

Delahey '52 C, Peterson '65 C named Honorary Life Members



Rod Delahey '80 C, presenter for his father, Luke Ringdal, '12 C and Art Delahey '52 C.

Art Delahey 1952 College

Art was raised on a farm NE of Moose Jaw at the start of the dirty '30s and still claims he didn't experience rain until he was in public school. His family encouraged him in 4-H grain and beef clubs and, while at 4-H competitions, he was introduced to the U of S campus. In 1947 he was part of a crew that successfully introduced 2,4-D to area farms as a necessary and much-welcomed wild mustard control.

He graduated with a general major because he planned to return to farming. During college, Art was the ASA Exec. SRO, participated in several sports and was the equipment manager for the Huskie's hockey team. Upon graduation he purchased his own farm NE of Moose Jaw and began registered grain production, plus a 4-H grain club leader for a few years. He worked as Ross Thatcher's ranch manager for one summer, but left

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Lorence Peterson 1965 College

Lorence was raised on a farm near Parkbeg, SK. Before and during college he worked for Trans Canada Pipelines, spent two months at the Dundurn Military Camp and ten months at the B.A. Oil Refinery in Moose Jaw. He graduated with his BSA (Agricultural Mechanics), with Distinction.

Lorence began his career as an Ag. Rep. in Estevan, Shellbrook and Swift Current from 1965-'74. Moved to the Royal Bank, Regina in '74, and onto Saskatoon in '76. Early retirement from the bank in '95, let him take on the role of Executive Director of the Western Grains Foundation from 1996 – 2003, when he retired again.

Besides attending to his career and family, Lorence served as a dedicated volunteer for several organizations such as the Sask 4-H Foundation, Grace Lutheran Church, and AIC, as a member of the Finance Committee. He served



Lorence Peterson '65 C, Luke Ringdal, classmate and presenter Irene Ahner '65 C and 2011 HLM.

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because of disagreement with Ross's views on beef production and politics. For three years he was the protein technician in Robin Hood's test lab, thereby contributing to a bed of free mercury in the Moose Jaw creek. Because of the difficulties created by two years of hail, one of rust and grain delivery quotas it became necessary to sell the farm and move on.

He worked for Federated Co-op as Feed Rep, moving up in that department until being given the opportunity to manage Crop Supplies, a new department created to handle fertilizers and chemicals. During his 17 years with FCL he acted in several ag-related management positions, ending in senior management responsible for the Ag Division. As a commercial hobby, Art established Riverside Gardens after obtaining all lily stock from Dr.

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two terms on the SIA Provincial Council and was part of the branch executives in Regina, Swift Current and Saskatoon. He is still on the SIA Admission Committee.

Lorence was chair of the 2000 *SAGA* Committee which produced the "Forever Young" history book. Living in Saskatoon gave him the opportunity to take part in many *SAGA* events and be part of the executive, acting as secretary and bonspiel chair. Currently audits the annual financial statements for *SAGA*. He was co-chair for the 40 and 50 year reunions of the '65 C.

Lorence married Beverley Ellard (BSN '64) of

Patterson's estate; noteworthy because much of Dr. Patterson's hybridizing work was unknown and unavailable to the Horticulture Dept. With Ed Maginnes' help, they selected, registered and introduced several Patterson varieties, many of which became favorites in NA gardens. Art is a founding member and 40-year treasurer of the Canadian Prairie Lily Society which fosters lily culture. He was part of the committees that staged three NA lily shows in Saskatoon.

Art was the '74 *SAGA* president and '14 Honorary Pres., has served on curling and golf club boards, on inaugural committees for World Potash Conference (Saskatoon) and the Sask Jazz Festival, and the ninth year on his condominium board.

In retirement Art enjoys golf, woodworking, and stays in touch as the fourth generation of the Delahey family attends the College of AgBio.

Mortlach, in 1963 and they raised two sons, Brian (B. Eng. '87) and Colin (BSA '95). Sadly, Bev passed away in April of 2001. Life brightened again for Lorence in 2005 when he and Lee Bristow (BS '69, B.Ed. '69) were married. This added two sons and a daughter, Mark, who farms at Loreburn, Ian (BSA '97, B. Eng. '06) and Kim to his family. Together they have 12 grandchildren.

Lorence enjoys politics, curling, golf and fishing. He works a couple of weeks a year visiting farmers who rent land from the Canada Pension Plan. He and Lee enjoy travelling and attending grandchildren's activities. They have been on cruises in several parts of the world. They enjoy bus tours in NA and the British Isles; and winter vacations in warm parts of the U.S.

84th SAGA Reunion Banquet - Sat. January 12th 2019

Festivities will be held at: TCU Place - in the Centennial Halls (Lower Level of TCU Place)

Cocktails at 4:30 p.m.

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President's Pen

Thank-you for reading this edition of the *SAGA*! Some background - I've played a few roles within the Association over the years (email and member database foray in 2007-08; alarmingly poor curler back in the 80s) so, now with the kids grown up and (mostly) moved out – I felt it was time to play a more active role. That, combined with gentle encouragement from a couple of members, resulted in my taking on VP last year, and subsequent President this year.

In all honesty, I entered the role with some trepidation. After all, who wants to be known as the President who piloted the *SAGA* “ship” into the sunset? The constant challenge of enrolling younger grads had me very concerned. However, through the hard work of the Executive and other active members I do believe we have turned the corner and should see interest and memberships increase.

Here are specific examples why I feel good about *SAGA* and our future:

- A month or so ago we announced the creation of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Student's Association Undergraduate Award funded by new memberships and donations. This is a truly exciting development! Please see Keith's report.
- We have raised our profile within the College of Agriculture and Bioresources and the Ag Students Association (ASA). For example, we participated in the 2018 Graduation Ceremony and Bean Feed Awards evening (beans still served BOOYAH); played a significant role in the Telemiracle Bed Push (Louis' report); the Cheers with Peers outreach program is gaining momentum; and we have partnered with the Agros to support their Fall Golf Tournament (see Greg's report).
- This past January's Reunion weekend saw one of the larger crowds in recent times. Over 400 graduates, spouses and undergraduates were in attendance Saturday night (If you missed **Harold Chapman's '43C** address, you really missed out). The *SAGA*/College of Ag Come-and-Go Social on Friday night saw over 150 visitors! The upcoming '19 event promises to be as big and as enjoyable as the last.

You may be asking yourself – what's going on? Simply put, a lot of creativity and hard work by your Executive, the College Alumni office (Tanya), as well as a keen ASA – *SAGA* Liaison. A big shout out to **Carson Jorgensen '18C** for his efforts in raising our profile within the ASA. Carson wanted to renew interest in college tradition, so working with *SAGA* was a perfect fit. I'm confident our new Liaison, **Madison Englot '19C**, will continue to see our value.

The big question - how do we maintain this momentum going forward? To me, it comes down to “working the crowd” so to speak, and your involvement. We need to share the benefits of *SAGA* membership with the undergrads and recent grads, and we do that by outreach efforts like those listed above.

When you hear of our upcoming “Cheers with Peers” events at Ag In Motion or Farm Progress Show, plan to attend and bring along a young College graduate (a relative? your agronomist?) to show them what we are about. Or, tell them about how much fun you had attending your Reunion Year banquet. Kindling an interest to participate is what it's all about, and we need your help!

That's all for now. Keep an eye on Twitter, Facebook and the web, fine-tune your golf game and bring a team to the Agro Golf Tournament, and take care,

Mayson Maerz '83C

Visit the *SAGA* web page at www.saskaggrads.com

2018 SAGA Hockey Tournament



Billy Brown '14C

The Tournament took place again in Waldheim and the facility is still a perfect location, with six dressing rooms and a great fee to rent the rink. This year we had seven teams, five Alumni and two Agro teams. This led to having one pool of 3 teams and another of four in which everyone played two games. The team with the lowest standing in the second pool was eliminated and the remaining 6 teams faced off in A, B, and C finals. We had a Ref shortage, but players from all the teams were good about stepping up to help.

The Bouchard Heart Award honours **Aaron Bouchard '02 C**, who was a member of the *SAGA* Exec. and organized the tournament for several years.



B side winners - Millimeter Peters

The award is given to a player who shows heart, sportsmanship, and is involved in the tournament, organizing teams and helping with the event itself when possible. This year, the Bouchard Heart Award went to **Billy Brown '14 C**.



A side winners – NE Deep Banders



C side winners - Screamin' Seaman

The SAGA Scholarship Award

At the *SAGA* AGM on Jan. 6, a proposal was brought forward for *SAGA* to create a Scholarship for the College of Agriculture & Bioresources. The Scholarship would be open to all students in any Degree or Diploma course at the College. Your Executive struck a committee, co-chaired by **Vern Racz '68 C** and **Keith Head '67 C**, to delve into the intricacies involved to develop an ongoing scholarship and how to fund it.

The committee has met several times over the past months and liaised with **Hamish Tulloch '91 C**, the Ag-Bio Development Officer, to construct the Terms of Reference for the *SAGA* Scholarship. We want ours to be unique in regards to who the recipients of the scholarship will be. The College will administer the fund because they can issue tax receipts.

A brochure has been produced that outlines our objectives and how you may make donations. If all goes as planned, the first scholarship(s) will be awarded for the 2019-20 year. We are hoping at the start, that our fund

will be large enough to establish three annual scholarships of \$1000. Should the fund exceed our expectations, we have ensured that our Terms of Reference will allow us to either create further scholarships, and/or boost the ones we have in place to \$1500 or \$2000. Our mandate is simply to aid the future of agricultural prominence in the province.

Please consider contributing to the scholarship fund. It is a great opportunity to support our College and the agriculture industry.

It's easy to contribute.

Go online at <https://donate.usask.ca/online/agbio.php> (Select *SAGA* Undergraduate Award).

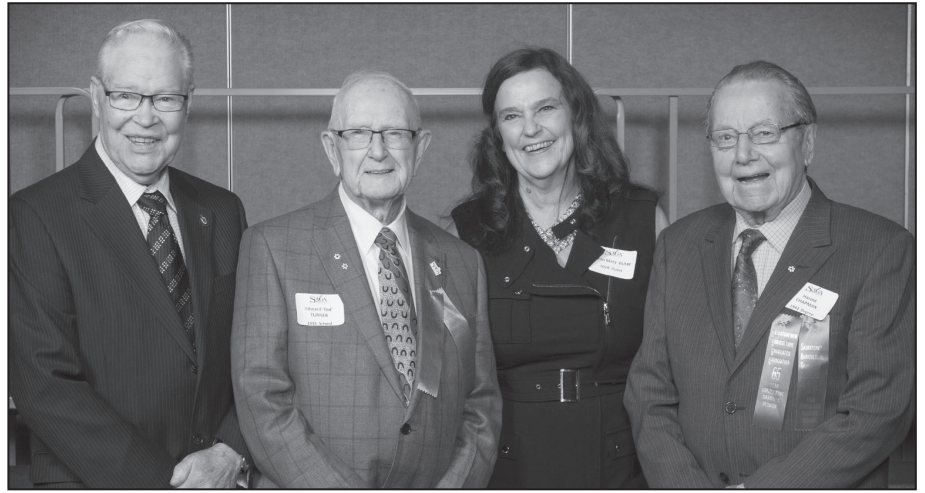
By cheque payable to: University of Saskatchewan (note on memo line: *SAGA* Undergraduate Award).

Mail to **College of Agriculture and Bioresources, Development Office, 51 Campus Dr., Saskatoon S7N 5A8**. Contributions can also be made by telephone at: (306) 966-5186 or toll-free: 1-800-699-1907.

Dean Speak

Greetings Agros,

What a term this has been! Since January we have welcomed three new faculty to the college: a rangeland forage specialist, a water economist and a beef cattle and forage expert. Faculty continue to excel with award-winning teaching, research and outreach. They were exceptionally successful in this year's prestigious national NSERC granting competition, we are the lead university in the industry-led national Protein Industry network, and we are eagerly awaiting new industry-government joint funding through Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.



Mason Simmons '46 S, Ted Turner '48 S, AgBio Dean Mary Buhr, and Harold Chapman '43 C. were the oldest grads at the party this year. Next in line were Bill Cooper '51 S and Art Delahey '52 C.

Our students make us so proud! They continue to amaze us with their hard work, determination and tire-

less efforts to have fun, give back to their community – and, of course, succeed at their studies! Convocation will see our biggest graduating class ever – 259 new graduates from our various degree and diploma programs embarking on the next phases of their lives and career. Our CAMA agri-marketing team made it into the semi-finals in the North American competition, and the U of S Range Team won first place out of 24 teams from across North America at the Undergraduate Range Management Exam in Sparks, Nevada in late January. Earlier this year the ASA raised an amazing \$43,000 to support Kinsmen Telemiracle with the ever-popular bed-push, and many of you folks from our Agro community were deeply involved in refurbishing the bed, running along with the students and hustling for donations. Thank you!!!

Of course, there are always challenges. You will remember that last year the College took a significant budget cut in response to provincial reductions, and this year there is another, small reduction – less than many colleges, but still a further cut. It's a real challenge to manage, and does limit our ability to perform at our peak. Everyone has pitched in to find economies and tighten our belts, and the morale of the College remains strong. We are determined to find new sources of ongoing support to shield us from these disruptions and ensure our long-term success at providing the world with sustainable food and bioproducts, and talented Agros.

And we are indeed providing talented Agros! This year's enrolment is another all-time high, clearly demonstrating this college's relevance to, and popularity with, our young people, who on graduation are all eagerly snapped up by a wide variety of industries. Of course such numbers bring space and scheduling challenges, particularly given our stubborn determination to always provide our students with hands-on, real-life experience. We've reluctantly had to limit enrolment in our highly-popular Animal Bioscience program for this fall, using a competitive process that has filled all available seats with students whose entering averages are at 85 percent or greater. We're currently reviewing many of our programs and courses to keep them current with all of our industry's issues, changes and future needs, and to creatively provide the best possible learning to all those keen future Agros. Your help, advice, enthusiasm and support is always welcome, and arguably is needed now more than ever. Please share your thoughts and time with us – and never, ever forget that ... AGROS ROCK!

Yours in Agro Spirit, Mary

1953 School



Front L-R: Bob Dodds, Lloyd Haight

Back L-R: Murray Westby, Leroy Larsen and Arnold Larsen.

This 1953 class is a very distinguished one for SAGA. Murray Westby-1995, Bob Dodds-2002, Chuck Strautman-2003 and Leroy Larsen-2004, are all SAGA HLMS.

SAGA 2019 Honorary Life Nominees

Blair Cummins '77 S, has served on two occasions as president of *SAGA* and virtually every other position on the Executive. He runs a successful farming enterprise east of Saskatoon and has been a very active participant in his community serving on many boards as well as his local council.

Jim Halford '63 C was a pioneer in conservation tillage and instrumental in developing equipment to enable this practice to become widespread. He was and is still a strong advocate for conservation practices. He has been recognized by a number of awards for his work and has been an ardent supporter of *SAGA*. He lives and farms in the Indian Head area.

1972 School Hold Summer Bash



Back row L-R: Denis Bourgeois, Les Clayton, Ken MacPherson, Pat Zentner, Doug Panter, Gay Holeha, Bruce Heebner, Dennis Schlekewy.

Middle row L-R: Lyle Findlay, Hazel Ritchie-McPhee, Harvey Wagner, Glen Neish, Gordon Dickson, Walter Staniec, Art Jones.

Front row L-R: Wayne Newport, Mal Buckingham, John Donaldson, Leonard Ber, Ralph Bowditch, Laverne Affleck, Randy Bergstrom, Jim Gill.

On July 8, 2017, the class held their 45 Year Reunion at Manitou Springs Resort at Manitou Beach. Some showed up on Friday, and the rest on Saturday. Lots of fun and good visiting was had. The resort was a great choice; so was meeting in the summertime. The weather was really nice, unlike frigid January. There was lots of things to see and do at Manitou. Of 82 grads in 1972, 15 have passed on. Thanks to all that showed up.

Submitted by Reunion Chair Lyle Findlay

1958 School



L-R: John Parker, Gary Rice, Bill Craddock, Tom Hewson and Duane Bristow

Correction

In the Dec. 2017 issue, the photo of the 1962 School... We misspelled Jack's last name. The proper spelling is Jack Goohsen. Apologies from *SAGA*. [Ed.]

SAGA Treasurer's Report

The 2018 Reunion did very well with 375 people attending. Net profit from Reunion was \$8900. Currently have \$15,400 in bank account and \$52,000 in the Mutual Fund. The participants in the 2018 SAGA Hockey Tournament in Waldheim had lots of fun and the Tournament yielded a net profit of \$640.

Dennis Ewanus '70C
SAGA Treasurer



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Agriculture and Bioresources Students Association Report

We have come a long way since the beginning of the year and we have *SAGA* to thank for many of our success. The ASA, now known as the Agriculture and Bioresources Students Association, has taken on more than it ever has before, for its students, community and the University.

Our relationship with *SAGA* is better than ever as they have allowed us to grow and have a great involvement with each other more than we ever have had before. Bridging the gap from past and present aided in new relationships and opportunities. Inviting us to come to the banquet opened up many eyes, including mine as it showed me the passion, comraderie and family that exists even after graduation and within this industry. *SAGA* showed that family orientation is at the heart of our association. We aim to make everyone feel welcome and assisting in helping anyone who is in need of it.

With that ideology, this year we have raised and donated over \$57,000 for charities and community groups. We have worked with the Children's Hospital, donating \$10,000 at the beginning of the year. As well, we took part in their Radiothon, answering phones and dressing up in their mascot costume at some of their events. The Ronald McDonald House has also been an outlet for us to provide support through baking cookies and cookie jar deliveries. We raised over \$2000 for men's prostate health for Movember. Toy drive was a success this year bringing many presents to kids for Christmas.

Finally Bedpush. We raised \$43,130.35 for Telemiracle 42. It turned into an amazing and life changing event for many. We found AGROS at every turn we took. A special thanks to Norheim Ranching, who came to our rescue when we broke the bed on the first day, Richardson Pioneer, Western Sales and Synergy Ag for supplying food, as well as many other businesses who donated, aided in pushing and helped us when we needed it. *SAGA* was indispensable in helping us with repainting the bed, bringing runners and raising funds. Special thanks to **Mayson Maerz**, **Louis Bossaer** and **Al VanCaesele** for all their help.

Al showed us young kids how it's done as his class of 88/89 raised over \$5000. The family and relationship we have started has impacted me greatly and together we have changed the way many faculties and the University itself looks at the relationship between

students and alumni.

In terms of our clubs, they are equally as busy. The U of S Rangeland Team travelled to Sparks, Nevada in January to compete in the Undergraduate Rangeland Management exam. The team placed first out of 25 teams from across North America – the highest ever the U of S has placed in this competition! **Erin Anderson** also had an outstanding individual score of second overall.

The U of S Judging Team attended Olds College Judge It Competition in March and placed as second overall team! The team had many individuals at the top of class placings, including **Ashleigh Ringdal** who placed as second overall in individual score. The Judging Team also attended the Lakeland College judging competition in March and brought home the Beef Top Team, Swine Top Team, Horse Top Team and Oral Reasons Top Team. There were many top three individual placings, including **Kate Barnett** placing as second overall individual college judge!

The U of S Canadian Agri-Marketing Association (CAMA) Student Chapter travelled to Kansas City this April to compete in the National Agri-Marketing Associations (NAMA) Conference. CAMA works throughout the year to prepare for this competition by creating a marketing plan for a Saskatchewan based product. This year, CAMA's hard work advanced the group to the semi-finals and placed them in the top 12!

The U of S AgBizz Club hosted several engaging and thought provoking speakers this semester! A talk on the 'Innovations in Agriculture' was held in March which included **Trent Meyer**, the Executive Vice President at Seedmaster and DOT technology, and **Damon Johnson**, the regional manager at Farmers Edge. A 'Women in Ag' event was also hosted by the club in March and included **Adrienne Ivey**, owner of Evergreen Cattle Co., blogger and advocate and **Abbie Tresian** and **Shelby Larose** from Women in Ag.

The Animal (Bio)Science Club (ABS) is a club within the college that aims to introduce students, with emphasis on Animal and Animal Bio-Science students, to employment opportunities within the agriculture industry. The ABS club hosted a great event in February featuring Dr. Mika Asai-Coakwell on

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the topic of Simple Cut and Paste: Ethical Issues of CRISPR-cas9 genome editing.

The U of S Horticulture Club educates members on all aspects of horticulture through hands on experiential learning activities and seminars. This semester the Horticulture Club fundraised for the "5 Days for Homeless" organization by selling squash and tomato soup, grown from their gardens this past year to support this worthy cause.

Coming in the new school year we are looking at many new partnerships and programs advancing our reach and influence. Come join us at our First Annual

The ASA & SAGA

The ASA, in partnership with SAGA, invite you to the First Annual Agro's Golf Tournament at Dakota Dunes Golf Course on **Friday, August 24, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.**

A Texas Scramble Shotgun start. Lots of contests and prizes to be won! Dinner banquet held after at the Dakota Dunes Casino Event Hall. We hope to see you all there!

\$450 a team (four players) or \$125 for an individual. To Register as a player, find us on Facebook at 1st Annual U of S Agro's Golf Tournament.

Email uofsagros@gmail.com or call Greg Cooper at 1-403-863-3632.

If you are interested as a Sponsor, information will also be posted on the Facebook page, as well you can contact: Greg Cooper at 1-403-863-3632.

On behalf of the U of S Agros, we hope you have a great summer!

Sask Wheat 2017 Directors Include Agros

Jake Leguee '10 C, a third-generation farmer who farms close to Weyburn. Jake specializes in agronomy, and writes a blog called A Year in the Life of a Farmer.

Ken Rosaasen '70 C farms near Preeceville. A long-time professor of Agricultural Economics at the U of S, Ken has served as a Sask Wheat director since 2014.

Golf Tournament at Dakota Dunes Golf Course on August 24th. Contact **Greg Cooper** (403) 863-3632 for more information or follow our event page on Facebook.

We have also start a column in the school newspaper called Ask an Agro to help inform the general public on certain topics and misconception related to AG.

On behalf of myself and the rest of the executive I would like to thank many of you who have participated, donated or aided in our activities and programs. This groups has truly shown us what it means to be an AGRO and that we will always #bleedblue.

Carson Jorgensen 2017-2018 Pro ASA

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The Bedpush for Telemiracle

SAGA's first involvement in Semi Annual Agro Bedpush for Telemiracle. It all started over a year ago with *SAGA* discussing how we can get more involved with the Agros and create a stronger bond between our organizations. Then ... it took off.

Mayson Maerz '83 C, our *SAGA* President, first offered the Monsanto shop to the Agros to repaint and repair the bed. Then when it came time for the actual event March 1-3, in true Agro fashion, numerous *SAGA* alumni showed up to offer their support in actually pushing the bed.

Some pushed partly for nostalgic reasons, recalling their own bedpushing days, some to get some "fresh winter blizzard air," but all came to help raise money for such a great Saskatchewan cause, Telemiracle. We even had a visit from Lyle Stewart (Minister of Ag) who is now an official "Agro bedpusher."

Although some things may change, it was nice to see the strong Agro pride and volunteer spirit has not died. The Agros still dominates the U of S campus when it comes to giving back to their communities.

Besides the friendships that were created within the Agro/*SAGA* family on the trip, the part I enjoyed most was watching the strong overall Ag industry support for the event. Support came from everywhere. The Agros had Ag companies supplying meals, sponsoring parts of the trip, supplying the bus, and even making repairs to the bed along the route. They also had farmers offering up places to sleep, dropping off coffee, offering places to store the bed to even lending flashing lights to the Agros for their vehicles. We truly work in a great industry with some of the most giving and friendly people.

For those *SAGA* members thinking of helping next time, please note the Agros who get involved in these events are probably the same ones you want work-



A view of the wide-open prairie during Bedpush.

ing for your organization going forward. They have the community spirit and energy that most companies strive to hire.

In the end, due to dangerous highway conditions from a snowstorm we were cut short 7 kms by the City of Regina Police due to safety reasons. It was too bad we couldn't finish the last leg, but for us old *SAGA* members, having law enforcement step in probably just brought back more Agro memories.

None of this would have happened without the strong leadership of **Carson Jorgensen** who organized and ran the event for the Agros. Their previous record of \$27,000 was smashed with just over \$43,000 raised for Telemiracle.

So *SAGA* members - don't throw out your old Agro clothing and retro running gear. You will need it for the next Telemiracle bedpush. Yes, you may be running with students who weren't even born when you went through but trust me we are all Agros and you will make some great friends.

Louis Bossaer '95 C

Letter From an Elder Prairie Chicken

Last January I had the honour of presenting our classmate, **Lorence Peterson '65C**, with an Honorary Life Membership in *SAGA*. I spent a few times on the phone with Lorence, asking questions so I could create his biography for the program and the presentation.

It wasn't till after this occasion that I realized how many memories we had in common. Those of us in our 70s are the last Saskatchewan rural-raised people who remember the conditions, customs and facilities that came to an end by the time we were grown.

For example, we attended country schools where one teacher taught all the grades, arrived early enough to fire up the coal & wood heaters or furnaces and also acted as the janitor. There was no electricity or running water so on a dark day, the teacher would also have to light a lamp so we could see our work. We used outdoor plumbing until really cold weather hit and then there was an indoor toilet hidden near the cloak room. There was a wash basin and a towel for hand-washing, but we used the same water all day and the same towel all week.

One of my fondest memories of the country school was the daily School Broadcast from CBC, which we could hear on a large battery radio. The broadcasts ranged from dramatized history stories to music lessons from R.J. Staples (in Regina) to speech arts and phonics presented by Gertrude McCance, stressing "diction, diction". (I hope my memory is accurate but some of you may be able to correct me if it is not). In 1988, I visited the Habitation in Nova Scotia, established by Champlain, and realized that I had learned about it from a school broadcast when I was in Grade 1.

We travelled to these schools on foot, bicycles or even cars in the spring and fall but winter always brought out the teams of horses to pull cutters, jumpers or sleighs. Our family drove a "jumper", a little blue caboose with one big seat, covered in a horse hide, with an area behind the seat for egg crates, groceries, an older child (me) or a milk can full of water for the school. There was a little stove which kept our feet warm and which could be used to toast left-over sandwiches on the way home.

We were only a mile from school so my dad made the

trip twice a day. Others drove themselves and stabled their horses in the school barn. We were the first of our communities to see the end of this era when school buses appeared and the rural schools gradually disappeared.

When I get totally annoyed with the modern technology (computers, iPads, Smart Phones, etc.) I remind family and younger friends that I grew up with party-line phones where you had to listen for your own ring and you had to turn the crank to get "Central" to tell her the number you wished to call. Sometimes she would say, "I will try her but I think I just saw her walk down town."

I was lucky to live in a part of the province where the phone systems were well established. Some areas in SW Sask still depended on fence wire phone lines till the early '60s. Dial phones were considered the height of modern technology when they finally appeared sometime before I left home. Remember when city numbers included having to dial letters as well as digits?

I also can remember when all typewriters were manual and I never used a calculator until I was working at Animal Science after third year. The calculators were the size of typewriters and made more noise.

Rural electrification crept slowly out around the province in the early '50s, though there were a few farms who had installed generators to run lights in their houses.

We kids were intrigued with light switches. In some small towns the power plants only ran for a few hours each day. When we were growing up, we had coal and wood stoves; ice wells to keep food cold in the summer; coal oil or kerosene lamps and lanterns; no television and no running water. Every drop was carried in, used as efficiently as possible, and carried out again, to be poured on a garden or flower bed. Baths were taken in square wash tubs once a week. Sometimes now when we have a power outage and have to light a coal oil lamp, I can hardly believe that we were able to read and do homework by them. Many farms now are back to having generators to keep all our many appliances running.

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1958 College



L-R: Ron Marquardt, Ted Gray, Dave Christensen, Ab Gorrill, Wes Nuttall, Gordon Thomsen, Orrin Clayton

SAGA Name Change

There was a very spirited debate at our 2018 *SAGA* AGM in January, concerning officially changing our organization's name to match the publication of the College.

This would have entailed us switching our acronym from *SAGA* to *SABGA* – Saskatchewan Agriculture and Bioresources Graduates Association.

The discussion went on for nearly an hour, with excellent points raised in both camps. The proposal was put to a vote, and ended with *SAGA*'s name remaining the same.

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Until town-wide water and sewage systems were considered necessities, our town friends operated under the same conditions as those of us on farms. Outdoor facilities were the norm in the summer. You accessed them along a path through a flower bed or out behind a garage or hen house. At night you had to venture out with a flashlight and were always happy to be accompanied by several cats to keep scary things away. Winter time brought a pail in the basement, which someone had to carry out on a regular basis. Flashlights or lamps had to be carried after dark by not-so-brave kids. The outdoor biffys were fair game every Hallowe'en in urban areas.

I was reminded that when we were growing up, the rural highways were nearly all well-gravelled roads. Pavement was only seen in large cities. Grid and farm-access roads had not been invented until we had long been away from rural schools, and mostly came into being to accommodate school buses. Most of the back roads were two ruts in the grass in the middle of a road allowance. Fortunately, no one drove low-slung cars.

It took a long time to drive to a major center as one could not speed. Most of our vehicles were not equipped for speed anyway. We generally accessed Saskatoon by the local passenger train.

From my home town you could catch an early train, go in for appointments or business, and be home again by bedtime. Those were the trains who also brought freight and the mail. The drayman met each train and delivered everything from groceries to machinery parts to the various stores and dealers. No semis were roaring through the country.

By the time I was ready for University, the STC bus system had arrived, which provided the same service and was never late. Hmmmm!! Some changes have been more welcome than others.

Those of you who are 10-15 years younger than us 70-somethings have also seen fantastic changes in your surroundings but are too young to remember most of the things I have mentioned, so we can consider ourselves the last of our breed.

Irene Ahner '65 C

Recognition of Bill Cooper '51 S

SaskCanola and Sask Pulse Growers honoured all the significant contributions made over the ages by **Bill Cooper '51 S**. Bill received the Canola Influencer Award at the SaskCanola annual general meeting. He was very involved in the early years of canola starting in the late 1960's, as the oilseed made the transition from an industrial crop to one used in cooking oil.

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EMPTY SADDLES

Ronald Robert Winter '44 S - Dec. 12, 2015	Clifford Albert Shepherd '47 S - Nov. 3, 2017
James Osborne Wright '48 S - Oct. 25, 2017	Ralph MacArthur Grigg '49 C - May 10, 2014
Lawrence Calvin Rayner '50 C - Sept 5, 2017	John Robert [Bob] Blakely, '51 S (1997 HLM) - Feb. 21, 2018
Edward Alexander Kowalenko '52 C - Dec. 14, 2017	
William [Bill] Manning Miner '52 C,'62 MSc - Mar. 8, 2018	Wilfred Mooney [Pat] Burton '53 C - Jan. 1, 2012
Clifford Warren Hayes '55 C,'58 MSc - Nov. 28, 2017	David 'Dale' Hardy '56 C - Jan. 2, 2018
Clive Douglas Harris '57 S - Apr. 2, 2018	Merle Ellis Byrnes ' 59 C - May 24, 2018
Terrence Loris Church '62 C - Feb. 27, 2018	Ronald Ferguson MacCrimmon '64 S - Feb. 16, 2018
Thomas John Burwell '64 C - Jan. 14, 2018	Marvin Austin Knutson '67 S - Apr. 15, 2017
Cameron Murray Ross '68 C - Aug. 12, 2017	Laurence Augustin Lemieux '69 C - Sept. 15, 2017
Raymond John Wilfing '69 C (2010 HLM)- Dec. 28, 2017	Hugh James Foster '71 S - Apr. 23, 2017
Hilton James Spencer '72 S - Aug. 17, 2017	Perry Dale Graham '73 S - June 19, 2017
Donald Brett Hudson '74 S - Sept. 7, 2017	Robert Addison Barton '76 S - Jan. 15, 2018
Malcolm William Gossling '77 S - June 9, 2017	James Maurice Peltier '77 C - April 7, 2018
Garth Bruce Griffin '81 S & '86 C - Apr. 1, 2018	Marie-Anne P. Morrison '04 C-Hort. - Feb. 22, 2018

Charles Melville “Red” Williams - Mar. 18, 1925 - Mar. 26, 2018

Red retired in '91, but as professor emeritus retained his office, and remained active until a few years ago. He was an An. Sc. Dept. head for 8 years, declined several invitations to apply for Dean, taught for over of 60 years, and received teaching awards from both Diploma and Degree students. After World War II, Red obtained BSA and MSc degrees at UBC, then his PhD at Oregon State.

A letter of recommendation from the Dean at UBC for grad work at Oregon read in part, “Williams has great academic potential but would benefit from less time debating with fellow students and faculty, and more time in the library”. Red was hired as an Assistant Prof in Animal Husbandry at the U of S in 1955.

One of his first high-profile activities was to introduce the concept of cross breeding of beef cattle to western Canada; for this the beef industry and Provincial government wanted

him fired; “Don’t mess with our perfect purebreds!”, though now of course, the practice is universal.

Red had an outstanding ability to connect with a wide range of people from undergrads to Prime Ministers. He would eat lunch with the undergrads, sharing a pot of tea, stories and philosophy. He supported First Nation livestock development projects on several reserves. To facilitate this, he spent two terms attempting to learn Cree.

Red William’s legacy is his positive influence on people, and the development of organizations, concepts and policies beyond agriculture. He once said his life spanned “Steam engines to GPS”.

The full Tribute to Red Williams, written by Dave Christensen '58 C, is on our Webpage. Go to www.saskaggrads.com/memorial. Please write of your own interactions with Red. He touched so many lives in so many ways.

Come-and-Go Social

For the past two years, the College of Agriculture and Bioresources has hosted a come-and-go social the Friday night of *SAGA*'s January Reunion Weekend. We are pleased to announce that we will be organizing a similar event for visiting graduates Friday, January 11, 2019.

This event is open to all alumni and offers refreshments, displays, giveaways and tours. It has grown in popularity and offers alumni and their guest an opportunity to meet informally while enjoying tours and displays that prompt both nostalgia and interest.

To give you an idea of what to expect, in previous years, there have been four tours offered throughout the evening:

- Controlled Environment Facility (CEF) Phytotron
- Meat Pilot Plant
- Art Tour (in Agriculture Building)
- Ag Buildings of Yesterday Tour (Kirk Hall, John Mitchell and Archaeology)

We are still firming up the details for our upcoming event in 2019. Information will be shared with your Reunion Chairs to pass along or, you can always our website at agbio.usask.ca.

We welcome all alumni to attend this event. There is no rsvp required. The event runs from 3 - 7 p.m. For more information, please contact **Tanya Napper** at tanya.napper@usask.ca.

Catching Up

Brian Wintonyk '81 C retired Sept. 2017 after 37 yrs. with Dow AgroSciences. His last assignment was Field Agronomy Leader and manager of the Solution Centre. He keeps threatening to take banjo lessons now that he has extra time on his hands, which **Terri Wintonyk '81 C** is sooo looking forward to. Terri retired from Sears Canada in 2016 after 20 years in retail and management, and now works part time as office admin at the Burke Institute (specializing in

treatment of fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue syndrome). It won't be much longer before she joins Brian in some serious wine touring and warm winter vacations. Having lived in Calgary the last 23 years, it will remain home since all three kids (and four grandchildren) seem quite settled here. They had a great visit with **Verna Mitura (nee Lindskog) '81 C** when she came to Calgary from Ottawa for a conference. Turns out Brian was at the same conference.

SAGA's Cheers With Peers Tour

We had such a great time last year bringing together Ag Alumni at three great Saskatchewan Agriculture Shows that we are prepared to Deja Vu the three events all over again.

Combined we got talking with over one hundred fellow grads. Lots of connections were established and farm problems solved. Should our new Premier stop by for one of those free brews (as is his due) and lots of sound advice, his job would become much easier. And, if **Scott Moe '97 C**, lets his Ag Minister tag along, seeing as he's also a farmer, we'll sneak him a freebie too.

Young's Farm Equipment will be our sponsor once more at the Farm Progress Show, the afternoon of **Thursday, June 21, from 3 - 6 p.m.**

And on **Thursday, July 19, from 3 - 6 p.m.**, *SAGA* will be partnering again with the College of AgBio at the Ag in Motion show near Langham to trade tales of innovation and design with you.

We haven't got a set date for Agribition in November, but we'll be there for sure at the same Watering Hole with Monsanto BioAg, but we can't be positive of that, they may have a different name by then.

And if you wear some article of clothing that indicates your Ag affiliation, you may even get a second one. Best way to plan your summer around our Cheers with Peers Tour, is to keep an eagle eye on our Facebook and Twitter accounts, and frequently check our web page.

Crop Production Week 2019

(Schedule subject to change)
January 12 to 17, 2019

Locations:

Saskatoon Inn

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

Saskatoon WDM

Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association

Praireland Park

Agri-ARM

TCU Place

Saskatchewan Mustard Development Commission

SAGA Banquet & Reunion

CropSphere

Saskatchewan Barley Development Commission

Saskatchewan Canola Development Commission

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Saskatchewan Pulse Growers

Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission

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Be sure to send me tales of what's happening in your neck of the woods.

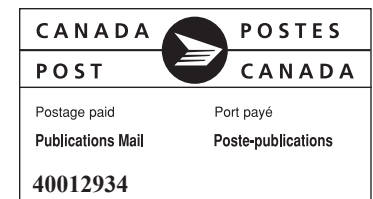
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