

Moats, O'Grady named 2016 Honorary Life Members



Bryan Harvey '60 C, Elaine Moats '77 C and presenter Janice Bruynooghe '94 C

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Elaine Moats – College 1977

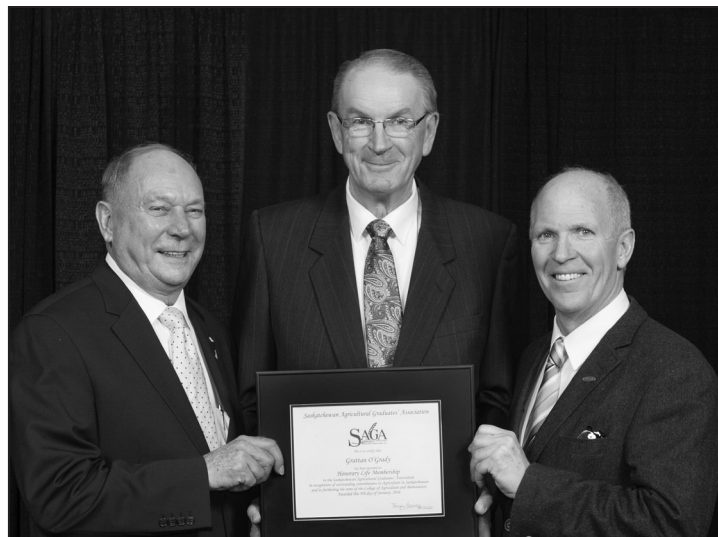
Elaine was born in Regina and raised on a mixed farm near Gray. Her early involvement with the farm, 4-H and livestock organizations helped start her on the path to her career. She received her B.S.A., majoring in Animal Science and minoring in Continuing Education from the College of Agriculture, University of Saskatchewan, in 1977.

Elaine enjoyed a career of over 35 years with the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture Extension Service, working as one of the first female Agriculture Representatives or Extension Agrologists.

After brief but formative stints at Yorkton, Maple Creek, and Davidson, she was transferred to Weyburn, where she spent the majority of her professional career, which eventually included work as the Provincial Beef and Forage Specialist with the Agriculture Knowledge Centre and Regional Crops Specialist.

Over the years, Elaine provided technical assistance to

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Bryan Harvey '60 C, Grattan O'Grady '69 S and presenter Blair Cummins '77 S

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Grattan O'Grady – School 1969

Grattan was raised on a family farm and went to school in the Allan area. He belonged to the local 4-H Club and in 1969 graduated from the School of Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan. That same year, he purchased his first land and started farming with his father. For four summers he worked part-time inspecting pedigree seed crops for Plant Products. Winters were spent instructing one-month farm management courses in the province for Wascana Institute.

In 1977, he and Barbara were married and together raised four children: Ryan, Allison, Erin and Casey. During this time, Grattan was an active member of the Pulse, Flax, Wheat and Canola Growers, along with the Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association. Formation meetings were held at the farm to promote direct seeding in the area. During that time, Grattan was the chairman of the local school board and later sat on the Saskatoon East School

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President's Pen

At the time of writing this, it is almost the middle of May. For some, we have had a brief reprieve from the earlier heat with much-needed rain. Hopefully, everyone will have got the rain you need and the spring season has gone well.

I would like to thank all those who helped with *SAGA* this past season and those who were willing to do it all over again. It is a great opportunity to work with people who care so much about this industry and our organization to give their time like they do.

SAGA is always looking for new ways to stay connected with old graduates and finding ways to make connections with new

grads. One thing that has went over well is the fairly recent addition of the Farm Progress Show and Agribition socials organized by **Blair Cummins '77S**. Building off the success of these two events, we are now looking to see if we can play a role at the Ag in Motion Show. We will have details on that in the near future.

SAGA also added a Friday night to the reunion weekend which was organized by **Bryan Harvey '60C** and Tanya Napper, the College's Development Officer. This included a tour of the College followed by a social in the ASA lounge with memorabilia from the College and ASA on display.

For those of us who attended, it was incredible to see from that display just how much this College has influenced the province. We hope to continue and build on this event.

SAGA and the ASA, led by *SAGA* Liaison **Bayley Blackwell '17 C**, had a great season working together to forge stronger relationships. Some of us are even hoping we are invited back for the ASA's Budget Pub again this fall!

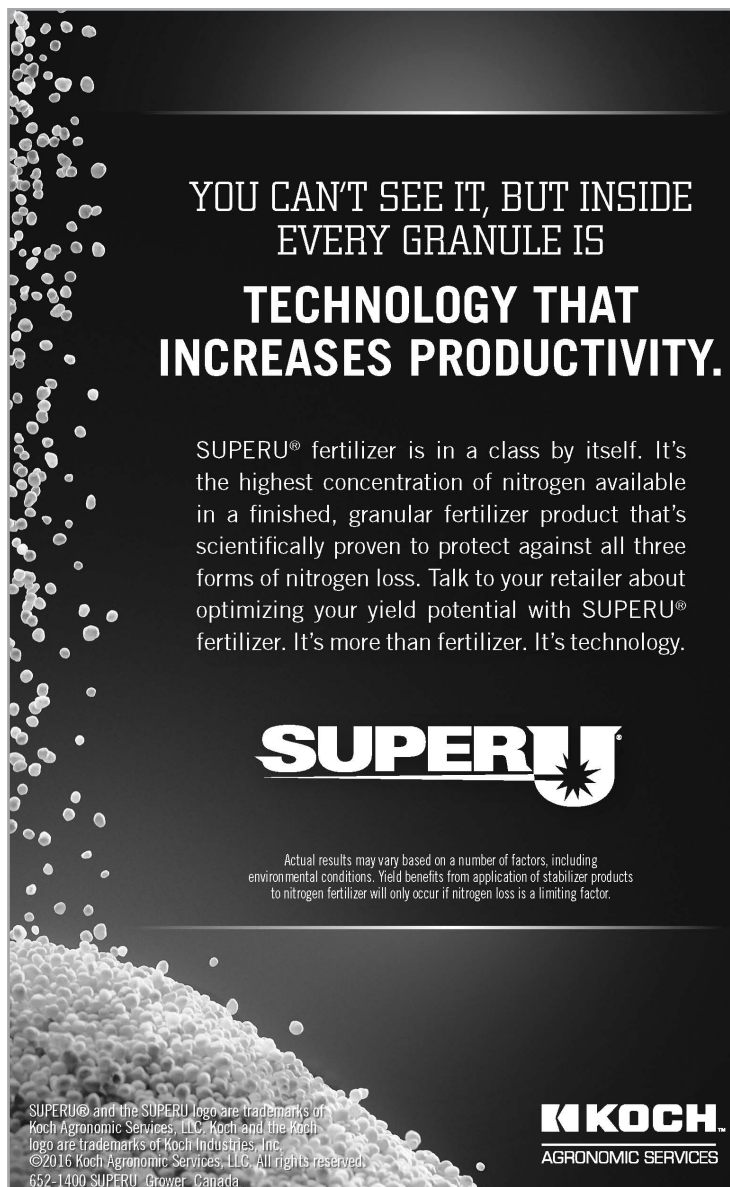
We will continue to work the new PRO **Brette Langman '17 C** to ensure communication stays open and new grads are not only invited into *SAGA*, but feel welcome and part of the family.

In an effort to reduce mailing costs of the newsletter, *SAGA* continues to encourage people to send us their emails so we can send these electronically. But we also realize many people still want the hard copy, so we will continue to solicit paid advertising in future newsletters to recoup mailing costs. If you know of companies interested in advertising in our newsletter, please contact **Ewald Lammerding '88S**.

This organization is always looking for ways to engage new graduates and alumni, so please let us know if you have ideas or avenues where *SAGA* can help set up opportunities for networking and socializing. In today's busy schedules, it's tough to get together. But, when you do, reuniting with old friends and making new ones makes it all worthwhile. By remaining connected, we can continue to move the industry forward and to shape this province's agriculture history like those graduates before us.

With that, I hope to see many of you throughout the year at Ag events, and, most importantly, in January at the Reunion. Have a great summer everyone!

Louis Bossaer '95C *SAGA* President



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@ TCU Place, Saskatoon

January, 7th, 2017

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Supper – 5:30

Louis Bossaer '95 C 2016 SAGA President

Recognition of years:

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Honorary Life Member Awards

Annual General Meeting to follow

The Mixer begins @ 9 p.m.

We enjoyed great success with our new five-year plan for the older groups.

Too much can happen in those 10 years between Reunions!

So we are doing it again, including the 1952 and 1962 classes this year.

Dean Speak

Greetings! Our very dry winter and unseasonably warm dry early spring has been blessed with a couple of days of good rain and everyone is feeling optimistic and lucky – strengthening our thoughts going out to all those suffering from the severe forest fires in our sister provinces.

It's another great year at the College, as our students, staff and faculty continue to excel locally, nationally and globally. For example, three of seven multi-million dollar research grants awarded nation-wide by Genome Canada were led or co-led by AgBio profs, and our student Agri-Marketing team won second prize in the North American Agri-marketing competition, beating out all but one of the teams from all the major American agricultural schools.

And our enrolment – oh my goodness! In October 2015, we officially had 1,138 students enrolled in the College. That all-time high reflects growth in all our programs, which makes us very happy. For the record, the College now offers separate degrees in Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (BSA, 560 students), a BSc in Renewable Resource Management (67 students), BSc Agribusiness (197 students), BSc Animal Biosciences (209 students), Diploma (80 students in the two diplomas, Agronomy and Agribusiness), Indigenous Peoples Land Management Certificate (18 students) and a handful in a general program.

Application for Fall 2016 suggest slightly higher numbers this fall! We continue to track our graduates and their

employers, adjusting our programs to meet tomorrow's needs. Certainly we have been seriously challenged by the wealth of students in the College, because, although we intended to grow, we had no idea how eager today's students are for all the avenues that agricultural disciplines open up for them. We are strongly focused on giving our students the best possible education to meet the world's needs, giving them hands-on experience, putting our best profs in front of the classroom – but it can be a struggle at times with so many of them!

We remain fiercely determined to help them learn how to learn, so they can always supply tomorrow's needs for nutritious, safe food and bio-renewable products produced sustainably, marketed with the economics and policies to reach where those goods are needed, while always stewarding our precious land, water and air. And, of course, keeping alive that Agro tradition of work hard, play hard: witness a truck in pieces in the Engineers' lounge – wonder how that happened? And our students raised some \$25,000 in the BedPush to Regina for Children's Telemiracle, smashing all previous records.

Nearly 250 of our wonderful Agros will convocate in a couple of weeks, our biggest graduating class ever. And I for one am confident that the future of our world is in the best possible hands. Agros ROCK!

Yours in Agro spirit, Mary

2017 SAGA Reunion Chairs

The pickings are slim so far this year.

Out of 20 Chairpersons required to organize their classes for the Reunion/Banquet weekend for Jan. 6 - 7th 2017, we have three, but only two years are actually covered. We need 18 more volunteers.

Please contact us as soon as possible. Maybe you or a classmate is interested in doing the job for your year. It is no longer a difficult undertaking. We ask only that you set up your organizational system, based on a list of classmates' names, telephone numbers, mailing addresses and email addresses that the College of AgBio will provide to each Chair.

You do not sell tickets to the banquet or any other activity; you simply organize the class and ask if they wish to attend a Friday, January 6th event, or something Saturday during the day, and that evening of January 7th.

We will add your name and info to this list that will be posted on the **SAGA website/page**.
{And if possible, on our Facebook and Twitter accounts. Damned if I know how that stuff works!!}

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SAGA Membership

SAGA is alive and thriving, thanks to its many active members and committed workers to make it the best alumni associations at the U of S. Belonging to SAGA has many benefits, one of which is to keep you connected with what other grads are doing and news of interest to Sask. ag grads. SAGA is an independent association run by volunteers with roots going back to 1935. We are a little over 2000 strong with most being life members.

These Ag Grads have all recognized the value of SAGA and we encourage non-members to also make this commitment by purchasing an annual membership for \$10 or, better yet, a life membership for \$100. To clean up our lists we still have

some outstanding annual memberships 2015 and older.

Our executive has decided to give these members 3 months of grace to update to a life membership or annual membership for 2016 before being removed from the members list.

For those who purchased an annual membership for 2016, we are prepared to offer you a life membership for \$90.

Please go to **Saskaggrads.com** (our website) to update and / or purchase new memberships.

Vern Racz '68 C
Membership/Registrar

Grad Activities for the 2017 Weekend

We had a phenomenal turnout for the Friday tours of the Ag Building. Our grads and guests had a close-up look at the newly refurbished Phytotron, oohed and aahed at the considerable art collection throughout the College premises and enjoyed a chunk or two of home-made beef jerky in the Food Lab. Saturday was a tour of the Canadian Light Source facility, which, among many other scientific research, houses the Synchrotron, which assists so many sciences to really get down to the nitty-gritty of things, along with another tour through the Rayner Dairy Research Barn. These will all take place once again, arranged by the College of AgBio, on the evening of Jan. 6th and day of Jan. 7th, 2017.

We will also add another trip, this time offered by a couple of our grads. **John Cote '86 C** and **Barbara Stefanyshyn-Cote '87 C**, have built themselves a winery-restaurant business, Tierra Del Sol, off the SW corner of Saskatoon and are offering a tour of their facility on Saturday, Jan. 7th. And, if we are lucky and it can be arranged with TCU, we may have a wine-tasting during the Mixer after the Banquet.

2017 Honorary Life Members

Over the last few years, we have had comments that many grads would have attended the Banquet if they had known in advance who the newest HLMs would have been. Why they simply couldn't come anyway is a question we are too polite to ask, but their request is indeed a fair one.

To that end our committee has done a great job, and have given us the names of the 2017 inductees.

On the Diploma/School side: **Jim Bessel '88 S**. Anyone who has anything to do with canola knows Jim. For the College wing, **Barbara Stefanyshyn-Cote '87 C**, who has accomplished much for agriculture in Sask. And, this year, we will presenting an Honorary HLM to **Mary Buhr**, Dean of the College of Agriculture and BioResources. Mary has overseen and guided with an able hand the expansion of the College and the tremendous growth in student numbers of the institute.

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Making a Difference - the 1956 College



To mark 60 years from graduation, the 1956 graduates from the College of Agriculture, U. of S. established a one-time \$5,000.00 scholarship for an Aboriginal High School graduate entering first year studies at the College.

The award will be available for fall 2017. It is to be awarded on basis of academic performance and financial need.

Submitted by Norm Bray

College members pictured are:

L-R Top: Charlie Carlson, Dot Carlson, Ray Coutts.

Middle: David Johnson, Agnes Bray, Donna Campbell, Catherine Lane, Britta Hardy.

Bottom: Norm Bray, Ron Campbell, Dick Lane, Dale Hardy.

Unable to attend: Denis Ladouceur, David Leisle, Sars Nagle, John Svenson, Russell Wells, Stewart Whitney.

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SAGA Events We Are Hosting This Summer

Hi fellow Ag Grads.

Just want to let you know what your organization has coming up this summer.

Seed Hawk is helping us again at the Farm Progress show by opening up their VIP lounge at the Beer Gardens to Ag Grads and Ag Students on Thursday, June 16th from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Our new friend at Seed Hawk is Cheryl Grocock, who is filling in for Mellissa, (who is on maternity leave. Congratulations!!!). Cheryl and yours truly, will have the free beer tokens, so be nice to us. Big thanks to **Pat Beaujot '81 C** and the Seed Hawk family for assisting SAGA. We hope to see you all there!!!

Our president has already mentioned our plans to have a presence at Ag in Motion. The great news is that **Jeff Sopatyk '81 S** of Sopatyk Seed Farms has agreed to sponsor the Beer at Ag in Motion! We will be joining the College of Agriculture and Bio Resources in their tent on a day yet to be determined. Watch for more info later on our Web, Facebook and Twitter sites, as to when and where we will be.

Greener Pastures: SAGA's Agribition connection has left as CEO of the show. **Marty Seymour '98 C** has taken a job as Director, Industry and Stakeholder Relation's with FCC. But he will still be working with us in any way he can. Thanks for your help, Marty.

That is all I've got for now. We'll see you this summer.

Blair Cummins '77 S

BSA Class of 1966 Reunion

Eighteen classmates and 13 spouses/partners gathered for a memorable weekend reunion at the Holiday Inn Downtown. Somewhat fewer than the group of 59 that embarked on various careers 50 years ago and less than the 40 that responded to emails/telephone calls regarding the reunion and requesting a contribution to the reunion newsletter.

Of the initial group, 15 are known to have passed away and four could not be contacted.

Festivities kicked off in the Agro Lounge at the SAGA Reception, which featured tours of the College's art collection, the phytotron and the food lab. Everyone was impressed with the student digs and the extent of the art displayed throughout the AG building. The College likely possesses one of the most impressive Allen Sapp collections in the country.

Friday evening concluded with a class dinner at the hotel where every classmate spoke briefly about the highlights of their fifty year career. George Pearson distributed a "50th Reunion Newsletter" that contained the life stories of 38 classmates complete with numerous family pictures. This newsletter edition was an update from the one George did for the 40th reunion. The night wrapped up in the hospitality suite with visiting/story telling accompanied, by a few libations. However, the night did not go on as long as it might have 50 years ago!

Saturday was spent touring the Canadian Light Source and the Rayner Dairy Research and Teaching Facility. A visit to Place Riel (coffee at Starbucks) and lunch at Alexander's had everyone talking about how different the student facilities were from our days on campus, particularly the "pub in



Front Row (left to right) Ralph Berkan, Wayne Pander, Kurt Sawatzky, Ron Plunz.

Middle Row: Colin Ahrens, Larry Grovum, Dennis Simpson, Edgar Harder, Rick Armstrong, Len Hewson, George Pearson.

Back Row: Bill Turner, Cecil Werner, Rodney Altwasser, Jim McWilliams, Art Westlund. Missing: Ralph Stredwick Gene Busse

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the MUB". The day was topped off at the SAGA banquet and mixer at TCU Place, the class picture and more hospitality time.

Before departing on Sunday for homes in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario, several classmates gathered for a delightful brunch at The Willows. Everyone left with renewed memories of their time as AGROS, a deep sense of pride in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources and a reinforced affinity to the University of Saskatchewan. There was also a commitment to keep in touch in the upcoming years. After all, the next reunion may only be five years away!

Submitted by Bill Turner

SAGA Website

Getting better, new and improved; the latest version of the website offers new features you will like.

To start, it will contain the latest newsletter, along with a number of past newsletters. New and added is a list of our past presidents, and thanks to Keith Head we have also listed all the honorary life members. By clicking on the green caption, you can read their biographies about what made them great.

Other features such as member contact, histories of Plant Sciences and Animal & Poultry Science (as available to be joined by Soils, Food Science and Ag Economics) along with the latest news, are all highlights of this newest version. But we consider all this as still a work in progress

Plans for the future are to use the website for distribution, with the website offering both SAGA and those on slower internet easier access. For those getting the printed Newsletter, relax, we will continue to mail you hard copies.

On the other end of the spectrum, the website is now compatible with smartphones, tablets and regular computers. This time around for the newsletter we will stick with what we know works, but hope to have the kinks worked out by the December issue for distribution.

Please go to saskaggrads.com. Take some time to surf our website. We think you will like it.

This news is brought to you by your website amigos

Vern '68 C, Keith '67 C, Dennis '70 C

SAGA Hockey Tournament 2016

This year's tournament was again held in Waldheim, SK. Six teams played, including a college team, four returning grad teams, and one new grad team.

The Waldheim Rec Center is a great facility and we were treated to a high level of hospitality and accommodation. They had a kitchen open from start til finish, along with a delivery service of cold beer, upon request, to the dressing rooms after each match. Six dressing rooms allowed teams to have their own for the entire day. We have tentatively booked Waldheim again for 2017.

Bouchard Heart Award

Aaron Bouchard '02 C, served on the SAGA board for many years organizing the hockey tournament. He was active in bringing together his team and encouraged other teams to sign up. The Bouchard Heart Award is presented to the player who showed the most heart and helped organize a team to play in the SAGA tournament. The recipient this year was **Lucas Ringdal** (pictured at left),



Lucas Ringdal (above, left) is the recipient of the 2016 Bouchard Heart Award.

Curtis DeGooijer '12 C and Luke Ringdal '12 C



'A' Final Winners - NE Deep Banders



The Millimeter Peters were the 'B' Champs



'C' Side Winners - Short Shifts, Long Shafts

Local Lexiphile

The short fortune teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

A thief fell and broke his leg in wet cement. He became a hardened criminal.

Thieves who sneak through cornfields could be charged with stalking.

The math professor went crazy with the blackboard. He did a number on it.

Just Lost an Old Pastime... If you have seen it, call....

Father Time arrived in the lobby of the Waldheim Rec Center: 2:38 the afternoon of Jan. 9th, to be exact.

He took in the boisterous hockey players having a hoot and a holler on the big ice.

With a sad shrug of his shoulders, knowing the sad news he was about to deliver, F. Time sadly walked through the lobby to the little ice, the three empty curling sheets. He came through the door, sadly eyed the bartender, and said: "Last one's on me, barkeep. For my friends".

He turned to take in the astonished faces of Ag Grads **Blair** and **Don** and **Ewald** and **Keith** and **Crazy Brad** and the hopeful eyes of grad-to-be **Andrew**.

"Good golly, Miss Molly, boys, why the surprised look?" asked F. Time.

"But... but... but," answered Blair.

"What is this?" interrupted F. Time. "The third winter in a row I've seen ONLY you five coots and this young lad of yours, Don, trying to revive this old nag? Surely you realize SAGA curling is long dead?"

"But... but... but," began Ewald.

"We've got a great new idea," chimed in Crazy Brad and Keith and Don. "It's gonna work real ...".

"Drink up boys," sighed F. Time. "I've wasted enough SAGA weekends checking on you. Curling had a great run, fun times were had, you boys put in a super duper effort, but ... I'm shuttin' ya down. Permanently!"

F. Time toasted the five old Ag Grad farts, saluted the up-and-comer, and drained his glass.

"Look, you guys still want exercise beyond elbow bends and flapping gums, take my advice ... SAGA still puts on a great game of hockey.

Looking Back on Five Years of Agro Generosity

Having been this college's Development Officer for nearly five years I thought it would be interesting to take a look at the support the college has received over this period and how we've fared relative to other units at the University of Saskatchewan.

Our alumni and other stakeholders are amazingly supportive. Since May of 2011, the college has received more than 3100 contributions. Compared to the 11 other colleges on campus, the College of Agriculture and Bioresources consistently ranks at or near the top of the dollars raised. This is no small accomplishment, considering we are by no means the largest college on campus (at least in terms of number of students). Approximately six per cent of the college's alumni are donors. Those who graduated prior to 1980 represent the greatest proportion of our supporters and our average donor's age is around 60.

Gift amounts vary widely, but those ranging from \$50 to \$500 are most common. These contributions typically go toward a variety of existing funds, which may support everything from infrastructure renewal to student travel (and a whole lot in between). Larger gifts often come with specific uses in mind, which lead to the creation of new agreements and dedicated funds. Student-focused awards account for most of these. Academic awards, such as scholarships, are established at a rate of about four times that of bursaries. Together, almost 50 student award agreements have been created during the past five years. Capital projects have also attracted significant contribution dollars. Individual and organizational donors have helped refurbish the student lounge, develop a new dairy research and teaching facility, and brought about the Phytotron renewal. Finally, as a consequence of the forethought of some of our dearest friends, the college has been a beneficiary of 25 bequests. It is perhaps these final contributions that are the strongest reflection of this college's spirit and familial nature.

We are extremely fortunate to be so generously supported. Collectively, these gifts leave an indelible mark that is visible in the quality of the college's research and educational programs as well as the building at the centre of it all, and for this, I feel truly grateful to play a small part.

Sincerely,
Hamish Tulloch '91 C Development Officer
 College of Agriculture and Bioresources

Elaine Moats - Continued From Front Page

farmers on a wide range of topics from agronomy, livestock management, financial planning, farm water quality, controlling crop pests, evaluation of potential new crops and cropping practices. Some of the highlights included: developing leafy spurge biological and chemical control programs, the introduction of 2 new crops, lentil and chickpea.

For many years, Elaine chaired the organizing committee between the Saskatchewan Pulse Growers and Saskatchewan Agriculture for the popular Regional Pulse

Grattan O'Grady - Continued from Front Page

Board for six years

He was the chairman of the Alpine Cattle Feeders Club, the cattle being fed at the feed lot in Viscount. Grattan helped on the committee for the College of Agriculture Building Fund, an exciting project at the time.

Starting in 1990, Grattan was instrumental in establishing the Allan South Rural Water Utility; a network of 300 KM of P.F.R.A. assisted pipelines distributing potable water from the Saskatoon treatment plant to 160 rural subscri-

Workshops throughout the province. She remains a member of the Saskatchewan Sunflower Committee, working to continue the variety testing program and development of the Saskatchewan sunflower industry.

Elaine was an avid curler and served on the Board of the Saskatchewan Ladies Curling Association. Elaine married Barry Good (Diploma 1965) in 1986 and moved to the farm at Fillmore. Together they raise and show cutting horses. In 2014 the SCHA awarded Honorary Life Memberships to Barry and Elaine for their involvement.

ers between Dundurn and Watrous. For the last five years he had been chairman of the Sask. Association of Rural Pipelines.

Since 1999 Grattan has been on the Co-op Hail Insurance Board and an executive member on the board since 2003. Grattan and Barbara continue to live at the farm for the summer.

Grattan is proud to be a Past President and Life Member of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association.

Best Prank Ever?

On January 11th, the students of agriculture carried out the biggest prank of 2016. 'Twas the eve of Spectrum, the engineering students' exhibition of science and technology, and the engineering building was quiet and empty, as trucks with stock trailers and flat decks began to roll up. Students filed out of the Richardson Student Lounge, through the tunnel and into the engineering building. Quickly, assembly lines were produced and tires were passed from the parking lot into the lounge.

Now, for those of you who are unaware, there is a contract that has been established between the Agros and the Engineers that outlines the dos and don'ts of pranking.

One of the specifications of this arrangement is that no organic matter may be used in the production of any pranks. This has forced the students of Agriculture and the Morale Booster to have to innovate, a challenge that has been well met. Gone are the days of turning animals loose within buildings, or filling water balloons with animal excrement.

In planning this prank, careful thought was put into how to "raise the most hell", while still complying to the contract. The Agros filled the Engineering lounge nearly from wall to wall with tires of all sizes - tractor tires, truck tires and bicycle tires. Tires were hauled in from all over the province, from places including Craik, Bracken, St. Walburg and Delisle.

Now, not only were these tires heavy and bulky, but most of them had also been hauled out of sloughy farm yards. It took the Agros just over an hour to complete the job, and the students made a quick exit before any of the tire water began to melt. It was yet another awesome prank carried out by the Agros.

Erin Anderson '17 C - ASA Photo Lit

{SAGA wants to hear from any Grad who thinks they topped this, or the Marquis Hall horse ride of '64}



ASA Summer Newsletter

The ASA has had another great year of friendship and C's (which get degrees). We have a lot to show for all the fun we've had and the hard work we've put in - a couple examples being Agro-blue hair dye and a freshly tattooed ass. Starting the year off with a successful Big Buddy-Little Buddy in Outlook, SK (we have yet to determine if the Little Buddies feel the same). Then we went into Ag Bag Drag *GOOSE*, where we sold a record number of tickets - in less than 20 minutes!

November turned into Movember, where we raised over \$3,000 through a moustache-growing contest which resulted in seven blue glitter beards for the losers, and a full head of blue hair for the organizer. Then we wrapped up the term with exams and got a full night's rest over the Christmas break - the first for many since September 1st.

While we were still fresh from the break, we snuck trailers full of old farm tires (many filled with slough water) into the Engineering Lounge. Then we celebrated our grads with a great night at TCU with guest speaker Alana Koch.

Winter mixer was a great time out in Aberdeen for the second year in a row (likely won't be a third...).

February brought Telemiracle fundraising, where we played Kaiser, sold helping hands, and raffled off Saskatchewan Rush tickets. And speaking of Rush: in case anyone didn't witness our train wreck of a dodgeball game versus the Engineers as a halftime "show" - there's lots of videos on Facebook if you need a good laugh.

Then we came to Bed Push in the first weekend of March, and thanks to our many corporate sponsors and the amazing students of this College, we raised over \$25,000 for Telemiracle - crushing our goal of \$15,000. This price point had a lot of value that had nothing to do with the money, and as a result we had many shaved backs/legs/chests, a shaved head, a spray tan on a ginger, and the tattoo of a fellow agro on an ass cheek. Bed Push brought lots of laughs as usual - this was once we figured out we had pushed the bed the wrong way for a day and after we lost a tire across the highway and Davidson Western Sales welded it back on.

After we had recovered from our first bout of exercise all year, we partied hard in the foam at Cummoniwannalaya,

and then ended the year off painting Bradwell Bar blue (and drinking it dry).

As for a few of the other clubs in our College, Canadian Agri Marketing Association (CAMA) fundraised and worked on a marketing plan for Go-fer-it, an oatmeal smoothie based off of the product Oatdeal, all year. They placed second out of 30 teams in the student marketing competition located in Kansas City!

The Agbizz Club held many networking events, as usual! They had in many speakers including Bob Tosh of MNP, the Sask. Young Ag-Entrepreneurs on Ag More Than Ever, and a presentation on The Real Dirt on Farming. They ended the year with a tour of Black Fox Distillery and later a student/faculty bowling night.

The Stockman's Club had a very busy and successful year as well. The Beef Team traveled to AB for feedlot and farm tours. The Dairy Team kept busy planning their trip this October to the World Dairy Expo. The Judging Team attended many competitions throughout the year and saw lots of success.

The Range Team attended the Society for Range Management Conference in Corpus Christi, Texas, and wrote the Undergraduate Range Management Exam, where they were able to place 4th! The Rodeo Team held their annual U of S Rodeo as well as attending various competitions.

New to the College this year is the Animal (Bio)Science Club (ABS). The club was founded to provide an opportunity for staff and students to interact outside a classroom setting, promote communication between students within the programs, and to bring in producers, industry workers, faculty, and previous students to talk about the Animal Science industry as a whole.

Majority of the students with a passion for animals begin in these two programs with the goal of becoming a Veterinarian, but there are many other career opportunities out there for Animal Science graduates. This great new club will be looking for contacts and speakers in the coming year!

Bayley Blackwell '17 C
ASA - SAGA Liaison

Wise Words

If anyone ever tells you that you are putting too much peanut butter on your bread... stop talking to them immediately.
You don't need that kind of negativity in your life.

Who Knew?

What do you call a cousin who sweats all over you?
Relative humidity.

Pooped Deck



Bryan Harvey '60 C was an excellent M.C. and I enjoyed Dean Mary Buhr's address covering the past and future of our College.

I was pleased to meet Tanya Napper, Development Coordinator, after we had e-mailed and talked prior to the Reunion.

The mixer following was a great opportunity to meet and chat with other grads. Thanks to all the organizers for an evening to remember.

Ossie Lakness, '49 C, sends in this report: I am definitely retired and presently enjoying curling and golfing during the summer. Regarding information of previous years, I saw **George William Parker, '49 C** in [Dec. 2015] Empty Saddles. In reference to the 1949 Greystone, George was president of M.A.B. ('48 to '49) and also a star Huskies hockey player for four years. Hope this finds you all well and have a good year.

Mason Simmons '46 S (*our oldest attending grad*) sent this: I enjoyed being at the 81st SAGA Reunion and Banquet. **Fred Fulton '50 C**, picked me up and we sat together, with several others to enjoy the banquet.



Bryan Harvey, '60 C, Mason Simmons '46 S Dean Mary Buhr, and buddy Murray Smith '55

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2016 Inductees into Sask Ag Hall of Fame

Three Ag Grads are to be inducted into the Saskatchewan Agriculture Hall of Fame.

Florian Possberg '75 C has been a tireless supporter and advocate for the hog industry in Saskatchewan and Canada. Florian was one of the founders of Big Sky Farms, which grew to become the second-largest hog producer in Canada. Florian has been a leader and an ambassador for the Canadian pork industry through Sask Pork, Canadian Pork Council and Prairie Swine Centre.

Barry Andrew '75 S, a grain and cattle producer from the Foxleigh district, was a founding member and director of Canadian Western Agribition, serving as president in '80 and '81. Barry served as president of both the Saskatchewan and Canadian Shorthorn Assoc. His Duncairn Shorthorns were promoted and sold across Canada and the U.S. for more than 40 years. Barry passed away in Dec. 2012.

Pat Beaujot '81 C and his brother began a new manufacturing business called Seed Hawk in the early '90's. Building precision seeding equipment, the company has grown to employ 250, as large, high-capacity carts with independent

depth control openers became the industry standard. The business was sold in 2014, but Pat continues to look for ways to improve farming practices.

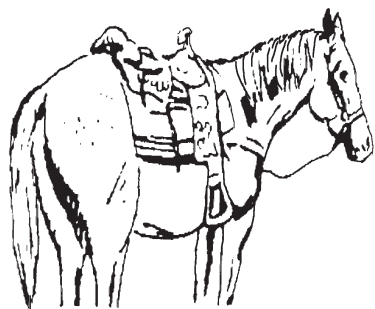
Also to be inducted: Byrnie Rothwell, a highly-respected veterinarian in the province thru Ag Canada, and many other circles. Byrnie passed away in January, 2014.

Linda Braun is a graduate of the College of Home Ec. at the U of S. The executive director of Sask Flax from 1997 to 2014, Linda was one of the founders of the CropSphere conference.

Robin Morrall is recognized world-wide for his work on plant diseases; pioneering research for controlling diseases in canola and pulse crops. Robin was a professor of plant pathology in the Dept. of Biology, U of S from 1965 to 1997, retiring as Professor Emeritus.

The induction ceremony will take place on **Aug. 6 at Saskatoon's Western Development Museum** which houses the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Empty Saddles



Our apologies for the format of Empty Saddles. It is unfortunate that, with advent of the internet, we are able to receive the news of far too many obituaries. This will be our new format for the future.

We are working to set up a place on the SAGA website to read our edited obits. We hope that by posting the names, at least you will know that your colleague has passed.

Various Memorial sites available on the internet are easier to use if you have the name and date to find the obituaries of your friends. We realize that this is of little use for those without access. Please ask a friend. [Ed.]

Stewart Alderson Wells '42 C	Sept. 4, 2013	Richard Noel Hitchman '52 C	Feb. 15, 2016
Isaac Jacob Vickar '46 C	Dec. 6, 2015	Tom Charles Gordon '52 C	Sept. 3, 2015
George Lyon Roy '47 S	Nov. 10, 2015	Kenneth Vernon Dean '53 C	Feb. 25, 2016
Joseph Beverly Martin '47 S	Feb. 29, 2016	Samuel John Campbell '54 S	May 27, 2015
Arthur John Strautman '48 C	Dec. 24, 2015	Mytosk 'Ted' Mazurek '54 C	Apr. 2, 2016
William Douglas Watson '48 C	Nov. 7, 2015	Robert Edward Staples '54 C	Mar. 25, 2016
John Norman Campbell '49 C	Apr. 22, 2016	Henry Ben Nickel '54 C	Nov. 21, 2015
Harold George Benjamin '50 S	Aug. 3, 2015	Denis Albert Ladouceur '56 C	Apr. 16, 2016
Robert Andrew Allan Bews '50 C	May 6, 2016	John Andrew Shields '57 S, 61 C	Mar. 17, 2016
Thomas Charles Bunn '50 S, '54 C	Jan. 30, 2016	Clifford George Evenson '58 S	June 17, 2015
James Stewart Given '50 C	Feb. 19, 2016	Warren Wilbert Wismer '58 C	Jan. 15, 2016
Edgar Newton Craig '50 C	Mar. 10, 2016	James Milton Brown '60 S	Jan. 21, 2016
John James McConnell '51 C	Jan. 25, 2016	Dennis Albert Wobeser '61 C	July 20, 2015
		Richard James Forer '63 C	Jan. 25, 2016
		Ronald Gordon Dalgliesh '65 C	May 1, 2016
		Malcolm Bruce Brown '68 C	Feb. 21, 2014
		Richard Blake Lyons '68 C	Sept. 13, 2015
		Howard Wesley Goltz '70 C	Mar. 3, 2016
		Reinder de Jong '71 C	Dec. 28, 2015
		Marvin Lawrence Klenk, '75 S	May 28, 2015
		Joe Nelson Petreny '84 C	Apr. 27, 2016
		Timothy Van Charabin '88 C	Sept. 24, 2015

Former 4-H Members Invited to Get in Touch

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!**

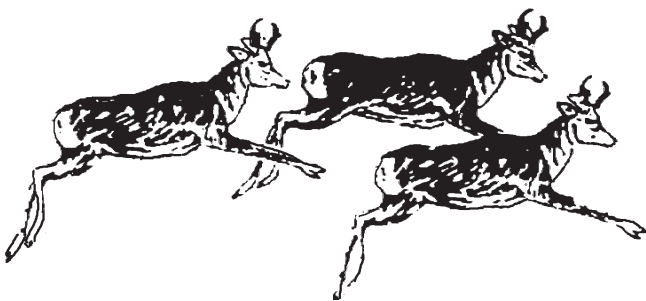
Do you want to attend the celebrations?

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**.



Thundering Herd



In Dec. of 2015, Joan Lawrence turned 100 years. It's been reported that Joan is still sharp as a tack, runs the retirement facility in Maple Creek with an ironing board, and enjoys reminding her kids what they should be doing right in their lives.

Some of the kids are daughter **Donna** (Lawrence) **Hanel**, '60 C and son **Eric Lawrence**, '67 S. Another is son-in-law **Dick Needham**, '63 C.

Dr. Keith Downey '50 C is one of ten recipients of the province's highest honour. The Saskatchewan Order of Merit is awarded to citizens making significant contributions to the province. Keith is best known for his research to convert rapeseed into nutritionally superior canola.

As a plant breeder, he is associated with the release of 13 rapeseed/canola varieties and five condiment mustard varieties. His work with canola has resulted in the development of a multi-billion dollar industry for Sas-

katchewan and Canada. Total national canola area will be in the 20-million acre range this year.

Kara Nadeau '11 C is now a Vice President with the family business, Nadeau Seeds of Fannystelle, MB.

Brice Budd '85 S graduated as a man, but always felt that something wasn't quite correct in his life. He married Pat, they had two children, but it still wasn't exactly right for him. As the years passed, Brice came to acknowledge that he was transgender, a woman in a man's body. He, with the full support of Pat and the kids and family took the step, and is now **Laura Budd '85 S**. Laura's story is uplifting, and outlines the gaining acceptance of differences in a society once of closed doors. Still happily married to Pat.

Richard Gray '79 C has a very interesting article in the Spring issue of AgKnowledge, concerning the myriad money trails from the 2013-14 railway shipping problems of Western Canadian grains.

Type in AgKnowledge on your search bar and follow the links to all kinds of interesting things the denizens of the College are up to.

{Cool fact: was able to spell denizens in Scrabble on a triple word; that with the bingo, scored 104. Ed.}

Financial Report to SAGA

2014-2015 Financial Statement Highlights as of January 9, 2016

Chequing Account Balance as of Oct. 31, 2015 was \$4,231.70 vs \$4,267.51 on Oct. 31.

Investment Fund Account Balance as of Oct. 31, 2015 was \$44,656.69 vs \$40,522.50 on Oct. 31, 2014.

Total Revenues for 2015 were \$22,000.50. Total Expenses were \$22,036.31 for a loss of \$35.81.

Total Revenues for 2014 were \$28,820.26. Total Expenses were \$28,088.53 for a surplus of \$731.73.

The Reunion Weekend 2015 had a surplus of \$6,094.55 vs \$5419.59 in 2014.

We contributed \$200 to ASA Activities (Bed Push for Telemiracle).

Expenses related to the Newsletters totaled \$4,530.64 vs \$3,545.10 in 2014.

Expenses related to the Website in 2015 totaled \$2,478.50 vs \$420.00.10 in 2014.

(Hosting 14 months \$640, upgrade dep: \$600, final launch \$693, set up deposit for online registration: \$807.50.)

We acknowledge and sincerely thank **Art Delahey '52 C** for a donation of \$75 to cover SAGA's membership in Sask Ag Hall of Fame.

We acknowledge and sincerely thank **Lorence Peterson '65 C** for past audits and auditing the 2014-2015 books at no charge.

Dennis Ewanus '70 C - SAGA Treasurer

A Farm Boy Is Always Polite. Right?

Farmer Joe stands beside his pickup stopped along the roadside listening to the RCMP officer's tirade of all the things farmers in general do to annoy city-slickers, et al. When the officer finally gets around to writing the ticket, Joe notices the man is constantly swatting at the bugs buzzing about his head.

"Ah, havin' a problem with them circle flies, eh Officer?" says Joe.

"Never heard of circle flies," says the RCMP man, writing without pause. "What are they?"

"Oh, well," says Joe, as he hitches his jeans and leans back against his truck. "Common for us farmers ya see. We call 'em circle flies cause they're always found circlin' round a horse's behind."

"Ah," the officer nods, then writes for a minute before he looks up sharply. "Wait a sec! Are you calling me a horse's ass?"

"Why, Officer," replies Joe. "I have too much respect for the law to even think that."

The RCMP man glares at Joe to see if he's joking. Satisfied that Joe is being honest, he swishes at the flies once again and returns to writing the ticket.

Joe leans over the hood of his truck, looks up at the wide blue sky. "Hard to fool them flies, though."

Wait!
Don't go!
There's more SAGA
news on Page 16!

Crop Production Week 2017

January 7 to 12, 2017

Locations: **Saskatoon Inn**
 Canaryseed Development Commission of Saskatchewan;
 Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association;
 Saskatchewan Winter Cereals Development Commission

Western Development Museum
 Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association

Prairieland Park
 Agri-ARM
 Saskatchewan Mustard Development Commission;
 CropSphere
 Saskatchewan Barley Development Commission;
 Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission;
 Saskatchewan Oat Development Commission;
 Saskatchewan Pulse Growers;
 Saskatchewan Canola Development Commission;
 Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission

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 Life - \$100
 Annual - \$10**

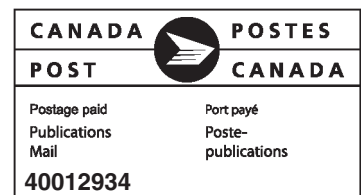
Call To Words

SAGA is looking for volunteers to report to us from the furthest reaches of the province, even beyond Saskatchewan's borders. If it involves a U of S Ag Grad, we want to know what is happening in your area. New developments, new ideas; tell us and we will get the word out to over 2,100 SAGA members. And remember, our Newsletter is also received by the AgBio Faculty, Graduates and almost 1,150 students. A great way to pass new information along.

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