

Three named HLMs at January banquet



**SAGA President Louis Bossaer (left)
Jim Bessel and presenter David Vanthuyne '89 S, '96 C**

Jim Bessel '88 S

Jim owned and operated a large grain and dairy farm for 12 years, before attending the U of S. He began working in the canola industry in the summers between classes, and once graduated, he worked for 25 years with the Canola Council of Canada in research and agronomy.

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Barb Stefanyshyn-Coté (centre) with Louis Bossaer and presenter Vern Racz '68 C

Barb Stefanyshyn-Coté '87 C

Barb met **John Coté '86 C** at the U of S, where she also obtained her Masters. They started their life together and grain farming near Leask, SK, John's home town in the late '80's.

While also partners in a fuel and fertilizer dealership, Barb operated her own livestock nutrition consulting service, designing and promoting feed ingredients

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Louis Bossaer, Mary M. Buhr and presenter Bryan Harvey '60 C

Dean Mary Buhr

Mary completed her PhD in Reproductive Biology at the U of Waterloo. She worked at Ag Canada, and the U of Manitoba before joining the Ontario Agricultural Col-

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President's Pen

I became involved in *SAGA* in 2012 with friend and fellow graduate **Curtis deGooijer '12 C**. to organize the hockey tournament. We were handed the reins from our friend **Aaron Bouchard '02 C** who always made sure his own classmates got a team together.

This year Curtis and I decided to pass on the torch, as I took on the *SAGA* president duties while Curtis became the president of the SIA's NE branch. For many of you reading this, you don't know me so I'll give a brief introduction. I was born and raised on a grain farm near Kenaston, SK. I received my BSA in Agronomy and currently practice Agrology with Blair's Family of Companies, and work on my family's farm.

As a young agronomist, giving advice is difficult with little experience but, with the challenging environmental issues we face it's hard for anyone to have definite solutions. These challenges apply to insects, disease and plant nutrition right from research through to farming. When diagnosing issues, I try to assume I don't know the answer and look for a second opinion. This is where the amazing network started in university opens the door to a wider range of intelligent minds. The many things that we learned while in college cannot be the only thing to rely on upon graduating. In the industry of Agriculture we are forced to develop a network of people.

While we progress through our career, it is this working together and networking that makes it so enjoyable. Agriculture is a science and it should be rather easy to figure out what works and what doesn't. However, variables like soil types, varieties and weather make it hard to

predict the outcome in any given year. I find it's important in agronomy to keep the mind open to new ideas to avoid a narrowed vision of what does and doesn't work. It seems with today's technology and rapid progress in everything that people assume there is only one way to solve an issue. As a new agronomist with limited experience, I may have a completely different way to solve the problem. Even if I have seen it before, every situation is slightly different. Trial and error is the only way to discover what may be the best option.

As an agronomist, I don't like to see growers do the same thing year after year because it limits their ability to improve. However, with the collaboration my colleagues and I have across the province, different situations with similar issues can be compared to see what works and what doesn't. I am lucky to have a network of people with my position at Blair's, but *SAGA* also represents another network of people. No matter what area of agriculture you work in, it's great to have a magnitude of people to stay connected with to exchange experience and ideas.

At *SAGA*, we hope that relationships started in university are maintained or built up for years after graduation. I hope that I can help bring the young generation of graduates into *SAGA*, and that we can look at new ways of thinking about how we create value for our members. I look forward to meeting you, and hope that we can look at things in a slightly different way that will attract more graduates into our organization.

Luke Ringdal '12 C

83rd *SAGA* Reunion Banquet - January 6th 2018

Festivities will be held at: TCU Place - in the Grand Salon

Cocktails at 4:30 p.m.

Banquet & Program begin at 5:30 p.m.

Presented by: **Lucas Ringdal '12 C** – 2017 *SAGA* President

Recognition of Years – 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1978, 1988, 1998, 2008, 2013

Honorary Life Member Awards Presentation

Annual General Meeting @ 8:30 p.m.

SAGA now sells the Banquet tickets via our webpage – opens November 1st, 2017

>>> Remember, Grads from every year are always expected! <<<

Bessel

Jim is well-known for new and innovative ideas combining Agronomic best-management practices with advanced technologies and equipment engineering. With over 40 years of experience in agriculture production, he focuses on harvest and storage management, by bringing forward new and innovative ways of using today's technology in enhancing greater returns/acre, with increased profitability.

He currently serves on the Provincial Council of the SIA, where he has a keen interest in profiling the essential role of agronomists in modern agriculture, and

Stefanshyn-Coté

worldwide.

They have four children, Josh, Erin, Morgan and Lyndon. In 2006, the family took a sabbatical from farming, traveled and lived in Mexico and Chile for two years.

In 2010, they sold the family farm and established a new agritourism location, Black Fox Farm and Distillery off the corner of SW Saskatoon, which produces over 7 acres of fresh cut flowers for u-pick, the farmers' market, events and weddings. They have over 10 acres in raspberry and haskap orchards to supply their boutique

Buhr

lege, U of Guelph. She was Associate Dean (Academic) and then Interim Dean before moving to Saskatchewan to become Dean of AgBio in 2009.

Mary's research centres on all aspects of sperm physiology and its relationship to improved fertility and productivity of livestock. She's taught hundreds of students and loves seeing so many of them succeeding and leading in a huge variety of roles around the country and world. She's served on numerous academic and agricultural boards and committees locally, nationally, and internationally, and is particularly thrilled to support 4H.

Mary is honoured to be a PAg and Dean of the Agros. The College's variety of undergraduate programmes

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encouraging the next generation of professionals.

Now in part-time retirement, Jim works as an independent contractor within the Ag industry. He serves as Senior Agri-Coach with Trimble/Agri-Trend and often speaks about the benefits of managing harvest losses. He also contracts part-time as an organic farm inspector.

Jim has been previously honoured by receiving the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of his contribution to agriculture.

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distillery where they handcraft vodkas, gins, liqueurs and whiskies.

They offer tours, tastings and several festivals throughout the year, including a pumpkin festival which attracted nearly 10,000 visitors last September.

Past member of various community and industry boards, Barb currently lectures in the college of AgBio. She is a Nuffield Scholar. She and John are alumni of the Outstanding Young Farmers program where recently, Barb was one of three national judges.

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have attracted a huge increase in students, who all continue to find and fill valuable roles in all aspects of agriculture and many other fields. Innovative research and useful applications from AgBio's wonderful professors increase every year, using the College's existing and new resources to support bioprocessing, livestock and crop research and outreach.

The College remains deeply involved with prairie agriculture, and is increasingly engaged with, and recognised for excellence among, our Indigenous and international colleagues. Mary has been supported and taught throughout her life by her amazing husband, Bob Puffall, and two wonderful daughters.

Dean Speak

Spring has sprung and we've had another wonderful year here at the College. I am happy to be reporting on mostly positive items but as many of you may have heard, we've been dealt one negative blow this year (insert budget here!). I will elaborate on that, but not before I take some time to brag about this fabulous College.

As always, we couldn't be more proud of our students, staff and faculty who continue to excel locally, nationally and globally. As just a sample, the U of S Range Team placed second out of 24 universities across North America who competed at the Undergraduate Range Management Exam (URME) in St. George, Utah this past January.

We are also so proud of our ENVS 401 (Sustainability in Action) students who continue to take action to make our building, campus and community more sustainable. One of the student groups successfully implemented a water bottle refilling station in the AgBio building, with the goal of reducing plastic bottle waste.

Faculty continue to receive significant and impactful research funding. As part of Growing Forward 2, a federal-provincial-territorial program, the Crop Development Centre will receive \$3.7 million to boost pulse, oilseed and cereal crop research projects.

A team of soil scientists and agricultural economists has received nearly \$1.5 million in support of collaborative projects that will look at how soils in transition zones might respond to land use changes and climate change. These, of course, are just a few of the many other projects that are keeping our researchers in the news.

I am pleased to report that College enrolment continues to climb. As of October 2016 we had 1251 students enrolled in the College, our highest enrolment ever! All of our programs are thriving and there continues to be high demand for our graduates.

We recently had a change in our Aboriginal programming, including the introduction of a new program name—Kanawayihetaytan Askiy (KA). These Cree

words mean “Let us take care of the land”, and this name change, along with the addition of an array of new classes, reflects the significant revisions to our Aboriginal programming, and our commitment to working with Aboriginal communities in our shared interest in taking care of the land. I'm happy to report that there are 22 new students, many from First Nations communities across Canada, enrolled in the current spring offering of the KA certificate.

The provincial budget cut support to the U of S by over 5 percent, which the University had to deal with very quickly. As a consequence, AgBio's operating budget from the University was reduced by 11 percent.

Because the College has developed and nurtured resources over our history that we use to support the operation of our teaching and research programs and facilities, we are not as reliant on this central operating allocation as many of our more junior sister colleges. That is helping us to cope with this one-time reduction while helping our broader university community adjust to this new reality.

While it definitely hurts, and will slow our growth into expanded interest areas, the College is robust and resilient and remains strong in every aspect needed to serve the current and future generations of Agros and the world we serve so passionately.

Agros will always rock!
Yours in Agro spirit, Mary

Your Local Lexiphile

A plateau is a high form of flattery.
Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis.
You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
She broke into song because she couldn't find the key.
Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
Acupuncture: a jab well done.

Class of '52 C



1952 C names: Back L-R: Don Sutherland, Tom McCloy, Art Delahey
Front: Bill Miner, Ed Kowalenko

This is an outstanding group. The youngest guy here is 86!

ASA Summer Report

Hello everyone! I hope the summer is treating you right! I know our hard-working agriculture students will be enjoying their time off from school. We have accomplished a lot over this last year and I must say, it is pretty rewarding being a part of such a dedicated college!

We fundraised for the Movember foundation in November and raised nearly \$3,000! Our incentives were ridiculous and hilarious like always which made donating fun and rewarding. There was a beard-growing contest where the losers were glitter-bearded during winter formal. Ag Bag Drag GOOSE! was a success as well!! Everyone made memories, most forgotten, but successful non the less.

We also fundraised for Telemiracle in February-March and it turned out to be successful, well I mean of course it was, we ARE Agros after all. Our goal was to raise \$12,000 and we raised nearly \$13,000 without having a bedpush!! We finished off our year right with our Traveling Blue Room event. The Agros are resting up for another great year this fall!

Brette Langman '17 C
Pro ASA – SAGA Liaison

Generosity of Morris E. Sebulsky '61 C acknowledged

The Saskatchewan 4-H Foundation has received the largest-ever single gift from an individual.

Morris Sebulsky set aside \$290,000 in his will because he wanted to support an organization that offered young people in rural Saskatchewan the opportunity to learn about leadership and agriculture. Sebulsky spent his life farming in the Sheho area in east-central Saskatchewan. During the winter, he was also a teacher in the Agriculture Engineering Department at the University of Saskatchewan.

Sebulsky taught for more than 30 years and appreciated how 4-H helped to hone the leadership and public speaking skills of rural youth. Sebulsky, who was described by friends as a very humble and generous person, included 4-H in his will, but kept the bequest a secret. The 4-H Foundation was not informed until after his death in 2014.

The money was designated to be used "for the good of

4-H," according to Dr. Mary Buhr, president of the Saskatchewan 4-H Foundation and Dean of the University of Saskatchewan's College of Agriculture and Biore-sources. Dr. Buhr says the money will be invested and interest used for scholarships and programs. However, the 4-H Foundation can use some of the funds for special events.

"We set it up in such a way that if there is a big something, we can dip into the capital if it is a very special event that both the Foundation Board of Trustees and the Saskatchewan 4-H Council agree."

The donation was officially received late last year, with the public announcement being made at the Saskatchewan 4-H Centennial Gala Celebration on Saturday evening.

Three people were also inducted into the 4-H Saskatchewan Hall of Fame - Peter Bygrove, Joan Lillebo and Wes Van Caesele.

SAGA 2017 Hockey Tournament

Once again Waldheim was a very accommodating arena to host the tournament. The kitchen was open from start until finish, along with a service that served cold beer upon request to the dressing rooms. The 7 dressing rooms allowed teams to have their own room. Tentatively booked Waldheim for 2018.



NE Deep Banders



Short Shifts Long Shafts

A Final: NE Deep Banders def. Schmidt's Sticks

B Final: Short Shifts Long Shafts def. Sticks out for Harambe

Bouchard Heart Award

Aaron Bouchard '02 C served on the SAGA board for many years, organizing the SAGA hockey tournament. He always got a team together and helped encourage other teams to sign up. The Bouchard Heart Award is presented to the player who showed the most heart and helped organize and bring a team to play in the SAGA tournament. This year's recipient was **Curtis de Gooijer '12 C**.

A Donor's Journey

Working with our college's donors is incredibly rewarding – the stories behind their generosity are varied, interesting and ultimately tied to some connection to the college and a belief in the work conducted here. This is the case with a contribution from **Dr. Kenneth Clark '54 C**.

Dr. Clark grew up in New Zealand but came to Canada for military training during WW II. Following the war, he settled in England with his Canadian bride, Lea. They returned to Canada several years later after taking a position at Agriculture Canada's Swift Current Research Station. There he was encouraged to complete his bachelor's degree in agriculture at the U of S followed by graduate studies at Purdue. PhD in hand, he returned to Swift Current but after two years was recruited to a position in Canberra, Australia. With an offer to teach at the University of Manitoba he was once again drawn back to Canada, where he was a professor from 1964-1989.

Dr. Clark had been interested in the effect of crops on health throughout his career but it was his own heart bypass surgery in 1989 that drew his attention to research on lentils and cardiovascular health. Dr. Clark was so impressed by studies conducted at the St. Boniface Hospital in Winnipeg on the effect of lentils on blood vessel health that he became a hospital supporter. Now, more than sixty years after receiving his BSA from this college, Dr. Clark has made a significant donation to help support Dr. Bert Vandenberg's studies of zinc and iron fortified lentils on diet, conducted in our Department of Plant Sciences.

The path from New Zealand to our college is inevitably long and this one is especially indirect. In the end however, Dr. Clark's connection to this college and its ongoing achievements inspired his support.

Hamish Tulloch '91 C
AgBio Development Officer

Eight Aging Agros from the '57 C

Yes, there are nine in the photo, but Harvey Goehring is ageless. He wore the blue sweater with the Big A to a class function the night before the banquet. It fit him as well as it did 60 years ago.

F. L/R - Gord Plaxton, Don Acton, Lawrence Gellea and Chuck Day. B. - Glen Lowndes, Harvey Goehring, Bob Middleton and Roy Levee



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Recognition for Grads

Several fellow grads were recently noted for their accomplishments over the last few decades. **Grant Wood '79 C**, received the Distinguished Agrolgist Award from SIA.

George Lewko '92 C, was given the SIA Recognition Award, and **Jeff Schoneau '84 C**, was named by the USSU to receive their Teacher Excellence Award. Both Jeff and Grant have been *SAGA* presidents.

It's in the Genes

Kristen Streifel, 21-year-old daughter of **Lloyd '83 C** and Tracy Streifel, won a bronze medal at the 2017 World Junior Women's Curling Championship on Feb. 25th, held in South Korea. Kristen [a U of Alberta student] and her Edmonton team won the Canadian Junior Women's championship on Jan. 29th. Tracy Streifel is a former Sask Women's Curling Champion.

Jaime Lammerding '11 BA, daughter of **Ewald Lammerding '88 S**, is once again playing for Team Canada at the Women's World Championship Tackle Football, being played June 24-30 in Langley, BC. Jaime last represented Canada in 2013 in Finland.

Remember to check out the *SAGA* web page
saskaggrads.com
for additional photos and articles!

Report to SAGA: 2015-2016 Financial Statement Highlights

Chequing Account Balance as of Oct. 31, 2016 was \$3,875.78 vs. \$4,231.70 on Oct. 31, 2015

Investment Fund Account Balance as of Oct. 31, 2016 was \$45,469.52 vs. \$44,656.69 on Oct. 31, 2015

Total Revenues for 2016 were \$26,405.35. Total Expenses were \$26,761.27 for a loss of \$355.92

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

The Reunion Weekend 2016 had a surplus of \$6931.67 vs. \$6094.55 in 2015

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

Expenses related to the Newsletters in 2016 totaled \$3,053.70 vs. \$4,530.64 in 2015.

Expenses related to the Website in 2016 totaled \$3,408.83 vs. \$2,478.50 in 2015. (Smartphone programming, \$630.00, programming reunion website, \$2118.38, hosting website 12 months, \$420.00, Moneris registration setup, \$240.45.)

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 2015-2016 books at no charge.

Dennis Ewanus, '70 C, Treasurer
Jan. 7, 2017



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Acclaim For A Job Well Done

Harold Chapman '43 C, became involved with the Saskatchewan Co-operative Movement way back in 1944, when he was hired by the Tommy Douglas government to help and teach Veterans how to establish co-operative farms.

In one way or another enterprise became his entire career. And this year, at the age of 1 Century, Mr. Chap-

man was awarded the Order of Canada on May 12 in Ottawa. In typical fashion, Mr. Chapman stated he got this award only because of all the countless people that he worked with and helped him broaden his views over the years. Mr. Chapman wrote about all of his experiences in *Sharing My Life: Building the Co-operative Movement*, published in 2012.

Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall Of Fame Induction 2017

The Western Development Museum hosted the 45th Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony on Saturday, April 22nd, 2017. It was a special evening for family and friends of six well-known people who were proudly inducted into SAHF. The hall was almost filled to capacity where a supportive and enthusiastic audience of 310 guests enjoyed a delicious roast beef dinner.

The Hon. Lyle Stewart, Minister of Agriculture, brought greetings highlighting the diverse merits of each inductee. Glimpses of their lives and careers via Power Points played during the reading of the induction citations. Various family members unveiled their portraits by artist Kevin Quinlan.



Bob McKercher and Wilf Keller.

Six people were inducted, including three Ag Grads: **George Cooper '44 S** (deceased 2016), a farm innovator in the livestock industry, and a co-founder of the Canadian Western Agribition; **Wilf Keller '69 C** known internationally as an effective champion of agriculture biotechnology both as a researcher and advocate and **Bob McKercher '54 C** who pioneered work on soil tests for fertilizer recommendations and on crop protection products in a distinguished career with the College of Agriculture. Other inductees were: Donna Edwards, a select seed grower from Nokomis; Art Mainil (deceased 2011) a beef industry advocate from Benson and Tim Oleksyn from Carlton who supported research in the beef industry.

It was a well-organized event with lively socializing to round off the evening. This was the first time this event was held in the spring, and judging by the strong attendance, it was a successful move from the usual early August. Plan to visit the Saskatchewan Agriculture Hall of Fame Gallery (www.sahf.ca) located on the second floor of the WDM (free admission) and view the biographies and portraits for over 275 worthy inductees.

Don't Blink, Times are Changing

The College of Agriculture and Bioresources has, over several years, been quietly changing to meet new and emerging needs. They now offer as undergraduate degrees: Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness, Bachelor of Science in Animal Bioscience, Bachelor of Science in Renewable Resource Management; Diplomas in Agribusiness, Agronomy, Aboriginal Resource Management, Aboriginal Lands Governance and certificate programs in Prairie Horticulture and Kanawayihetaytan Askiy (Let us take care of the land). WOW, who would have thought, and they all have common links and all fit well under the heading of Agriculture and Bioresources. They are part of the family.

For SAGA it poses a problem; they are our College of Agriculture and Bioresources graduates and we should equally recognize them all. We know and understand that all graduates should feel welcome in SAGA. How do we reach out to all and be inclusive? The SAGA executive in its activities are trying to do this. However, our name, Saskatchewan Agriculture Graduates Association, stands out as being perhaps not as inclusive as we would like. Before the next Annual Meeting consider a name change, with one put forward only as an example: Saskatchewan Agriculture and Bioresource Graduates Association. Think about it and if you feel you have a better name, send it in.

For those wondering, in these changes the college has retained the past programs and broadened the scope to fit the new reality. As an employer, would you not want a specific trained individual to fit the job rather than trying to fit an octagon into a round hole like many of us were asked to do. Kudos to the College. By the way, the newsletter need not be included in this name change and is simply "The SAGA", the ongoing story of the Saskatchewan Agriculture and Bioresources Graduates.

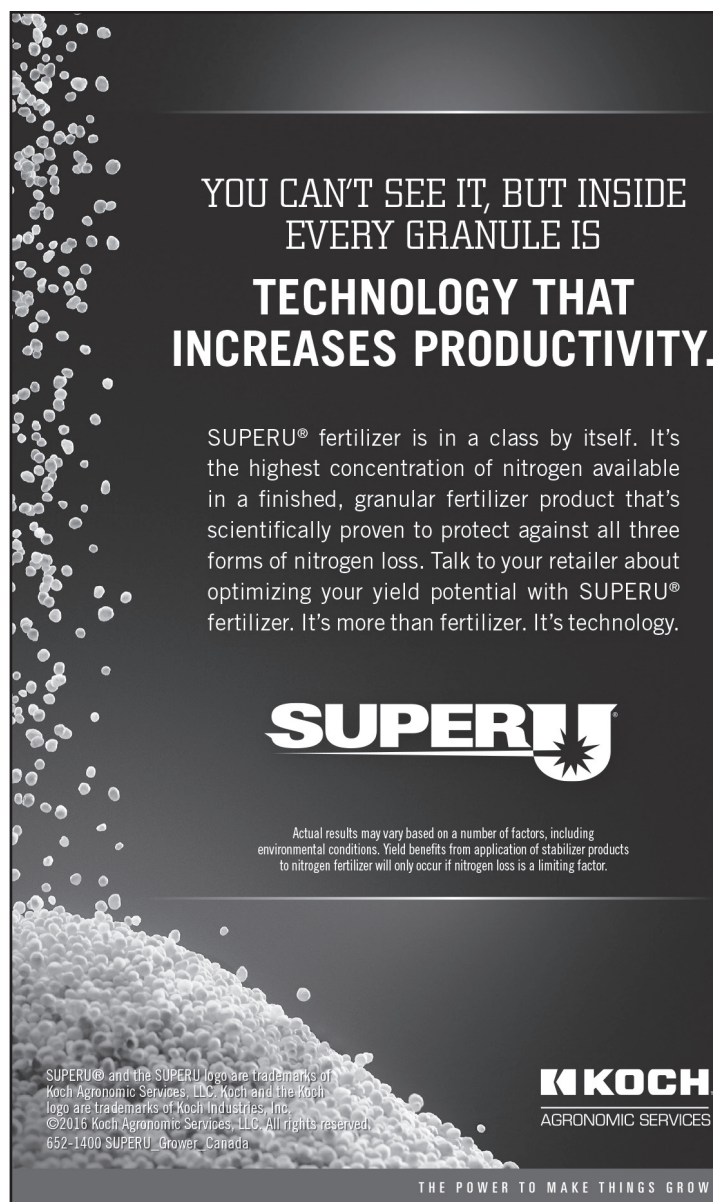
Please have a good summer and from time to time check us out on our website for information or use our contact a member search to touch basis with a friend.

Vern Racz '68 C
On behalf of our Executive

Taking on New Challenges

Rick Block '00 C, and his wife Jacquie, are the new Regional Representatives for the Canadian FoodGrains Bank (CFGB) in Saskatchewan. Rick has also worked with Heifer International.

Sarah Either '14 C, has been appointed as a Genetic Technician at Genesis, a worldwide swine genetics company.



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SAGA Summer Events

SAGA will once again be arranging get-togethers this summer at the same events we did last year. But due to a changing of the guard at a couple of shows, we haven't nailed down an exact day, time or even a spot to chug a beer or two.

At Farm Progress, Seed Hawk will no longer have their beer garden. But we are in touch with the right people, and hopefully we will be able to have our day again on the Thursday, which will be June 22nd in Regina.

At Ag in Motion, going on from July 18-20, we will be sponsoring a beverage afternoon, but because we are

doing this in conjunction with the College of AgBio, a time hasn't been set yet. And finally, way down the line, in Regina, we will get something going at Agribition, which runs Nov. 20-25. But the facility that would hold our party may not even have been built yet.

Blair Cummins '77 S is on top of these plans, but you need to hold up your end of the mug and check our website, Facebook and Twitter to know when we are hoisting the cold ones.

Website: saskaggrads.com

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Notes from a Prairie Chicken

It has been so long since I wrote as Prairie Chicken that it should be titled "Old Hen" by now!! I should mention that no matter what you read in the May 4th Western Producer, I live near Maple Creek, SK!!!

Birth announcements in our SAGA newsletter have been fairly sparse lately. That is another reason that we need to attract younger members. I would like to announce that two Ag. Grads in our neighbourhood, **Peter Hecker, '75 S**, and his wife, **Heather Macnab, '81 S**, of Piapot, became grandparents on Sept. 19, 2016 when Roland William Hecker arrived, becoming the fifth generation of the Hecker family in this area.

Will's parents, Andrew & Chelsea, live and work around Maple Creek, helping on the farm when needed. We were all together at the Hecker branding last week. When everyone gathered for supper we discovered that there were four recent U of S female Ag. Grads in the crowd. I was really pleased to discover that they were all Animal Science majors.

Many years ago I was working upstairs in the old Animal Science building when Dr. Bell came along to tell me that he had been doing some research. He had come to the conclusion that I was the very first woman to major in Animal Science! (My good friend, **Elsie (Beere) Gates '66 C**, was the second one.) See what we started? The girls told me that in recent years the Animal Science majors are almost all women.

Rae-Leigh Pederzoli '14 C, M.Sc. '16 (partner of the Hecker's son, Tim) has now finished her first year of Veterinary School in Calgary. Rae-Leigh grew up just southwest of Medicine Hat and, astride her horse, helped with the round-up. She gave me the following information about her friends. They were all roommates in Saskatoon.

Breanna Anderson '15 C, from Swan River, MB, and **Courteney O'Keefe '15 C**, from Rockyford, AB are working on their Masters in Ruminant Nutrition at the Western Beef Development Center near Lanigan.

Breanna is studying corn grazing and Courteney is into winter grazing.

Katlelin Stehr '16 C, of Swan River, MB, is taking a Masters from the U of S, currently at Lethbridge, studying feedlot nutrition.

Rae-Leigh thought I should mention another good friend of this group, **Stacey Domolewski '13 C**, of Taber, AB. She is finishing a Masters from the U of S by working with the Beef Cattle Research Council in Calgary on management of bulls in summer pastures. It looks like the beef industry in western Canada will be in good hands for many years yet.

Perhaps it is time for retirement at this camp. I'll keep you posted. Have a happy summer.

Irene Ahner, '65 C

My, How the Years Have Flown

The Editors profoundly apologize to the Chanins. Al had sent a report for their 65th. Unfortunately, it was misplaced in the shuffle. Updated, but is now one year late for a very significant date. We are sorry.

Al Chanin '53 C and the Mrs, Cecilia, are celebrating their 66th wedding anniversary on Sept. 3rd. They got hitched right in the Chapel at the U of S. They have three daughters, six grandkids and five great grand kidlings. (Maybe more by now). Enjoy the 'then and now'.



Al and Cecilia Chanin

4-H Saskatchewan Celebrates 100 Years in 2017!

For a century, 4-H has provided an opportunity for young people to Learn To Do By Doing. All alumni are invited to join in on the celebrations:

- Reconnect with 4-H Saskatchewan at 306-933-7727 or info@4-h.sk.ca to get involved or find out more about local, summer centennial festivities.
- Connect online at www.4-h.sk.ca or on social media with #4HSK100
- Attend our final centennial celebration - the 4-H Alumni Come-and-Go event on Saturday, November 25 in the Queensbury Centre (during Agribition in Regina.)



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SAGA 2018 HLM Nominees

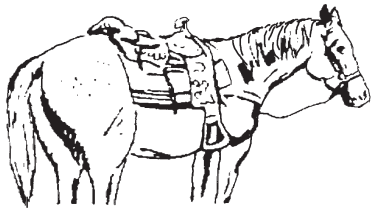
Art Delahey '52 C spent years in the Ag service industry. During that time he arranged many agriculture tours. This was so successful that he purchased a travel agency and did it full-time; arranging Ag-related tours and holiday tours for Ag grads. Art purchased the Patterson Lily Collection, so supplied novel lily varieties for growers in Canada and around the world. He was President of the Lily Society, contributing greatly to the success of that organization. A past president of SAGA and also Honorary President.

Lorence Peterson '65 C is an Ag Econ grad, and spent his career in agricultural finance. He began with the Royal Bank facilitating farm loans. At the time, banks were not a major presence in the area of farm financing. But through the work of Lorence and a number of other Ag Grads, it became commonplace. Lorence has been a stalwart supporter of SAGA and has been the auditor of our books for as long as any of the current executive can remember. A thankless task Lorence does with professional care.

These two gentlemen will be honoured at our 2018 Reunion Banquet on Jan. 6, 2018

Thanks to Al, Bob, Les and Irene and others for their contributions!!

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Raymond Lyman Sapp '45 S	June 3, 2015	Campbell Garner Casswell '50 C	May 13, 2017.
John Edgar Hunter '46 S	Aug. 27, 2016	Marcel Eugene Nagy '51 S	June 24, 2016
Allan Robert McGillivray '47 S	Dec. 5, 2016	Albert John Garratt '51 C	May 4, 2017
Neil Morrison Dean '47 S	Jan. 1, 2017	Grant Wilson Plewes '52 S	Mar. 9, 2017
Anthony John Koob '47 S	Nov. 7, 2014	George Wallace Maguire '52 C	June 11, 2016
Peter Joseph Balogh '47 C	Feb. 5, 2017	Joseph Harrison Cooper '53 S	Dec. 16, 2016
Delbert Edwin Enns '48 S	Apr. 9, 2017	Thomas Robert Hicks '56 S	Aug. 16, 2016
Clifford 'Earl' Nicholson '49 S	June 17, 2016	Alfred Weiler '57 S	Jan. 7, 2017
Thomas Welland Stewart '49 S	Dec. 19, 2016	Walter Benjamin Redekop '63 C	Apr. 20, 2017
Anatoly [Tony] Bulani '49 C	January 2017	Blair Francis Atkinson '66 C	June 14, 2014
David Enns '49 C	Nov. 18, 2015	Richard Benedict Scheck '71 S	Nov. 30, 2016
		Archibald Alexander MacIntyre '72S	Jan. 4, 2017
		Graham McMillan Steacy '73 C	Dec. 12, 2016
		Derek William Kuffert '94 C	Jan. 14, 2017
		David J. Savage '11 C	Jan. 5, 2017

Book Launch for Sodbusters Vision

Two active and involved Ag Grads, **Bob McKercher '54 C** and **Ted Turner '48 S**, enjoyed well-earned accolades at the book launch May 19 of the publication of their book, *The Sodbusters Vision: An Agriculture Building for the University of Saskatchewan*.

They got their heads and pens together over the last year and came up with a manuscript full of interesting facts and features. Over 100 photos were found, and a book was born. An informative record it is!

The sun-filled atrium was the perfect location surrounded by lasting symbols of generous leadership: Sodbusters plaque, Partners in Growth wall, Leo Kristjanson sculpture, and the Major Donors feature. The

area was buzzing with Sodbusters, retirees, alumni, staff, students and friends.

Dean Buhr brought greetings and praised the authors for the dedication to their writing and research making the book a wonderful legacy for the college and university.

Thanks to Dean Buhr and her staff who coordinated this event with true Agro enthusiasm, complete with refreshments and dainties to enjoy during the book signing.

The *Sodbusters Vision* book is available for purchase online through www.saskaggrads.ca, with proceeds going to the SAGA organization.

Soil Science - Early Years to Major Growth

EARLY YEARS 1919 - 34: The Soils Department was formed in 1919 with Professor Roy Hansen, a soil microbiologist trained at the University of Illinois, as the first faculty member and Department Head. Early activity was the production of affordable bacterial cultures for the inoculation of legumes. This activity grew to an unmanageable 10,000 bottles per year and was discontinued in 1930 when commercial sources became available. Extension Bulletin # Mar. 1, 1921, from the College of Agriculture was 'Inoculation for Legumes' by Roy Hansen. In the preamble Roy wrote "Saskatchewan's first need is for systematic crop rotations...to include leguminous crops. Already some of the older soils are showing the effect of our present system of soil robbery". But it wasn't until the 70's, when Al Slinkard at Crop Sc. bred lentils and peas, that Hansen's advice could be used. Soil survey field work commenced in 1921, and remained an important part of the Department until the second survey was completed in the 1990s.

THE MITCHELL ERA 1934 - 55: John Mitchell became Department Head in 1934 and worked tirelessly on behalf of the University until his death in harness in 1955 at age 58. He was known affectionately as "The Chief" and endeared by all who worked with him. Under John's watch, the first reconnaissance soil survey was published in 1944 as "Soil Survey Report # 12". It covered Saskatchewan from the US border to the top of Township 48. In 1950 "Soil Survey Report # 13" covered agriculturally settled areas north of Township 48. The # 12 and # 13 reports provided the framework in which farmers carried out agronomic work for many decades.

The soil survey was a co-operative effort including the Governments of Saskatchewan and Canada but the headquarters, organization and direction was by the Soils Department at the U of S. Soil erosion by wind and water and cropping practices to minimize losses was a major extension focus. Early fertilizer experiments, mostly on farmer's fields, showed that phosphorus was the main limiting factor with sulphur needed on Grey Wooded Soils. Work on radioactive labelled phosphorus

fertilizers was started by Mitchell in collaboration with chemistry (J.W.T. Spinks – later U of S president) The Professors in 1955 included W.L. (Les) Hutcheon, and D.A. (Don) Rennie. At about that time the name was changed from Soils to Soil Science.

THE GROWTH ERA: HUTCHEON 1955 - 64; RENNIE 1964- 81: Les Hutcheon was Department Head from 1955- 64, Dean of Agriculture July, 1964 and died, also at work, in the John Mitchell building, Jan. 1965 at age 48. Hutcheon did valuable work on soil moisture and the effect on plant rooting. He also directed the soil survey to begin the second and more detailed soil survey and did the groundwork for the formation of the Saskatchewan Institute of Pedology. Dr. Hutcheon expanded the academic staff to include R.J. (Roly) St. Arnaud, soil genesis and classification and Eldor A. Paul, soil microbiology. Don Rennie completed the formation of the Saskatchewan Institute of Pedology. It was a formal arrangement to continue the operation of the soil survey with one line of command for university, provincial and federal employees.

A significant milestone was 1966, when Rennie assembled the resources to open the Saskatchewan Soil Testing Laboratory. Dr. Ed Halstead was the first Director. The first year the soil test identified an area of serious potash deficiency in Carrot River soils. The SSTL was the main link of the department to the farm community until 1994 when it was sold off to private interests. Under Rennie's watch the academic staff grew to include Eeltje deJong, John W.B. Stewart, P.M. (Ming) Huang, R.B. (Bob) McKercher, Ed H. Halstead, J.L. (Les) Henry, and J.R. (Jeff) Bettany.

Don Rennie was the last career Department Head in Soil Science. University policy changed to provide five-year renewable term appointments for all senior administrators.

J.L. (Les) Henry '64 C

Crop Production Week 2018

January 6 to 11, 2018

Locations:

Saskatoon Inn

Canaryseed Development Commission of Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association;
Saskatchewan Winter Cereals Development Commission

Western Development Museum Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association

Praireland Park

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

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