

Life Members Honoured at January Reunion



Bob McKercher (left) with Marcel Dubois and Lynda Dubois

Marcel Joseph Dubois School 1961

Marcel was born into a farm family at Rosetown, Saskatchewan and educated at Springville and Rosetown. He graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a Diploma in Agriculture in 1961 and Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in 1965. During the following winters, he worked with both the Saskatchewan and Federal Departments of Agriculture teaching agricultural management short courses, sitting on the Farm Debt Review Board, and writing for *Grain News*.

Marcel has been an active and generous contributor to his community. He has been a Wheat Pool Director, local school board member and a hockey coach. He has been involved with the church choir, Boy Scouts, and was on a fundraising committee for the new University Agriculture Building. He was the president and driving force with the Rosetown and District Health Care

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Mary Sonntag and Bernie Sonntag with SAGA editor Ewald Lammerding (right).

Bernard Henry Sonntag College 1962

Bernard was born in Goodsoil, Saskatchewan in 1940 and graduated from Goodsoil High School in 1958. He completed his BSA at the U of S in 1962. After graduation, Bernie was employed with Agriculture Canada, Economics Branch from 1962 - 1966. During this time he completed an MSc in Ag Economics at the U of S in 1965. He worked for a consulting firm in Ottawa in 1966-67. In 1968, with the support of Agriculture Canada, Bernie began PhD studies at Purdue University, Indiana, USA. Upon completion in 1971, he joined Agriculture Canada Research Centre in Lethbridge. Over the next several years the economics unit became an integral part of the Research Centre. In 1979, the Research Branch opened a western region office in Saskatoon. Bernie became the regional office's economist.

In 1980, Bernie was appointed Director of the Bran-

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2015 SAGA Reunion Chairs

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Obviously, we need more Reunion Chairs. It is relatively simple - all the information will be provided to you to forward on to your classmates. You do not collect any money and you do not attend any meetings. The college handles the mailing but we hope the reunion chairs can handle the message to their classmates and some email contacts.

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This quite short list is emblematic of the problem facing *SAGA* the last few years: attracting volunteers to serve on the Executive. The major duty of the Vice-President is to assemble the Chairpersons for the upcoming Reunion Banquet.

For the last 2 years we did not have a full time VP, and this year we again cannot persuade someone to take on the position. Yes, it is a 3 year commitment, as that person goes on to President, then Past President, each with their own duties. But without a VP, the Reunion

duties fall to others. In 2014, Grant Wood did an exceptional job of doing both.

Beyond this, we have Executive members who have been serving on the board for eons, in what had been a customary practice of two consecutive years. And now in 2015, we have our first repeat President in **Blair Cummins**. For *SAGA* members who live in and around Saskatoon, we need you to step up. As mentioned in the President's Pen, being a *SAGA* Executive member is not time consuming, and it concludes with all the fun associated with the Annual Banquet.

President's Pen

Hello, fellow Ag Grads. It never ceases to amaze me that, no matter how late the spring is on our farm, we never seem ready to start seeding. But we finally got started on May 14th, three days earlier than last year.

A lot is happening with *SAGA* these days. Your executive has been struggling to come up with a plan to attract younger grads for several years now. We have started using social media to help us with this. A great big thanks to **Chris Unsworth** for initiating this project. Our membership guy, **Vern Racz**, will tell you a lot more about this in another article in this newsletter.

We also want to connect with younger grads in person. After several consultations with recent grads, we learned that our big winter reunion was not a good fit for many of them. They were more interested in meeting at trade shows or other events where their fellow grads were likely to be. With this in mind, we approached two fellow Ag Grads, **Pat Beaujot '81C** and **Marty Seymour '98C**.

Pat, as many of you know, is the big kahuna at Seed Hawk. He has agreed (with great enthusiasm) to partner with us at this year's Western Canada Farm Progress Show. All Ag Grads, new and old, are invited to meet at the Seed Hawk's Beer Gardens in the Brandt Centre at 4:00 p.m. June 18th. Construction of the new Rider stadium has moved the beer gardens inside. *SAGA* will have our banner hanging, so look for your buddies congregating beneath it. A free beer for anyone who can identify themselves as an Ag Grad (i.e. Agro or Voc Ag clothing, hats, etc.) Huge thanks to Pat and the gang at

Seed Hawk! Watch the website and social media for more info.

Marty Seymour, who happens to be a big cheese at Agribition, has agreed (also with great enthusiasm) to partner with us at a similar event for this year's Agribition. We're still working on the details, so watch the website and social media for info as it becomes available. Huge thanks to Marty and Agribition, too, for stepping up to the plate to help us out!

Your executive is always looking for new and innovative ideas to make *SAGA* a better and stronger organization. So, if you have any ideas, let us know.

Next, some good news and some bad news. The bad news first: as many of you know, Trina Mortson was caught up in the U of S cutbacks, and as a result is no longer our Ag-Bio Development Office Liaison. The good news: she is still at the U of S and has agreed to remain associated with *SAGA* and continue to provide many invaluable services, such as organizing our email and mailing lists. Trina has been a huge help to us, and it's great to still have her involved.

We are still short of people to fill executive positions. We have a great group of people to work with, but we need a few more. If you are interested in helping your organization in this way, please contact us. We meet once a month in the winter. Your help will be greatly appreciated. We hope to see you at one of our upcoming events.

Have a good summer!
Blair Cummins 77S

80th Annual SAGA Reunion Banquet

@ TCU Place, Saskatoon on January 10, 2015

Cocktails 4:30 pm Supper 5:30 pm

Blair Cummins, *SAGA* President

Recognition of Reunion Years

1945,1955, 1965,1975,1985,1995,2005,2010

Honourary Life Member Awards

Annual General Meeting and Mixer to follow program.

Who We Are ... and Changing

The *SAGA* Executive and many others have been concerned over the lack of participation in *SAGA* by our recent graduates (last 5 to 10 years). We rationalized this by the fact they are young and busy. It takes a while, especially for us older goats, to realize that this group and others to come communicate differently and have different priorities. They have made the change completely to Facebook and Twitter as their priority means of communication for keeping up with the news as well social interactions. Us gaffers know the world of emailing, but we still need our computer to make use of it, not our phone.

Up to this we had a mix who would reluctantly accept the printed word, and those who would decline altogether. This also describes our current membership with still too many individuals taking printed newsletters, especially with postal rates going up. Therein lies our dilemma. While we are committed to our present membership we must adapt to new members and their needs if we want them to be part of *SAGA*. One thing that has not changed is that in talking with these new grads, they are Agros through and through with similar hopes and aspirations as when we started, although in a different environment. For us not to change and accommodate is tantamount to shooting ourselves in the foot.

SAGA executive is endeavoring to develop a plan

Getting Tech Savvy in 2014

Many of you already are using either email, Facebook, Twitter, or surfing the internet. With the recent changes in how we make information available we hope to get that to you faster and with a greater variety and frequency of content. By using three of the most popular platforms today, we believe that more grads can be reached and encouraged to participate in *SAGA* events such as those upcoming at the Farm Progress Show and Agribition.

Thank you to Blair and the rest of the *SAGA* executive for giving me the opportunity to suggest some changes to how we interact with our members. As technology becomes a bigger part of daily life for many people, it can help to connect friends across the world, generations as well as all alumni. That being said, we do not want to use technology as a replacement of those

to address our membership needs. Our first steps have been to set up Facebook and Twitter accounts for *SAGA*. **Chris Unsworth'12C**, has been instrumental in setting this up, and as our new communications guru; he continues to look after this aspect, and explains what this is about in a following article. The second area the executive has considered is tuning up our website to be more user-friendly, and allow access for members to get the latest in Agro news and happenings. This will likely take the form of posting short paragraphs on a more frequent basis. We will continue our outreach to the college and students by being supportive in their endeavors, assisting where we can.

The executive sees this issue of communications and membership as a major challenge, and are open to suggestions and comments how we can continue to build and plan to accommodate and change. We hope the foregoing information explains the challenges facing *SAGA*, and should be looked upon as an opportunity. Please give us your feedback and suggestions by either contacting an executive member or e-mailing.

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relationships that can only be felt through voice and in person conversations. Below are several links which you can access the latest *SAGA* happenings, as well as some news from around the world of agriculture. Join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter to reconnect with grads of all generations.

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

<https://twitter.com/saskaggrads>

<http://saskaggrads.com>

Please let us know your feedback and suggestions as well as mentioning these sites to your fellow grads.

Chris Unsworth '12C

Dean Speak

Spring, the season of renewal and transformation, is upon us and its spirit is evident on campus. The University has rolled out its action plan to prioritise programs, and while the College won't be undertaking any drastic changes, several of our undergraduate programs will be reconfigured.

There will be a University-wide approach to environmental studies, where our renewable resource management program will be featured; we are looking at a new approach to food and nutrition studies by having our Department of Food and Bioproduct Sciences work with the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition; we also expect to share expertise with the Department of Economics and the Edwards School of Business to reduce course overlap and repetition. The College is unconditionally committed to offering our unique flavour of applied, agriculturally-relevant hands-on programming that serves our province's industries, producers and communities, and knows this is a chance to broaden the number of students exposed to our exciting AgBio world!

Another change was driven by the enhanced retirement plan: Professors **Hartley Furtan 71C**, Clayton Jackson, George Khachatourians, Rose Olfert, Jim Romo, **Ken Rosaasen 70C**, Dick Schoney and Phil Thacker are retiring the end of June. In addition, Red Williams, who as you know retired many years ago, has decided he will no longer come into work each day.

It is with great sadness that I report the untimely loss of our friend and colleague, **Terry Tollefson**, who passed away on February 24, 2014. These departures leave holes in our ranks that we will not be able to fill. However, the University will start re-investing in high-priority programs in 2015, and AgBio places very strongly in that list. In addition, we do have several recently-filled positions through various sources of outside funding.

And finally, two pieces of really good news. I am delighted to tell you that our research funding for 2013-14 is the highest it's ever been, and includes the strongest showing in the prestigious Tri-Council (NSERC,

SSHRC) competitions ever. And our undergraduate and graduate numbers continue to increase, at rates that exceed the University average. So while we may be leaner, we are also more efficient, packing a bigger and bigger wallop all the time!

Enjoy the summer!

Mary Buhr, Dean
College of Agriculture and Bioresources

Notes from the AgBio Development Office

I am frequently amazed by the generosity and inspiration of our donors. One of the most memorable contributions of the past year led to the establishment of a scholarship in honour of Major Alfred Frank Mantle, deputy minister, Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture, 1910 – 1915.

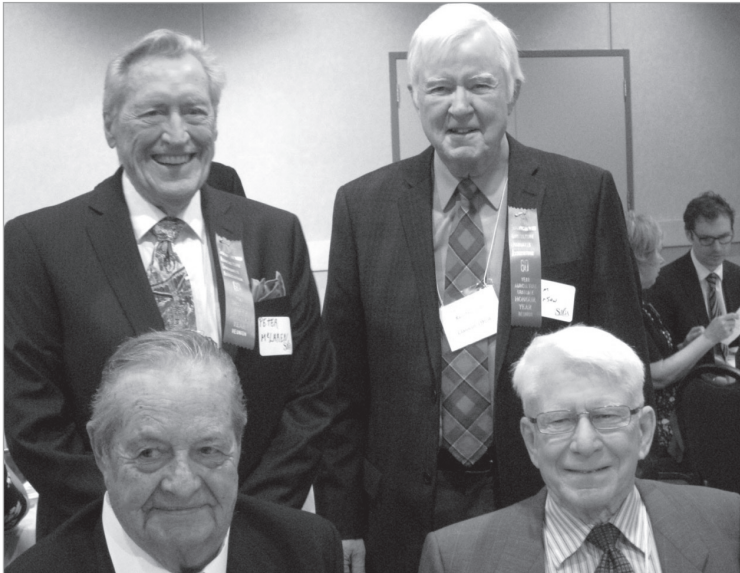
Mantle was highly regarded for his selfless service to agriculture and also for his sense of duty to his country. Serving in World War I, he was killed in action in France on Sept. 26, 1916 at age 34.

The donor behind this new scholarship, **John Hickie '56 S, '59 C**, is not a relative of the former agriculture minister and only became acquainted with Mantle's legacy during his own service with the provincial Ag department. Mr. Hickie administered a very similar scholarship while he was employed with the province. However, after supporting our students for 60 years, that scholarship was wound up.

In the spirit of Major Mantle, Mr. Hickie made a selfless contribution in support of this college's students so that the memory of one of Saskatchewan's earliest agricultural pioneers could live on.

Hamish Tulloch
Development Officer
College of Agriculture and Bioresources

Class Of '54C Celebrating 60 Years



Pictured at left are Back Row: **Peter McLaren** (Prince Albert), **Kim Thorson** (Weyburn) Front: **Helgi Hornford** (Elfros) and **Bob McKercher** (Saskatoon)

Bob convinced three hardy Saskatchewan classmates to attend the banquet in January. Over brunch at McKerchers' that morning, they did some brainstorming for the program at their main class reunion to be held September 9-11. Classmates are spread over five provinces, California and New Zealand and requested a "warmer" month to get together!

'64 College has their Golden Reunion

The '64 Ag degree class had 56 walk the platform 50 years ago, 47 are still on the right side of the grass and 35 were at our reunion. We had a dinner Friday evening with 60 in attendance - 35 grads 25 wives - all male in those days. A grand time was had by all.

Les Henry



Back Row, Left to Right:

Terry Anderson, Vic Rondeau, Grant Griffin, Bob Dyck, Harvey Heavin, Al Blair, Jim Bole, Tom Burwell, Gary Broker, Brian Duck.

Middle Row, Left to Right:

Bob Evenson, Brian Fowler, Bill Afseth, Neil Jorgenson, George Gerber, Gary Howland, Harold Rostad, Bob Schuler, Roger Moore, Gerald Girodat, Larry White, Gerald Douglas, Cecil Forsberg, Howard Ball.

Front Row, Left to Right:

Ron Johnson, Norm Hemstad, Don Connick, Ken Brice, Carman Berg, Les Henry, Gordon Bonnor, Bob Lockwood, Helgi Goodman, Tom Lowes, Dennis Zackrisson.

1974 School Reunited

Back Row: Dave Melnyk, Lester Lafond, David Bouchard, Ivan Sharp, Bruce Wagner, Stephen Erickson, Jim Cooper

Row 3: Ray Dueck, Rick Stewart, Robin Perreault, Gerald Walkeden, Conrad Raddysh, Lester Ladoen

Row 2: Dale Heenan, Lyle Hamann, Lorne Ulven, Lyle Gaertner, Dale Shirley, Ellis Leaman, Rene DeMoissac

Front Row: Gary Nixon, Clare Millions, Art Unsworth, Nick Partyka, Murray Richardson and Jerry Kindrat

Art Unsworth



'84S Get Together

There was a pretty good turnout of 1984 School grads at the SAGA Reunion. They had a great time catching up, reminiscing about the VocAg years, reading archived copies of "The Spreader", and visiting old friends. They even belted out one of their favorite VocAg chants.

Quote from one attendee: "I met some of the most important people in my life at the School of Agriculture. These are life-long friends!" "My Voc-Ag years were some of the best years of my life."

Front L to R: Robert Jackle, Brian Ecklund, Donna Trottier

(Eley), Mike Stewart, Richard St. Jacques. **Back L to R:** Morley Doerksen, Norm McIntyre, Bill Richards, Ken Schumacher, Mike Gerhardt, Wade Pridmore and Brian Nattress. Two not in time for the photo: Janice Tamke (Dierker) and Vern Sparrow.



Donna Trottier

Marcel Dubois

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Foundation raising funds for a new 54 resident long term care home wing at the Rosetown Hospital. He has chaired the Rosetown Minor Athletic Association and prepared their first Policy Manual. During the period of 2006-2009, Marcel fulfilled a term on the University of Saskatchewan Senate.

In the wider community, Marcel was a leading cast member for the hit musicals "Pull of the Land", "Pull of the Land - The Sequel" and "Sage Brush." He has been an international trap shooter at both the World Cup and the Pan-American Games. He was with the Olympic Teams in Atlanta, USA and Sydney, Australia as coach of the Canadian International Trapshooting Team from 1990 to 2000.

Marcel has been honoured with a Rosetown Distinguished Citizen Award, the Rosetown Chamber of Commerce Rural Roots Award, and, in 2005, a Saskatchewan Gov-

ernment Centennial Award. He has been the long-standing reunion chair for both his agriculture diploma and degree class reunions.

Marcel and his wife, Lynda (nee Johnson), continue to live on the farm two miles south of Rose-

town. They maintain the trapshooting facility on their farm which was set up by his father in 1950. They have two sons, Jason in the performing arts contract business and Devin, a lawyer in Saskatoon, and two grandsons.

Thundering Herd

Harold Rostad '64C, was recently elected as President of the Luther Terrace Residents Association. Must have been voted in by all the Ag Grads in the place.

Valerie Pearson [nee Smith] '86C, has had a very long association with the Saskatchewan Ag Hall of Fame [SAHF], where she has kept everyone in line as the secretary.

Linda McGregor [nee Hughes] '85C, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Nutana Curling Club at its AGM this past April. (*Memo to SAGA Curling guys: Talk to Linda!*)

Gordon Bonner '64C, and his wife, Eileen, made a donation of \$25,000 to the St. Paul's Hospital Foundation to support the purchase of specialty beds and mattresses for the Palliative Care Unit.

Pooped Deck

David Ewart '50 C, sent a note telling us all about his 90th birthday party... April of last year. So David is now well into his 91st year. But he had himself a bash, with lots of cronies to give him the birthday bumps, and maybe sing. Attending were: **Tony Bulani, Ossie Lakeness, Jack Rennie** and **Jim Webster**, all '49C. 1950 classmate **Al Beattie**; also **Norman Bray '56C, John Hickie '59C, Stan Barber '63C, and Brian Duck '64C**. Then in December last year, David, with Tony and Al in tow, dropped in to visit **Howie Rice '50C**, a get-together arranged by **John Hafford '61C**.

David reports that his wife Bertie, despite two hip replacements and knee surgery, is still going strong.

Thomas "Lee" Sanderson '54S, retired now from ranching down by Maple Creek, SK. reports that the

"Good Times Rolled" with his buddies at their 60th Reunion at the past SAGA Reunion. Then he promptly vacated to Arizona for the next two months. But not to worry, Lee came back in time to freeze with the rest of us.

Murray Eichorst '68S, is also a retired man, having finally had his fill of the fertilizer, chemical, fuel and machinery companies. And don't get him started on the railways.

They rented their Swift Current land out and he and Verna moved to the bright lights of Redcliff AB. Now, Murray spends his time making things grow in the new yard, while enjoying the extra time for golf, camping and other worthwhile activities, but mostly spoiling their year old granddaughter.

ASA in 2014

The Ag Students Association is responsible for planning many events throughout the school year. Term Two of the school year started off with the annual Graduation Banquet at the end of January and was held at TCU Place. The supper, awards, and presentations were followed by a dance to end the night.

There were also a few other events in January. The AgBio Challenge Banquet was at the Parktown Hotel, and we also travelled out to Vonda for the Winter Mixer at the end of the month, holding a hockey tournament throughout the day and a dance later on.

Calcutta Bowling in Jan. was the start of fund-raising for Telemiracle, helping hands were sold with various incentives to help reach our goals. The executive auction took place at Beily's Pub to help raise more money. Our most successful event held for Telemiracle was Bed Push. This year the bed was pushed through record windchill lows but that didn't stop the Agros. They were able to make it all the way from Saskatoon to Regina

over three days. With all the fundraising, a total amount of \$13, 125 was raised for Telemiracle.

This year for Cummoniwannalaya (Hawaiian beach party) the Agros decided to have a foam party in the middle of March at Prairieland Park. The last party, in April, was Drink a Small Town Dry, when the Agros travelled to Warman by bus. There are also Blood Drives throughout the term, especially Agro vs. Engineer Challenge, to encourage more people to donate.

The ASA works to provide the best possible university experience to all students.

Kerry Gerein, ASA/SAGA Liaison

*Editor's Note: We would like to acknowledge the contributions of **Whitney Cyca '14C**, the former ASA/SAGA liaison. Thanks, Whitney!*

Lost Sheep - SAGA Life Members

These are SAGA members we are still trying to locate

Edwin A Armstrong '30 S
Mae Baker
Andrea L Belsheim '89 C
Timothy L Bourne '77 S
Albert Breadner '76 S
Rodney J Brown '68 S
Marion V Busch '82 C
Roy G Button '67 C
Gordon S Colquhoun '49 C
Harvey M Dunn '40 C
Lorne G Erickson '64 S
Gerry Fitzgerald
Terrence J Flynn '79 S
Curtis S Galbraith '87 C
Wayne W Gamble '67 S
Donald B Hinz '77 S
Russell S Jacobs '64 C
David C Jensen '75 C
Warren C Jones '55 S

Keith A LePoudre '76 C
Alan Long
Edward S Lorenz '65 S
Henry H Loyns '42 S
Douglas E Lyke '75 S
Morely L Machin '72 C

Allan R McGilivray '47 S
Roy Moody
Gerry Moore
Richard R Murray '90 S
Alexander E Olson '52 S
William R Palmer '75 S
John A Paterson '49 C
Arthur L Paxton
John C. Payne '83 C
Kenneth C Powell '72 S
Thor F Pruckl '85 S
Wilfred G Riffel '57 S
Ruth F Roberts
Paul A Rutherford '48 C
Alan H Schmidt '58 S

Ronald C Schultz '77 C
Donald G Scott '46 S
Leslie N Shoemaker '69 S
Marion Smith
Ole Strangeland '49 S
Michael R Thompson '79 S
Robert G Tredgett '47 S
Muriel J Welling
(nee Fredeen) '47 C
Anne Woytko

If you recognize a name could you let them know and give them our contact information. OR please contact us so that we have a direction to search.

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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

Grant Wood '79C, is a long-time prof in Plant Sciences at the College of Ag-Bio. In his teaching and everyday life, he realized he needed some way to counteract the growing dearth of where vegetables on the table come from. So Grant created Urban Food Production Pl Sc 235, a multi-disciplinary course which attracts students from four U of S colleges. It was designed so undergraduates would start thinking of food from an end-user's point of view. His first class in 2011 had 25 students; last year, 95 enrolled.

(Courtesy Glenn Cheater – Ag Knowledge)

Patty Townsend '80C, has been the CEO of the Canadian Seed Trade Assoc. for the last 3 years and is also involved with the Seed Assoc. of the America's and the International Seed Fed, all the while living in Ottawa for nearly 25 years, where she and her husband Cliff and their daughter own and operate an equestrian facility called Fin de Ville. In recognition of her career work in all sectors of agriculture, Patty was honoured with a Queen's Jubilee Medal last year. She misses all the great folks back here in Saskatchewan.

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Pat Beaujot '81C, did well with a certain side business while he was busy out working his fields. And he credits two U of S College of Ag professors with making him think things through. When first building a no-till seeder with his brother and eventual partners that would grow into Seed Hawk, Pat paid close attention to advice from former Ag Dean, Don Rennie, a major advocate of soil conservation, and Prof Les Henry, who always advised his students to think about what a farmer actually has to do in the field.

(Courtesy Glenn Cheater – Ag Knowledge)

James Mann '83C, has worked the family farm near

Hodgeville for over 35 years. In the meantime, James became an agricultural ground-breaker and created the farm business alliance, Farmers of North America [FNA] in 1998, with the sole mission of "Maximizing Farm Profitability." Most recently, FNA has proposed building a fertilizer plant with farmers as owners, not just customers. FNA has over 10,000 members across Canada, and dozens of Ag Grads now work with James in the organization. **www.fna.ca www.projectn.ca**

Trent Bobinski '85C knows that the knowledge Ag Ec prof Gary Storey imparted played a role in his life. Trent realized that numbers were a lot of fun, so after a bit more training at Western Ontario, he got on with BMO in '91. His career move was to join Canadian Western Bank (CWB). Going to Edmonton in '07 coincided with the first steps up the corporate ladder, and Trent is now the Northern Alberta Region VP and Deputy Regional Manager for CWB. The bad thing about all this career growth was missing the last two Rider Grey Cup parades.

Dan '89C and **Donna Trottier '84S & '89C**, operate the HSE consulting company, Tatonga Inc. in Red Deer, AB since 2009. Dan specializes in management strategies, health and safety programming, risk management, and regulatory compliance, while Donna focuses on environmental management planning, assessments, compliance, and also likes to dabble in the communications field. Frequent trips to Saskatchewan for family, friends, farming and fishing help Dan and Donna maintain their Saskatchewan roots.

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2014 Curling Report

The 2014 Curling event was actually put on by the ASA, and sponsored by SAGA, thereby accomplishing two goals. To keep costs at a minimum and to attract more student participation. We succeeded in both. Unfortunately, because we were playing for only one evening and at musty old Rutherford on campus, the attendance of SAGA members declined, which does not help our cause. (*Note: the curling ice was far better than last year.*)

It would be preferable to use one of the city rinks, but none of them will rent to us for only four hours on a Friday night. And we do realize that many of the Reunion groups have planned something for themselves on that night. But, as our main aim is to get AG-Bio students to become more aware of SAGA, and as we are making progress on that front, we will likely use the same format again in 2015 ... unless someone comes up with a better plan. Let us know if you do.



L – R: Chair Blair Cummins, Jessica Mitchell, Devin Meijer and Garth Stang. (Absent: Samantha McKee.)

As for the curling itself, we had 40 people enjoying the evening, which made for ten teams vying for ... well, not much beyond a great time socializing. The most fun was had by **Fred Langley**, a **1950C** graduate, and, at 93 years, going toe to toe against players young enough to be great-grandchildren. This year we added a shootout contest, won by **Jeremy Doerkson '12C**.

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2014 Hockey Tournament

The saga hockey tournament location has not been decided on for 2015 but, most who attended last year can agree the facility in Waldheim, and its people were excellent hosts. Everyone had a great time but at the end of the day it's all about the cups so that's why it's going to be a battle again in 2015.

Curtis Degooijer and **Lucas Ringdal** will be organizing the tournament again in 2015. Please feel free to contact either of them with any questions, concerns, or to sign up., contact:

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Your Local Lexiphile

Did you hear about the fellow whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.

If you take a laptop computer for a run you could . . . jog your memory.

He had a photographic memory . . . which was never developed.

Those who get too big for their britches will be . . . exposed in the end.

When she saw her first strands of gray hair . . . she thought she'd dye.

Bernie Sonntag

don Research Centre. Six years later, Bernie transferred to the AAFC research centre in Swift Current, where he also managed a CIDA land management project in Brazil. Bernie returned to Lethbridge as Director in 1989. He also managed a large CIDA project in China. Because of his successful leadership in this project, relationships between Hebei Academy of Agriculture and Forestry Sciences and Canadian scientists continue to this day. Bernie concluded his career with Agriculture Canada as the Director-General of PFRA retiring in 2000.

Even though retired, Bernie continued his work with China. Bernie was, for several years, the co-chair of the Agriculture and Rural Development Task Force of the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development. Bernie also was the International Advisor to the President of Inner Mongolia

Agricultural University for several years.

Bernie was an active member of numerous professional and community organizations. He served as President of the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists. He is a Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada. He was the recipient of the Bell Canada Leadership Award in 1993. He was awarded the Distinguished Agrologist Award by the Alberta Institute of Agrologists in 1995, the recipient of Agcellence awards in Agriculture Canada in 1993 and 1995. He served a term as President of SAGA and was editor of the SAGA newsletter for several years. Bernie joined the Rotary club in Brandon in the early 80's and has maintained his membership in that organization to the present day.

Bernie and Mary married in 1963 and have three children Calvin, Galen and Courtney Anne. All are graduates of the U of S. They now have 7 grandchildren.

AG-BIO Student Challenge 2014

The challenge was: "Devise a strategy(ies) that address the problems faced by the increased production of Canola in Saskatchewan."

Student teams were judged on development of strategy, presentation and fielding questions concerning their concept. Winning concept: Construct Prairie Innovated Commodity Express [PrICE] a grain and biofuel pipeline to Vancouver to relieve rail congestion and exporting of canola products to southeast Asia.

Other strategies presented included:

1. A cell phone app, available to farmers to assist them with timing of pesticide applications, scouting, and different products that could be used.
2. Honey bees pollinating the canola, and using special fungicides the bees would carry to help with disease protection.
3. Building a new railroad to Prince Rupert, BC, and



L to R: Chelsea Norheim '05C, SIA, Vanessa Lawrence '14C, Mary Buhr, Dean of Ag-Bio. Team of: Rae-Leigh Pederzolli '14C, Stacy Pritchard '14C, Meaghan Dimmel '14C, Katie-Jo Stehr and Jim Bessel '88S, SIA

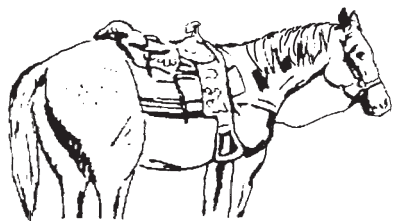
utilizing the storage at the port to relieve rail congestion.

4. Crop and pesticide rotations as a way to prevent herbicide resistance.

5. Disease management of canola, including scouting, fungicides applications, rotations.

Ag-Bio Challenge was sponsored by SIA. The awards banquet was sponsored by DOW.

Empty Saddles



Charles Grieve Waywell '46C June 14, 1916 – May 30, 2013. A Saskatoon lad, Charles was a WWII veteran of the Saskatoon Light Infantry. He moved on to become a professor of Botany and Horticulture at the University of Guelph. Predeceased by first wife Elizabeth in 1993. Survived by second wife Mary.

Ronald John Galloway '48S Apr. 26, 1925 – Nov. 23, 2012. Born at, raised, farmed and lived his entire life at Estevan, SK. with his wife of 61 years Marguerite. He volunteered countless hours to his community; served in the Senates of both U of S and U of R. Ron received many awards during his life: HLM of Sask Ag Societies; Roll of Honor, Canadian Assoc. of Exhibitions; Farmer of the Year, Estevan C of C; Sask Ag Hall of Fame; Distinguished Ag Grad U of S.

Barry Conquest Rugg '48S Dec. 24, 1923 – Apr. 20, 2014. Born and raised on the farm near Elstow, SK. he and Betty, his wife of 65 years helped run the home place for many years, and was always involved in his community in one capacity or another. A 4-H leader for 23 years, he and brother Bill were Master Farmers in '68. Barry was a CSGA member for 65 years, receiving a CSGA award in '71, a Distinguished Grad in Ag from the U of S in '86 and an HLM from SAGA in 2011.

Maurice Hillmen Holm '48 C July 3, 1918 - July 30, 2013. Born on the farm near Watrous, SK. was married to Jean for 65 years He was a teacher and principal at a rural school at Renown, SK. then an RCAF wireless operator in England during WWII. Hillmen also graduated with a M.Sc. from the U of S in '51. For 30 years he traveled the Province of Saskatchewan as a Soil Consultant instructing on soil management practices to

increase farm production, control erosion, and combat salinity.

Kenneth Grover Reid '48 C Sept. 30, 1922 – Apr. 28, 2014. Raised near Lilac, SK. Married for 62 years with Joyce. Kenneth spent 2 years in the RCAF, then graduated from the U of S. Though farming was his first career, he worked for the Fed. Dept. of Ag. Livestock Div. as a Grade Standards Officer and in Stockyard Admin.

Stephen Ronald Burkell '49 C June 7, 1925 – Feb. 9, 2014. Born and raised on the family farm at Yellow Grass, SK, he married Anita (Sis) in 1952. Steve worked for the PFRA for 33 years, volunteer at SIA for 25 years many as Registrar, SIA Wall of Fame; Heart and Stroke Foundation; Canadian Diabetes; federal and provincial elections; did square dancing, was an avid fisherman and a passionate gardener, and loved his SAGA Reunions with his classmates.

Arthur Edward Colton '50 C Oct. 9, 1924 – May 8, 2014. A Kincaid, SK. lad, Archie served in WWII before attending university. He worked as a soil specialist for the U of S and PFRA in AB until '54, moving on to be Ag Rep in many different districts in SK until retirement. Archie was actively involved in any community he lived, be it sports, as Kindersley mayor for 7 years, and was inducted into the Sask 4-H Hall of Fame in '86. Predeceased by Maree, his wife of 62 years.

Thomas Victor Beckett '51 S Jan. 16, 1931 – Dec. 27, 2012. Born at Eston, SK. Farmed at Richlea, SK, also a U of S College of Commerce graduate. Tom loved the great outdoors and all that was in it. Married to Elizabeth.

William Nicholas Macza '51 S Aug. 28, 1927 – Jan. 4, 2014. Born on a farm near Lestock, SK. Worked for the PFRA for 31 years Bill was very proud of his home province, and his Hungarian heritage. He was married to Phyllis for 56 years.

Christine Ann Clark '52 C – '54 M.DSc. Nov. 21, 1931 – Oct. 23, 2013 Born, raised in and retired to

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Spruce Home, SK, Chris was dedicated to pursuing social justice, and a leader in achieving equality. Spent much of her life in Manitoba. In the '70's, she was the Coordinator of the Equal Opportunities for Women initiative in the Federal Public Service. Chris loved her music, and was instrumental in organizing the Canadian Women's Music & Cultural Festival in Winnipeg.

Helgi Hornford '54C Sept. 23, 1932 – Mar. 20, 2014. Born and raised near Elfros, SK. Helgi and Shirley farmed grain, hogs, broiler eggs and for many years a busy Charolais operation. He was active in 4-H, local Co-op and Credit Unions, Wheat Pool and hockey coach as well as a player. He had just attended his 60th SAGA Reunion with a few lifelong friends. In retirement, Helgi learned to speak Spanish well enough to act as an interpreter on trips south.

Nicodemus Balzar Volk '59S May 14, 1931 – April 1, 2014. Raised and educated at Revenue, SK. after grad, Nick worked on the farm with his father, before operating his own, from which he retired in '08. Spent 19 years as a trustee on the SK School Board Assoc. and enjoyed sports and music. Nick was married to Pauline for 51 years.

Morris E. Sebulski '61C Apr. 14, 1939 – Feb. 4, 2014. Born and raised near Sheho, SK, Morris spent over 30 years helping the hapless at the U of S as a professor in the Ag Eng. Dept. He was an excellent teacher, who also excelled in his own farming operation at Sheho. Morris was SAGA president in 1985.

Leslie Thomas Bohrson '71C Aug. 26, 1947 – Feb. 20, 2014. Raised on the farm southwest of Hanley, SK.

After graduating, Les married Barbara in '74, and work for Sask Ag and Food until his retirement in '06. He was involved in sports, 4-H, soapbox racing and the Kidney Foundation. He received the Distinguished Agrologist Award in '88 and was added to the Wall of Honour at the U of S. Les was the glue that kept many circles and histories together.

Florian Martin Bendig '72S Mar. 3, 1942 – Mar. 3, 2014. Passed away peacefully surrounded by family after a most courageous battle with cancer.

Carman Alfred Drury '72S Feb. 25, 1949 – Aug. 2012. Spent his life at Carrot River, SK. Bought his first land straight out of high school. Operated the farm with his father, then with his son. Married to Marilyn, they traveled extensively. Carman was a long-time member of the Carrot River Elks Club.

Richard Charles Ross '72S Mar 4, 1920 - May 6, 2012. Lived and farmed at Kincaid, SK, Richard passed away in North Vancouver. An RCAF master mechanic stationed in Iceland during WWII, he returned to Kincaid to wed Lois in 1948 and build a farming operation which remains in the family. After graduating in '72, Richard stayed as an Instructor at the School.

Terrance Stephen Tollefson '76 M.Sc (Soil Science) Mar. 19, 1951 – Feb. 24, 2014. Born in Moose Jaw, he grew up on the farm near Mossbank, SK. Obtained an Honours Degree in Biology before his M.Sc. Terry began teaching Soil Science at the U of S in '83. He was a passionate teacher, proof being the NACTA Teaching award, ASA Prof of the Year, and the 2014 Provost College Teaching award, all while farming with his family. Terry was SAGA President in 2011.

Honorary Life Memberships - Call for Nominations

Each year SAGA awards an Honorary Life Membership to a diploma/school graduate and an Honorary Life Membership to a degree graduate.

These awards are given to Ag Grads who have made a contribution to agriculture, their community, to SAGA and/ or the University of Saskatchewan.

Please contact Grant Wood for a nomination form at grant.wood@usask.ca

2012-2013 Financial Statement Highlights

Chequing Account Balance as of Oct. 31, 2013 was \$3535.78 vs \$4320.95 in Oct. 31, 2012.

Investment Fund Account Balance as of Oct. 31, 2013 was \$35,734.49 vs \$31,159.70 in Oct. 31, 2012.

Total Revenues for 2013 were \$23,231.54. Total Expenses were \$24,016.71 for a loss of \$785.17.

Total Revenues for 2012 were \$26,072.54. Total Expenses were \$24,638.91, for a surplus of \$1433.63.

The Reunion Weekend 2013 had a surplus of \$2785.76 vs \$8229.49 in 2012.

We contributed \$200 to ASA activities (Bed Push for

Telemiracle).

We acknowledge and sincerely thank one of our directors, who anonymously paid for Sask Ag Hall of Fame Membership of \$75.00.

Expenses related to the *SAGA* newsletters totalled \$3,438.18 and Website expenses were \$420.00

We acknowledge and sincerely thank Lorence Peterson for past audits, and for auditing the 2012-2013 books at no charge.

Dennis Ewanus, Grad 1970
Treasurer
January 11, 2014

Surprise Reunion



There was a surprise gathering for a group who worked together at the Sask Wheat Pool Farm in Watrous in the '80s. These are grads from various years, but it was a surprise that so many people who had worked at the SWP farm at the same time were at the 2014 *SAGA* Reunion.

Pictured above are **L to R:** Brian Ecklund, Mike Gerhardt, Janice Gerhardt, Harvey Petracek, Becky Hoehn, Donna Trottier, Janice Tamke and Dan Trottier.

