

SAGA SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING  
FRIDAY JANUARY 15, 1999 - SAKATOON INN

The meeting was called to order by chairperson Loessin at 9:40 AM with 53 in attendance. All in attendance introduced themselves and the meeting observed a moment of silence for the 39 graduates (appendix A) who had passed away since the last annual meeting.

Agenda - appendix B

MOTION Bobinski/Turley: The agenda be adopted as circulated CD.

Minutes of 1998 annual meeting were summarized by the secretary.

MOTION Burwell/Sawatsky The minutes be adopted as distributed CD

Business from minutes - Delahey reported the Barn Builders fund has approx. \$11,900 in pledges from two mailings. The Architectural fees are estimated to be \$20,000 - 30,000. An application has been made to the College of Agriculture Endowment and Trust Fund for assistance. More donations are to be solicited. The next step is to establish a committee to work with a reconstruction group. Rod suggested a committee structure and will proceed to establish same.

Dr. Graham Jones (Assoc. Dean of Agric.) on the progress of the revamping of the diploma courses. The Feb. 1998 report of The Review of Diploma in Agriculture Programs in The College of Agriculture was filed with SAGA for future reference. Admission requirements for the programs have all increased in recent years. The School of Agriculture is no longer in existence as the diploma course is now part of the College of Agric. It is the intention to have the Co-operative Study program now available to Degree students also available to Diploma students. Provision is being made to accept laddering from the certificate program to the diploma program and to the degree program.

Resolutions Committee - Petterson and Dodds volunteered.

Treasurer Turley presented the audited financial statement (appendix C) showing a deficit of \$ 541.03 for the period Nov.1/97 to Oct.31/98. If unrealized capital gains are included a surplus of \$442.55 is the result. Due to high interest investments maturing and low interest reinvestment possibilities available it is expected that there will be considerably less revenue in the coming year.

MOTION Turley/Petterson the treasurer's report be accepted as presented.CD.

The College 49 class made a presentation listing 23 grads in attendance for the reunion. (appendix D).

Bellamy gave the registrar's report verbally with details in the membership committee report following.

Jill Turner's membership committee report (appendix E)

highlighted the activities to recruit more new members. Life memberships have increased in the last two years but annuals have dropped slightly.

Representatives of SVAA and ASA expressed their appreciation for the activities sponsored by SAGA.

Braidek in the newsletter report (appendix F) announced he has established an e mail address "thesaga@home.com" which he hopes will increase the news about grads.

Cooper in the College Advisory Council report (appendix G) related the plans for a 6th floor of the Agric Bldg. Possible occupants include a pilot plant, two labs, Food Industry Development Centre, Animal and Poultry Science and other possibilities. The many other activities of the advisory council were highlighted.

Brack reported on the Hall of Fame (appendix H). There were six persons inducted in 1998 and five have been selected for 1999.

Fulton reported the alumni has changed the structure to one where reps from bodies such as ours are in a liason function rather than as a director. Awards for 1999 are to be nominated by Feb.15/99. There are five awards applicable to our members.

Lammerding reported on the reunion year activities (appendix I ). The attendance by five year class members has dwindled to zero.

Curling - MacMillan reported (appendix J) a total of 33 rinks entered and ice times at the Hub and Granite. It was recommended to if possible include the curling entry form in two newsletters next year.

Hockey - Hill reported (appendix K ) eleven teams entered for 99 tournament versus twelve in 98. He donated a trophy for the B side for the 99 tournament.

Mixer - Sapsford reported (appendix L ) there were 482 attending the 98 mixer and the 99 function is planned to be quite similar.

Banquet - Cory Loessin reported in the absence of both Bessel and Lessmeister who were both occupied at the Crop Production Show. It is expected that the 99 banquet will show a loss due increased costs which raises the question whether to increase ticket prices or reduce the amount provided.

President's report (appendix M ) Highlights included the Barn Raisers Fund; the efforts to recruit student members from the graduatig classes: the continued expertise and energy of the newsletter editor Braidek and the input into the Dean search committee.

Nominations - Nominated were: Honorary Pres. - Bob McKercher ;  
Pres.- Ewald Lammerding ; Vice-Pres. - Trent Bobinski ; banquet -  
Brian Zwaan ; mixer - Jim Vancha ; curling - Kevin Dow; hockey -  
Sherrilyn Phelps ; membership - Terry Ife .  
members at large - Fulton nominated Ross Evans for South East  
- Cooper nominated Lewis Reeve for North East  
- Turner nominated Carl Meister for south west  
- Vancha nominated Dave Sharpe for north west  
MOTION - Brack/Turley nominations cease. CD.

A discussion of membership fee levels (currently annual - \$10.00  
and life - \$80.00 or \$70.00 (depending on years from graduation)  
centered around factors affecting number of 1 - 9 year grads  
joining. Suggestions included sending the newsletter to new grads  
for one year free ; a formal survey of 1- 9 year grads as to why  
not joining ; a campaign to have 2000 life members in the year  
2000 ; and have executive members of new grads do a solicitation  
of their colleagues.

Other New Business - Lorence Petterson reported the history book  
committee ( himself and Bob McKercher and Les Henry ) are  
progressing to have the history completed for the year 2000. They  
asked that anyone possessing a copy of the 1990 annual meetig  
minutes contact them.

Resolutions - Petterson/ Delahey - Be it resolved that SAGA  
establish a BARN Builder feasibility committee consisting of the  
Dean of Agric., the University Architect, an Alumni office rep,  
SAGA pres., and a SAGA member at large who would act as  
chairperson of the committee . CD.  
Jill Turner nominated Rod Delahey as SAGA rep on the Barn  
Builders feasibility Committee. MOTION - Bud Smith/Fulton  
nominations cease. CD.

Ken Turner moved the meeting be adjourned.

**Membership Committee Report  
Annual Meeting, January, 1999**

**Membership Status**

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I would like to thank the student representatives - Roman Domoshoritz, Jeff Jackson, Jennifer Laing and Trevor Sherman for their assistance and ideas. I would also like to thank Blair Cummins for his help and wish him well in the upcoming year.

Jill Turner 80C  
Membership Chairperson

## College of Agriculture Advisory Council

### SAGA Representative Report

Annual SAGA Meeting January 15, 1999

Saskatoon Inn, Canadiana Room, 9:30 AM

William (Bill) Cooper

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Chairman Corey, SAGA Members & Guests:

At the outset, let me take this opportunity to thank Corey Loessin and his executive for their support during 1998. Just as an example, when we had the opportunity to make a submission to the Search Committee for the new Dean of Agriculture, your executive assembled a unified set of criteria which they felt would be important during the New Dean's tenure. I really appreciated that kind of initiative.

What I hope to do this morning is to note a number of initiatives that were discussed at the two Advisory Council meetings and then rely on others present to update you or clarify any questions you might have.

#### Highlights:

- 1) The "Barn Raiser" which was launched at last years' banquet by our Dean requires \$30,000 (from Ag Grads) to identify future uses. If feasible, then I believe the project will be brought under the U of S Alumni and Development administration.
- 2) Our new Ag Building will be transformed into a six story research and teaching facility commencing the spring of 1999. The cost of the addition is approximately \$10 million and the new space will accommodate most of the Animal and Poultry Science Department.
- 3) 1998 saw the introduction of Certificate Program in Swine Production. This unfortunately coincided with the collapse of the North American pork market.
- 4) The new Food Industry Development Center was established and it will share space with the Western Beef Development Center and the Prairie Feed Research Center.
- 5) The new extended term 2 yr. Diploma program is moving through the hoops and should be ready for implementation soon. The Diploma Rep on the College Advisory Council was quite confident of its' acceptance following a somewhat skeptical launch.
- 6) Dean Stewart has been front and center during the development of the Biotechnology Initiatives on and off campus. While we are all excited about these developments in Biotechnology, there are some unanswered questions. Dr. Ashley O'Sullivan, Agriculture

Canada noted the concern that Multinational Corporations were buying the technology and in some cases the biotech companies. This in turn restricts the public sector's ability to incorporate biotech into commercial crops. The public sector does not have the budgets to compete and even if they are allowed to use certain technologies during the research phase they probably will not receive a license from the owner to produce new crops.

It is not apparent that the impact of biotechnology from the research labs to the farmers' fields through to the consumer has been thoroughly analyzed. We will require the counsel of Ag Grads whether they work for the private or public sectors to help us through some of these rather sticky problems.

7) The College of Agriculture has launched an Aboriginal Education in Agriculture Program. This is a five year initiative costing upwards of one million dollars. A study by FSIN suggests that by the year 2045, Saskatchewan's population will be 32.5% Aboriginal with 11% employed and earning only 37.4% of the average Saskatchewan income. A program coordinator will be employed in the near future.

In conclusion and recognizing that this is only a sampling of the items brought to the Advisory table, I would like to take this opportunity to express our (Ag Grads) appreciation to Dr. John Stewart for successfully guiding the College of Agriculture through these ever-changing times during his tenure as Dean.

May '99 be kind to you and your families. Thank you.

Respectfully,

William (Bill) Cooper

**Curling Report**  
**SAGA Executive Meeting**  
 January 7th, 1999  
 Great West Breweries

This year's event has 2 more teams entered than last year.  
 Number of rinks entered 33. Regular draw - 23 teams, Hutcheon - 10 teams  
 Last year had 24 in regular draw and 7 in the Hutcheons .

Curling rinks are booked and confirmed. All teams play at 4:00 on Friday except 1; 1 team has a bye.

Hub	Fri.	1 draw	4 p.m.
	Sat.	3 draws	9, 11:30, 2:00
Nutana	Fri.	1 draw	4 p.m.
Granite	Fri.	1 draw	4 p.m.
	Sat.	3 draws	9, 11:30, 2:00
	Sun.	2 draws	9:30 Finals at 12:00

Presentations will be at the Granite  
 Hutcheon Event will be at the Granite.

Sponsors are Monsanto, John Deere, Cargill and Royal Bank

Roy Norris will do the draw again this year.

Star Pheonix - Draw will be faxed in on Tues. morning .

Ad will be placed in sports section and draw listed inside a curling rock in Friday, morning's paper (Jan 15th)

Trophies in good shape -- added base to the Kirk trophy. Will pick up next week, when other trophies are picked up at the Agriculture building.

Plan to have draw and list of teams with members at each rink and the hotel.

Plan to have trophy history available at the rinks.

Plan to have thank-you poster at hotel for sponsors.

Respectfully submitted  
 Judy MacMillan  
 Stu Cutts

## Mixer Report

## 1999 S.A.G.A. Annual Meeting

1998 mixer was a success with 482 grads and 75 students attending. There was a total profit received from the mixer of \$2187.97

The 1999 mixer is booked for Friday at 8 pm in the Saskatoon Inn (ballrooms A, B, & C) We will be charging \$7 per person except ASA & SVAA students get in free with Student ID.

We have obtained a special events permit for SAGA to run our own bar again this year. We will charge 2.50 per drink and the Saskatoon Inn will supply bartenders at \$12/hr. and ticket sellers and mix for a corkage charge of \$3.25/person. Food will be available at 9 p.m., food will then be added as needed throughout the evening. Smoking will be permitted in the balcony area of Ballroom A only.

It looks like the weather may co-operate with us this year and we are looking for a great turn out for the weekend.

Mixer Committee  
Ken Sapsford  
Bev Rosher



## President's Report

Annual SAGA Meeting January 15, 1999  
Saskatoon Inn, Canadiana Room, 9:30 AM

Corey D. Loessin

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My year in this post has passed quickly with many enjoyable SAGA activities throughout.

Firstly, I would like to express deep appreciation for the efforts of each and every member on the SAGA executive. The dedication of those involved in planning events for this weekend, and of those fulfilling on-going roles for SAGA is truly remarkable, and every member can be proud of their contribution.

There are a few items of interest I would like to highlight:

Since the announcement of the 'Barn Raisers' fund at the last annual meeting, efforts have been put forth to accumulate enough funds for a feasibility study. To date, \$11,900 has been raised from Ag Grads. We have just recently made application to the College of Agriculture Endowment and Trust Fund to further this initiative along. Past president Delahey has been very active in maintaining the fund raising efforts for this project.

Attraction of new student members remains a high priority for SAGA. Membership chair Turner has been active in organizing events to encourage student participation, and enable them to learn about SAGA. These included SAGA sponsored debates held over the lunch hour in both student lounges, and recently, a pub night at Great Western Brewery for all graduating year Degree and Diploma students. Hopefully these and future activities will bring new members into the organization.

Our newsletter continues to be printed three times per year, and editor Braidek contributes great expertise and dedication to its' publication. Some 'modern' enhancements like an e-mail address and web page for SAGA will be welcome additions, and are the result of Jack's initiative.

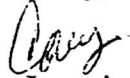
SAGA was asked to provide input to the presently active Search Committee for the Dean of Agriculture. Although the notice was fairly short, discussion was held at an executive meeting, and we sent a letter to the Committee communicating our interests.

As president, I participated on the Crop Production Week committee to plan the week's activities, and in particular, the Wednesday evening forum. SAGA gains advertising of our activities and maintains important contact with other major commodity group organizers for the week.

Attendance to the Graduations of both student bodies, and their award presentation evenings are among the most enjoyable tasks I was involved in. These are great opportunities to meet students and inform them of the benefits of membership.

A sincere thank you to SAGA members for the opportunity to serve as your President. I will endeavor to assist incoming president Ewald Lammerding over this next year, and would like to thank Rod Delahey for all his guidance in 1998.

Respectfully,



Corey Loessin, '86C  
SAGA President, 1998

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# SAGA BANQUET REPORT

January 16, 1999

## Banquet tickets:

Printed	= 600
Tickets Returned	= 162
Complimentary tickets	= 8
Tickets destroyed	= 2
Tickets not returned	= 48

**Tickets Sold = 380**

## Details:

Plate count at banquet	= 406
Tickets sold by Friday night mixer	= 265
Tickets sold by Saturday afternoon	= 55
Tickets sold at the banquet door	= <u>60</u>
Total	= 380

**Revenue:** 380 tickets @ \$25.00 **\$9,500.00**

## Expenses:

Meals	400 @ \$20.95	\$8,380.00
	Gratuities @ 12%	\$1,005.60
	G. S. T.	<u>\$ 656.99</u>
	Subtotal	\$10,042.59

Balloons	(150, including G.S.T. & P.S.T.)	\$263.66
Music	(including G.S.T.)	\$342.40
Stationary/Name Tags		\$ 55.31
Printing Tickets		<u>\$?????</u>
	Subtotal	\$661.37

**Total** **\$10,703.96**

## Summary:

Total Expenses	\$10,703.96
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 9,500.00</u>
Net Loss	(\$1,203.96) + 200 Comp tickets

## 1999 SAGA Banquet Ticket Distribution List

	<u>Tickets Taken</u>	<u>Tickets Returned</u>	<u>Tickets Sold</u>	
Corey Loessin	100	54	38 =	\$950
			8 =	complimentary
Jennifer Lang	50	48	2 =	\$50
Mike Turley	50	10	30 =	\$750
Ken Sapsford	50	10	30 =	\$750
Ewald Lammerding	150	26	134 =	\$3,350
Jim Bessel	<u>200</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>138 =</u>	<u>\$3,450</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>380 =</b>	<b>\$9,500</b>

372  
 425  
 8  
 200

## Reunion Years: Table Settings & Photo's

<u>Year</u>	<u>People Attending</u>	<u>Photo Participates</u>	<u>Table No's</u>
60 years			
1939 Diploma	9	4	1
Degree	8	5	1
50 years			
1949 Diploma	40	26	5
Degree	25	16	3
40 years			
1959 Diploma	32	15	4
Degree	25	12	3
30 years			
1969 Diploma	56	24	7
Degree	25	17	3
20 years			
1979 Diploma	38-42	23	5
Degree	32?	18	4
10 years			
1989 Diploma	40?????	0	1
Degree	40?????	0	4
Extra's			
1960 Degree	16	0	2
1948 Degree	8	0	1

**SASKATCHEWAN AGRICULTURAL GRADUATES ASSOCIATION**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FISCAL 1998**

**NOVEMBER 1, 1997 to OCTOBER 31, 1998**

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENSE</u>	
MEMBERSHIPS	2115.00	NEWSLETTER	6064.08
HOCKEY	4800.00	HOCKEY	4714.08
CURLING	2560.25	CURLING	2285.93
BANQUET & DANCE	7675.00	BANQUET & DANCE	8300.40
MIXER	9315.34	MIXER	7685.12
BANK INTEREST	11.73	BANK CHARGES	32.70
INVST. INTEREST	<u>4332.00</u>	MICELLANEOUS	<u>2268.04</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$30809.32</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$31350.35</b>

**EXPENSE over INCOME <\$541.03>**

<u>TREND ANALYSIS</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
BANK BALANCE	\$ 4337.74	\$ 4350.34	\$ 4029.97	\$ 1488.94
INVESTMENTS	<u>\$70893.00</u>	<u>\$76500.00</u>	<u>\$78500.00</u>	<u>\$81483.58</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$75230.74</b>	<b>\$80850.34</b>	<b>\$82529.97</b>	<b>\$82972.52</b>

<u>GIC's: COMPANY</u>	<u>INTEREST %</u>	<u>MAT. DATE</u>	<u>CURRENT VALUE</u>	<u>AN. INCOME</u>
LAURENTIAN(B)	5.100 %	02/03/2001	\$ 7000.00	\$ 357.00
LAURENTIAN(B)	8.700 %	02/20/2000	\$ 15000.00	\$1305.00
PACIFIC WESTERN	5.300 %	08/25/1999	\$ 10000.00	\$ 530.00
LAURENTIAN(B)	7.800 %	04/18/1999	\$ 20000.00	\$1560.00
PACIFIC WESTERN	5.100 %	04/01/1999	<u>\$ 10000.00</u>	<u>\$ 510.00</u>
		<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 62000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$4262.00</u></b>

<u>MUTUAL FUNDS:</u>	<u>ISSUE DATE</u>	<u>INITIAL VALUE</u>	<u>CURRENT VALUE</u>
TEMPLETON GROUP	06/20/97	\$ 10000.00	\$ 9806.58
MACKENZIE IVY	10/06/97	<u>\$ 8500.00</u>	<u>\$ 9677.00</u>
	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 18500.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$19483.58</u></b>

(Increase in value of the Mutual Funds (\$983.58) is not shown in the totals of the Investment Interest. Taking this into account, we have shown an increase in total equity of \$442.55 instead of a loss of \$541.03)

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Michael G. Turley, P. Ag. (Treas.)

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Lorence I. Peterson P. Ag.