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FROM THE DESK OF THE DEAN

Of interest at this time of year is the matter of registration in the College and in the School. Very succinctly, we were discouraged by the College registration and elated by that in the School.

With only 81 first year students in the Degree program, the intake is the lowest that it has been since 1959-60. In 1967-68 and again in 1968-69 we had an intake of about 145 students. Last year it was 110, so the drastic decline is very apparent and is of very real concern. Four years hence, under normal employment conditions, the demand will certainly exceed the supply of new graduates. To avoid a continuance of this trend, we need the help of all graduates in recruiting students into the Degree program.

On the other hand, the applications for admission to first year of the School of Agriculture are at a level higher than that for many years. At the time of writing about 150 students had applied for the 125 available seats. A year ago the registration in first year of the School was 90.

We were interpreting the decline in the registration in first year of the College to the depressed agricultural situation but the buoyancy in applicants for admission to the School leaves this explanation in doubt. An interpretation of the reasons for the prevailing situation is hard to come by.

In total, in the Degree program we have 329 students this year compared to 390 a year ago. In the fourth year of the Degree program there are 81 students so we will again have a large graduating class. We can only hope that the employment opportunities will improve so that all can be employed upon graduation.

Since the School does not begin until October 19th, the total registration is not definitely known at this stage. In all likelihood it will be around 200 which, if realized, will be an increase of about 30 over the 1969-70 year.

W. J. WHITE,
Dean of Agriculture.

AGROS HERE AND THERE

Jack McFaul '44, and **Jock Blacklock** '43, were recently appointed to the Board of Governors of the University. **Jim Clarke** '48, recently senior economist with Hedlin-Menzies Ltd., Winnipeg, has taken up the position of head of the economics division of the Alberta Department of Agriculture.

Ted Reed '48, is now administrator of the Kindersley Union Hospital having turned over the operation of his farm to his son.

School of Agriculture graduates who recently enrolled in the College of Agriculture include **Barry Huffman** '69, Aberdeen, and **John Beckton** '70, Maymont.

Dr. Wilfred S. Ferguson '50, has been appointed soil fertility research co-ordinator for the Research Branch, Canada Department of Agriculture and has moved from Swift Current to Ottawa. **John McConnell** '45, has moved to Ottawa

to take up a position as Chief of Economics Communications, Economics Branch of Canada Department of Agriculture. **Forrest Hetland** '46, Naicam, was selected recently as Master Farmer for 1970 for northern Saskatchewan. Several Saskatoon people report having visited **E. E. Brockelbank** '22, and **Tom Rowles** '22, in Victoria. Both wish to be remembered to their friends back home. **'Hap' Wilson** '22, was back in Saskatoon recently attending the reunion of the 1922 Husky Hockey team which were finalists in the Allan Cup playoffs that year. He looks so vigorous he could still do well on a hockey team. **Dave Robinson** '29, reports having visited Prof. Ken Gordon recently while on a trip to Victoria.

The official opening of the Poundmakers Feed Plant and Last Mountain Feedlot was held on May 14th. The president of the companies is **George Hummason** '49, Secretary-Manager is **Ross Reynolds** '53, and Secretary is **Wilson Blair** '63.

Doug Watson '48 with Dupont in Toronto, was in Saskatoon this summer helping his parents celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. **Gary Korsrud** '64, received his Ph.D from Davis, California and is now employed with the Nutrition Research Division, Food & Drug Directorate, Ottawa.

Dr. Gordon Kirk '28, retired head of the Range Cattle Experimental Station, Ona, Florida, visited the campus in September. His brother, Albert, is the retired Ag. Rep. at Kerrobert. Gordon remembers instructing our Dean, Dr. White, in Animal Science Judging Labs. **Mrs. Joan Swenson** '59 nee Whitehead, was on the Saskatchewan sheep show circuit again this year while helping her father, Jas. Whitehead, exhibit purebred sheep.

Bob Soper '55, and his family enjoyed a trip to Europe this summer. While there he had a visit with the Don Rennies '49 in Vienna.

R. J. Strachan '56, has recently assumed the duties as superintendent of Palm Dairies of Prince George, B.C.

Charlie Parson '29, retired October 1st, 1970, after over twenty-five years with the Crop Science Department, University of Saskatchewan. Charlie and his wife are going south to spend the winter with their son, Don, at West Covina, California.

O. R. (Red) Mooney '33, retired from the Agricultural Extension Department, Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture on June 30, 1970. Red joined the Department in 1946. Served as Ag. Rep. at Tessier until 1952 and then as Agricultural Representative District Supervisor for north-west Saskatchewan until his retirement. Prior to joining the Department, he farmed in the Tessier District and spent several years as instructor at agricultural winter courses for the Extension Department of the University.

Jim Pratt '69, who has been assistant Ag. Rep. at Shellbrook has now moved to Leader as Ag. Rep. to replace **Gordon Parker** '65, who is now the Ag. Rep. at Regina replacing **Maurice Brounstein** '39 who has been promoted to Assistant Director of the Agric. Extension Branch of the Provincial Department of Agriculture at Regina.

Jim Laurie '46, together with **Allan Mulhern** '70 and **Lorne Christopherson** were instructors at an eleven week agricultural course held in Debden last winter, Jim says

that his grey hair carried him over at times when the theory became a little thin. Allan Mulhern has since gone to Kerrobert as Assistant Ag. Rep.

Barry Huffman '69, farmed at Aberdeen and also did some work for C.S.G.A. Last summer he was employed taking backfat measurements for purebred hog breeders in northern Saskatchewan.

Brian Andrews '65, Agricultural Extension Center, Brandon, Man., tells us that Greg Gaudett has quit M.D.A. to go full time farming (grain and hogs) at Somerset, Man.

Ramani Laswai '69, is taking special training in Co-op farming in Hungary for a period of about 8 months this year.

Frank Payne '47, has been appointed Director of the Livestock Division, Production & Marketing Branch, C.D.A. He was formerly Chief of Markets and Merchandising section of the Poultry Division of the above named branch. He is a nephew of the late **L. E. Kirk** '17.

Jake A. Brown '51, has recently spent time as a member of the Grain Production Policy group (Gov't. of Canada) to assist in the development of intermediate and longer run Agricultural Policy, under the general direction of the Hon. Otto Lang and his grain group.

Wayne Sibley '70, has been appointed Provincial Land Representative with headquarters in Prince Albert. He succeeds M. M. Ross who has been transferred to Regina.

A. A. "Spike" Smith '15, reports on letter he received from **Tom Bryden** '15, reports a good summer in Victoria and is spending some time with his daughter Betty (Mrs. Tommy McLeod).

Carmen E. Kent '51, Grenfell, presently employed by Grenfell Consolidated District as principal of Grenfell elementary school.

A. A. (Al) Hassett '37, 4344 Darwin Ave., Burnaby, B.C., enjoying quiet life, selling real estate, mainly farms in Fraser Valley. Always enjoys a call from University of Saskatchewan Grads who are in the area. Hope to intercept the Canada Goose Migration some where in Saskatchewan in October, so feed them well.

Robert A. Bradley '62, Agric. Extension Center, Brandon, Man., looks forward to receiving newsletter.

Garth Harold Simpson '61, Shaunavon, still single and farming with Dad, where they have a small dairy and grain operation.

J. G. Harren '65, Saskatoon, now with Monsanto Canada Ltd., after leaving Federated Co-op in Calgary.

Marriages

Larry Topp '67, Plate, married to Anne Boychuk of Saskatoon.

Allan Midgeley '65, Marwayne, married this summer.

Howard Giles '68, Ethel, Ontario, married June Wilbee on June 17th.

Births

R. G. Hartness '63, a daughter, Heather Ann on October 11th, 1969.

Gary Korsrud '64, a son, Gregory Olaf on March 11th, 1970.

Deaths

T. Lenton Purdy '32, in July, 1970.

Mrs. George Alex, mother of Jack '50, passed away in North Battleford.

Mr. George Alex, Jack's father, passed away 3 weeks later. Dr. Boughton, father of Glen, in May 1970.

William Ibbetson '29, Senanus Drive, Saanachton, B.C. September 5th, 1970.

Samule Horace Salter, 1051 Chesterfield Road, Victoria, B.C., September 5, 1970.

Hadley Van Vliet Memorial Scholarship

The Hadley Van Vliet Memorial Scholarship Fund now stands at approximately \$10,000.00. This amount is half of what was hoped for by the Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates' Association when they undertook the responsibility of soliciting funds for a scholarship in memory of Hadley.

At this time we are making a special appeal to Agros to contribute to the fund — it needs your support. Will each of you please consider this appeal and then forward a contribution to:

Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association,
Box, 500, Sub P.O. No. 6,
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Contributions are deductible items for income tax purposes, a receipt will be issued to you.

This will be the last request for contributions. The fund will remain open indefinitely for donations.

A scholarship will be awarded during the current University year.

Thanks.

Herb Clark
Chairman of the Board of
Trustees for the Fund.

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