Wooff; 1 brother and numerous nephews and nieces.

Gordon Herbert Bowman '52 C Sept. 6, 1929 – Oct. 16, 2014. Born in Whitewood, SK. Upon graduating, he left the family farm, telling a classmate he had picked enough rocks. He worked at the Experimental Farm in Lacombe, AB. for 10 years, then earned a Master's at U of A, followed by his PhD at Oklahoma State. Hired as a prof at the U of Guelph, ON. Over many years, Gordon's family supported refugees from Czechoslovakia, Uganda, and Vietnam, developing life-long friendships. Gordon retired from U of G in '93. He and Jean moved to Calgary in '97, pursuing his hob-

bies of woodworking and gardening. Predeceased by 2 wives, Betty and Jean, survived by wife Agnes, 4 sons and 2 grandsons.

Dale Clayton Blair '61S July 3, 1940- Oct. 23, 2014. Dale grew up on the Drake, SK. farm across the road from his cousins, got his education in Lanigan, then the U of S. Married Janet in '63, and spent their first winter in Fort St. John. They moved back to the home farm in '64 to raise a family. Dale loved being involved in all aspects of agriculture. He was a member of numerous boards and committees involving his community, agriculture, politics and sports. He devoted countless hours to these passions. He was a dedicated friend, known for his sharp wit, telling stories and sense of humour. Remembered by Janet, 4 children, 9 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, 1 brother and 2 sisters. Predeceased by 1 brother

Allan Edward Mulhern '70C July 13, 1945 – Sept. 5, 2014, of Meyronne, SK. School at Bellemuire, Meyronne and Kincaid Central. A proud Agro, Al had a passion for agriculture and farming. He worked in many capacities for Sask Ag and enjoyed his work as an Ag Rep in the southwest. Al and Cecilia {2013 SAGA HLM} wed in '78, living in Swift Current while he worked for Sask Ag. In the early '80's, Al and Cecilia chose to farm full-time, and set up a new farmstead. Al particularly enjoyed making hay and had many domestic and international hay-hauling and marketing 'adventures'. Missed by Cecilia, 1 daughter, 3 grandchildren, 1 brother and a sister. Predeceased by 2 brothers.

Aaron James Bouchard '02 C Oct. 13, 1979 - Oct. 29, 2014. Survived by his wife **Faye (nee Dokken) '03C**, and his 2-year-old daughter, parents Jim and Eileen, 1 brother, 1 sister and Faye's parents Glenn and Sharon. Aaron grew up in Radville, SK and after graduation worked as an agronomist for 12 years, most recently with Syngenta, and talked often of the many lasting friendships he had formed. Passionate about agriculture, he also farmed with his family in Radville. Outgoing, charismatic, his heart on his sleeve, Aaron loved cats, baseball, football, and hockey. Aaron was a family man, loving his wife and daughter more than anything else. He was on the SAGA Exec. for several years, till '13.

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Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission AGM – TCU Place	January 12
CropSphere – TCU Place	January 12 to 14
SaskCanola AGM – TCU PLace	January 14
Saskatchewan Oat Development Commission AGM – TCU Place	January 13
Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association	January 14 & 15
Saskatchewan Mustard Development Commission	January 15
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