

President's Pen

Dear Members of *SAGA*,

Hello. I trust this newsletter will find you reflecting on all that has come your way this past year as you prepare for the holiday season. And what a year it has been! Whether your sector in agriculture was impacted by drought or rain, supply chain issues, pests, or market disruptions – my hope is that you have managed to come through the year with resilience and positivity for the future. I am proud to say that *SAGA* has also been resilient. On Friday July 15, *SAGA* held its first live event in over two years, as we hosted an unprecedented summer reunion. It was very gratifying to shake physical hands and catch up on the years or decades since we last saw each other. For the summer reunion, we had private tours at the College of Ag building followed by a beer garden at the Crop Development Centre's Kernan Farm. I could not believe my eyes when I saw how the City of Saskatoon is bordering the farm on two sides now. My report on the summer reunion appears in AGKNOWLEDGE and also online in the Executive Meeting Notes, soon to be posted under the Governance tab on our website.

It is so wonderful that we are now able to consider the planning of our regular in person Reunion Banquet (it will be our 88th!!) and renew our special "Class Of" Celebration. Steps are being taken cautiously as we do this. We look forward to welcoming our milestone grads back to the U of S and Saskatoon soon. We also look forward to having the Classes of 2021 and 2022 back and anyone else who missed out on the traditional winter reunion events they were so looking forward to. There is a whole weekend planned for you, starting Friday evening with fellowship and tours at the College of AgBio building. If you are into hockey, you will be busy on Saturday, January 7. And then plan to spend Saturday evening mixing it up with friends and fellow Ag Grads at the Banquet. The Banquet starts at 4:30 p.m., followed by the Mixer at 9 p.m. Check with the reunion chairs listed elsewhere in the newsletter for any "extra-curricular" activities being planned. They welcome party crashers!

If you are reading this, then I know you will agree with the sentiment "*SAGA* has a wonderful newsletter which is an important link for all of us". *The SAGA* Newsletter continues to be our comprehensive method of communicating with you, our members, and we want to make sure that every member continues to receive it in their choice of print or electronic copy. If you have Ag Grads in your network who are unaware of this newsletter, please encourage them to contact us. Also, we are currently seeking an Assistant Editor. If you have ideas (better yet – nominees) about someone with a talent for communications, we would be very

pleased to hear from you. Contact any one of us on the executive, or contact me with your suggestions. And if you enjoy the articles, and even if you don't, please let our volunteer authors know you appreciate their efforts. They love the feedback.

I can't forget to mention the Undergraduate Award. Ag Grad alumni are famous for supporting causes at the U of S (e.g. College of Ag building, Friends of the Stone Barn). This year, we are on track to award two bursaries for the 2022-2023 academic year. As we have come to expect, several grads donated so to them we say thank you! If you are donating to the U of S, just tag it for the *SAGA* Alumni Scholarship. Then our tireless AgBio rep, Hamish Tulloch, will direct it into our "pot". (See 'How To Donate' elsewhere). Our objective is to ensure undergrads with the combination of strong academics and community involvement have an opportunity for financial recognition. Through your support, *SAGA* continues to make this happen.

We moved the annual AGM to January 17, 2023, to not conflict with other AGM's happening during the Western Canadian Crop Production Show. We also decided to continue to hold the AGM virtually, via Zoom. This way, geographic distance is not an impediment. We encourage you to attend and help us continue the business of *SAGA* - the *SAGA* Constitution does require a minimum attendance to be quorate. I promise you won't need to turn your camera on and there will be a virtual Cheers for Peers when we wrap!

In June, we welcomed **John Hauer '84 C** into the Vice President role. Many of you know John through his work with the Ministry of Ag as a Land PAg and as a Forage and Range Management Spc. John brings industry knowledge and strategic skills and we are excited to have him transition into the President role this January. He will shepherd us forward into the post-COVID world. Sadly, we say goodbye to Treasurer **Morley Ayars '75 C**, and Webmaster **Ward Headrick '89 C**. Morley made improvements to our financial record-keeping system - it almost takes care of itself! While Ward updated our means to accept money securely - options are now e-transfer, PayPal or cheque. Thanks to them, *SAGA* is keeping up with the times. They will stay on the Executive in the short-term until we find replacements. Lastly, **Dr. Bryan Harvey '60 C**; his term on the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame (SAHF) Board expires next spring at their AGM. He is willing to stay on as a member at large – PHEW! As you can see, we have a few vacancies coming up and would love to hear from you. Feel like getting connected? We are virtual now,

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so join us from anywhere.

On a personal note, I am so glad I said yes when I was asked to join the SAGA board. What a talented and committed group of ag grads we have behind the scenes to keep our little not-for-profit association the envy of all other alumni groups on campus. And the ASA continues to impress. Our future world of Ag will be in good shape! I am very grateful for the collective wisdom of the SAGA Executive Board. The best part of being on this board is

the way it functions as a team - everyone willing to contribute and divvy up the tasks such as membership, finances, reunion, HLMS, record-keeping, website, newsletter, or the invaluable corporate memory. And whether you have stepped up as a Reunion Chairperson for your graduate year or donated to the Undergraduate Award or hired an ASA student, I say sincere thank-you to those in our Association past and present who have made it what it is.

Respectfully, Deanne Belisle '79 C

*On behalf of the SAGA Executive, Best Holiday Wishes to each of you,
and may your travel to the 88th Annual SAGA Banquet
be a safe journey with clear weather and good roads.*

Annual Fundraising Appeal Has Far-Reaching Benefits

To much relief, the fall term has felt like a return to normal times and there is a renewed energy in the air. Welcome week activities attracted crowds all over campus – including the very popular AgBio Dean's Office pancake breakfast, which was a magnet to hundreds of hungry appetites (mostly students).

Another sign of the fall season comes in the form of the University's annual appeal for students. The centrally run campaign is a general appeal to encourage alumni to help students from their favoured college – and many AgBio alumni do. But as a university-wide campaign, it's probably not obvious exactly where the funds go when donors pledge their support to AgBio. I thought it may be of interest to learn where your college uses its annual appeal gifts.

The annual fund donations to AgBio are used to support students and the student experience in the college where alternative sources of funding are not readily available, with the goal of helping students be more successful in their programs.

A parental leave program for graduate students is one of the college's current priorities supported by the annual appeal. The need arises because common funding sources for graduate student payments result in many stipends being

classified by CRA as scholarships rather than income. Consequently, employment insurance parental leave benefits are not available to those students. If a student becomes a parent while in a graduate program, they are faced with some very difficult options: Pause their program to focus on being a parent – but be severed from their income. Or continue with their studies while juggling the challenges of being a new parent. Both options can lead to stress, burnout and potentially abandoning their goals of completing a graduate degree. The college's new parental leave program provides a limited-time financial bridge to allow students to pause their studies during the first critical months of raising their newborn.

Other initiatives supported through the annual appeal include support for experiential learning opportunities that provide practical hands-on learning, special educational opportunities involving travel, and upgrades to computer and student lab spaces.

Providing a rich and supportive educational experience is what our students should expect from us and the donations to AgBio's annual appeal ensure that we deliver.

Hamish Tulloch '91 C
AgBio - Director of Development

Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

88th Annual *SAGA* Reunion Banquet

January 7, 2023

Festivities will be held at: TCU Place – Centennial Halls (Downstairs)

Doors open at 3:45 pm

Cocktails at 4:30 pm Banquet at 5:30 Program at 6:30 pm

Welcome: Deanne Belisle '79 C, 2022 SAGA President

Recognition of Years – 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1983, 1993, 2003, 2013, 2018

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

Honorary Life Member Awards Presentation

Small Class and HLM photos will be taken starting at 4 pm before the Banquet

Large Class photos immediately following the program

Times will be announced

The MIXER will officially start @ 9 pm

PLEASE NOTE OUR PRICING SCHEDULE

Early Bird Price	Midnight Dec 28, 2022	After Dec. 28
Banquet & Mixer >> Yrs. 2003 – '23	\$60	\$70
Banquet & Mixer >> Yrs. Prior to 2003	\$80	\$90
Mixer Only	\$15 from website	\$20 at the door

Ticket purchase deadline is Noon, Wed. Jan. 4th, 2023

Purchase your Banquet tickets at the following link:

Ag Grad Reunion Ticket - 2023 (saskaggrads.com)

Reunion Chairs DO NOT sell Banquet Tickets

We DO NOT sell Banquet Tickets at the door

SAGA uses MAINLY online registration.

For assistance, contact

Ward Headrick – Website: sagatickets@shaw.ca

If you have questions about the Reunion Weekend, be sure to contact us early.

Deanne Belisle – President: belisledeanne@gmail.com

John Hauer – Vice President (Reunion): john.hauer@sama.sk.ca

Ewald Lammerding – NewsLetter (Banquet): thesaga@sasktel.net

Raelene Petrcek – Secretary: busyrae@sasktel.net

2023 Reunion Chairs

I want to thank the individuals that have stepped up to serve as Reunion Chairs. I am sure they have organized good ways to get together as class years in addition to the main SAGA reunion events.

1943 & 1948 - and any Grads before and after or in-between

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2018 College of AgBio Luke Jorgensen 306-717-9765 lukejorgensen2@gmail.com

In addition to the 2023 Class years, others from the “Missed Reunions Years” of 2021 and 2022 are organizing their classes for this Reunion. So far these include:

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1972 Degree Bill Laing 780-717-976 b.laing@shaw.ca
2011 College of AgBio Katie MacMillan 306-741-4172 katie.macmillan@outlook.com
 katie.carefoot@outlook.com
2012 College of AgBio Royce Lodoen 306-662-9093 royce_089@hotmail.com

If other “Missed Year” classes are organizing get-togethers, please inform me so we can recognize you at our banquet and reserve a time slot for a group picture. If you haven’t heard from your Reunion Chair, give him or her a call and see what fun things: hospitality room, brunch, special tour they have arranged. Also, don’t forget all SAGA members are welcome at the Banquet, Mixer and Friday Night Social.

SAGA VP John Hauer '84 C

A Word From the Dean

It's been a busy fall, with much to celebrate! I would like to start by congratulating **Dr. Jeff Schoenau '84 C, '88 PhD** on being named to the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame. I have had the pleasure of working with Jeff as his student, his colleague and now his dean, and I was thrilled to see this wonderful recognition for his decades of contribution to the ag industry. **Jim Bessel '88 S**, was also a Hall of Fame honoree for his role in establishing canola as a reliable Western Canadian crop.

As this week saw us add a few more alumni to the class of 2022 (with fall convocation taking place on November 9) we have started recruiting for our two newest programs: the Precision Agriculture certificate and the BSc in Food Industry Management, a collaboration between our departments of Food and Bioproduct Sciences and Agricultural and Resource Economics. Both are designed to build capacity in areas of growth in our agri-innovation ecosystem and were developed in response to feedback we were getting from industry (including from many of our *SAGA* members).

As I write, I'm on the way back from a few days at the COP27 meetings in Egypt, which was heavily focused on food security and agri-food systems. I had the opportunity to present as part of a Saskatchewan-focused panel on "From the Ground Up: Sustainable Agriculture Solutions for Food Security", which also included **Rick Burton '86 C**, SK Deputy Minister of Agriculture, **Bill**

Greuel, '95 C, 2000 MSc, CEO of Protein Industries Canada, and Jason McNamee of Lucent Biosciences. DM Burton and I were also part of a panel on how agri-tech provides solutions to food security hosted by United Arab Emirates. I took the opportunity to talk about soil health as a key component of sustainable agriculture (of course), as well as the importance of research being done right across the college to address global food security while contributing to nature-based solutions to climate change.

I also spent a lot of time at COP27 both reflecting on and sharing the strength of Saskatchewan's agri-innovation ecosystem. We are quite unique in the strength of our cross-sector collaborations, with AgBio working directly with producers and private sector, government scientists and specialists, and not-for-profits. The strength of that network comes from the strength of our community – and that community is chock-full of AgBio alumni!

As this year has brought more in-person events, I've been delighted to meet more of you in person and to get your feedback on what the college is doing, both what we are doing well and where we could be doing more.

Heading into winter conference season, I hope to see many more of you!

Angela Bedard-Haughn '01 MSc – AgBio Dean

2023 HLM Inductees

Murad Al-Katib '94 (U of S Commerce)

Murad began his entrepreneurial plans with a little company called SaskCan which has become AGT Food and Ingredients. A little company that grew into a multi-billion dollar world leader in value-added pulses, staple foods and pulse ingredients for markets around the globe. Murad is a passionate advocate of Canadian agriculture, speaking extensively on the opportunities and challenges facing the Canada's agriculture sector. Murad is also passionate about entrepreneurs, championing compassionate entrepreneurship and working to expand female, youth and First Nations participation in business start-ups. advocating the role of entrepreneurs in driving social change and innovation in the new global economy.

Dr. Brian Fowler '64 C (Professor Emeritus)

Brian used his participation in 4-H as a springboard to his U of S education. As a Prof in the Dept. of Plant Sciences, and one of the first scientists at the CDC, Brian spent his career improving winter wheat production, resulting in 18 varieties adapted to the Canadian Prairies and Great Plains. With winter cereals and no-till, he greatly contributed to conservation farming practices. Brian has had a long and significant impact on Saskatchewan agriculture. He was inducted into the Saskatchewan Ag Hall of Fame in 2018 and only retired from the University in 2019. Brian and his wife, Sharon (1946-2011) have 3 children and 6 grandchildren. He continues his adventures from home-base in Saskatoon.

“Friday Night Social” January 6th, 2023

Friday Night Social in the AgBio Atrium.
Meet and Greet begins at 3:30 **AgBio Tours and Gabfest begin at 4:30**
Refreshments in Student Lounge
FAQ's: Hamish Tulloch hamish.tulloch@usask.ca

JAMES LESLIE (LES) HENRY '64 C, MSc '68

Was presented with an Honorary Doctor of Laws recently by the U of S. Les was born in Mildred, Sask., and raised on nearby Brunswick farm. His master's was extended by work with the Department of Soil Science on soil survey in summer months and laboratory instruction in winter months.

Henry's academic appointment (1969) at USask was joint between the soil science department and the then campus-wide Extension Division. Extension work was proactive and ensured that research results were available to farmers and professionals. An important part of the job was to bring back information where research gaps could be filled by the soil science department.

Les' research projects, driven by questions from the farm gate, included anhydrous ammonia effect on soils, nutrient requirements of irrigated crops, potassium deficient soils, and soil salinity. The soil salinity work brought new light by clearly demonstrating the fundamental causes. His International experience included Tanzania, Swaziland (now the Kingdom of Eswatini) and China. He has written a regular column for the farm paper GrainNews for 45 years.

Les served as president of the SIA and '79 SAGA, inducted into the SAHF '04, and received numerous awards including the 2008 SAGA HLM. Les spent many years on the SAGA Executive, and has been a regular contributor to *The SAGA* newsletter. He still has his office in AgBio.

SAGA Hockey Day in Waldheim, SK

SAGA Tournament
Saturday, January 7th, 2023

7:30 am – 5:30 pm @
Waldheim Rec Facility

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At the First SAGA Summer Reunion



Kernen Crop Research Farm – Group Photo.
Photography by Kaylie Kryz '21

Ross Reynolds '53 C, entertained those who had gathered for the Summer Reunion how he, as a 2nd yr. man in 1951, with the added sensibilities of a few ladies from Home Ec. organized the very first Ag Bag Drag. Ross refused to take any blame for any problems that surfaced over the decades, but quickly took all the credit for the years of fun that has been had since.

As far as we could ascertain, Ross was our oldest Ag Grad attending.



2021 HLM Finally Receives His Just Reward

Pictured at left, L – R:
SAGA President Jason Fradette '84 C,
2021 HLM Dave Christensen '58 C,
Fran Walley '93 PhD
AgBio Associate Dean – Academic



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1961 College – Always in the Mood for a Great Time



Seven members from the 1961 College of Agriculture Degree class and their wives got together for a Boryski's-catered supper at a classmate's home in Saskatoon on the evening of Friday, July 15, 2022. Besides dining and visiting, Gary Carlson led us in a short remembrance of recently deceased classmates John Hoffort, Gus Peesker, Greg Gaudet, Dale Allcock and Clare Shier. Of the 38 graduates in 1961, 20 remain.

Four of the attending grads participated in the day's earlier events at the College of Agriculture Building and at the Kernen Crop Research Farm (KCRF). The afternoon at KCRF included lunch (beef on a bun from Agar's Corner), presentation of *SAGA* honorary life memberships, recognition of all honour years, a drone-based photo of attendees, and some tours.

Chair - Bob Baker

HLM Group



**Bryan Harvey '60 C (2015),
Ewald Lammerding '88 S (2020),
Irene Ahner '65 C (2011) and
Dave Christensen '58 C (2021)**

'62 Voc Ags Show Their Style



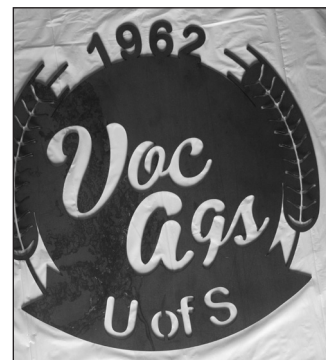
Bk. L-R: Dennis Atkinson, Clarence Weybrecht, Frank Faber, Maurice Billard, Wayne Jensen, Robert Strem, Larry Morningstar, Ron Nielsen.

Fr. L-R: Ron Parson, Raymond "Butch" Ellis, Leroy DeMong, Ross Korven, Art Belanger, Lyle Leys, Gerald Puetz.

Classmate Lyle Dempsey is not in picture.

We held our own 60th anniversary reunion on June 10 & 11 at the Manitou Springs Resort and Mineral Spa. We had a hospitality room at the hotel for 2 days. On the afternoon of Saturday June 11, we gathered at the Morningstar farm, which is 20 miles from Watrous., SK.

Larry and Donna Morningstar hosted our group for a wiener roast luncheon with all the trimmings including a 60th anniversary cake. A sheet metal commemorative plaque was designed by Ryan Morningstar for this occasion, which he cut out with his laser cutting machine. Impressive artwork. A fun time was had by all. Later our group gathered for dinner at Danceland, which served a wonderful buffet.



Chair – Art Belanger

Looking for information concerning "Save the Stone Barn?" Please go to the *SAGA* website and click on the Link.

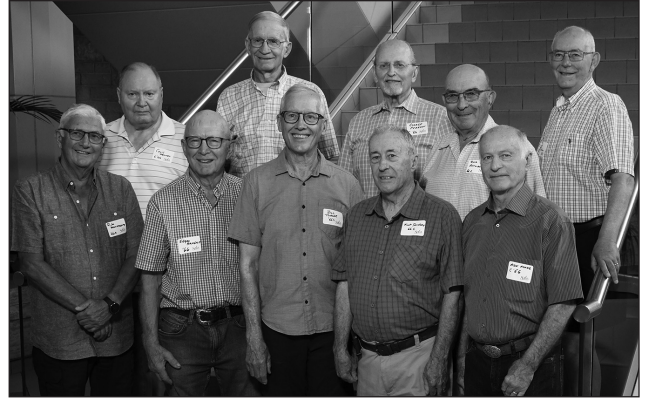
*We never really grow up - we only
learn how to act in public.*

1966 College - A Dandy Bunch of Dapper Grads

Ten '66 classmates accompanied by spouses gathered at the hotel on the Friday evening of the Summer Reunion, for an informal meet and greet reception which lasted into the late hours.

Following the busy *SAGA* activities on Saturday our group was joined by the Simpson's and we all enjoyed a buffet dinner at the hotel. Many student and life stories were shared, perhaps embellished. It was a hallmark day for the Armstrong's and Plunz's as July 16th marked their 55th wedding anniversaries. The socializing continued into the evening but did not last as long as it would have 56 years ago.

We left on Sunday thankful for *SAGA*'s efforts in hosting these reunion opportunities and looking forward to our next honour year gathering in 2026.



Chair – Bill Turner Bk. L- R: Cecil Werner, Leonard Hewson, George Pearson, Rod Altwasser, Wayne Pander Ft. L- R: Rick Armstrong, Edgar Harder, Bill Turner, Kurt Sawatzky, Ron Plunz.

Missing: Dennis Simpson

66 Voc Ags Have a Blast

The Class of '66 S celebrated their “56th” year since graduation, at Echo Lake in the beautiful Qu'Appelle Valley. Holding it in the actual Fort Qu'Appelle, with great hosts, Neil & Lorraine Moyse. Surrounded by seven motor homes, sitting by the campfires, a lot of true and untrue stories were exchanged.

With golfing, an historical tour, and a catered banquet, with 47 in attendance, we danced to live music performed by Ralph Golombros. We won't forget our “56th” reunion, and plans are already underway for a 2024 get-together at Manitou Beach. Memories!!



'66 Co-Chairs Lorne McConaghy & Neil Moyse

Bk. L-R: Don Whiting, Dave Bates, Fred Wilson, John Heggie, Ralph Howes, Hugh McDonough, Dwight Brown, Len Campbell

Md. L-R: John Duncan, Larry Thompson, Glen Burrige, Don Avis, Bob Cumming

Fr. L-R: Fred Hoesma, Vern Day, Lorne McConaghy, Neil Moyse, Keith Johnson, Orman Wacline, Jerry Schmidt, Neil Trudgen

Missing from picture: Ron Alexander, Arnold Letherdale, Ed Wiens

2022 Edition of AgKnowledge

Excellent articles throughout.

Top of the list; **Dr. Bob McKercher '54 C**, Professor Emeritus, '81 *SAGA* President, '88 HLM, Honorary President, and long-time *SAGA* Executive member and advisor.

Front to back, all of AgKnowledge is of great interest.

*Knowledge is knowing
a tomato is a fruit.*

*Wisdom is knowing not to put it
in a fruit salad.*

1967 College



**Bk. L- R: Mike McAvoy, Keith Head, Rudy Wiens
Fr. L – R: Berny Wiens,
Hazel Head, Grant Devine, Neil Cory**

1972 School

We had a pretty good turn out at Manitou Beach on July 9th, and a fun time was had by all. We have decided to have another reunion in 3 years time. 5 years is too long to wait, especially at our young age.



Chair – Lyle Findlay

**Back row: Mal Buckingham, Edward Stolar,
John Donaldson, Glen Neish, Paul Roy, Art Jones,
Gordon Dickson, Jim Mann.
Middle Row: Doug Pantner, Dennis Schlekewy,
Lavern Affleck, Pat Zentner, Paul Rutherford,
Walter Staniec, Harvey Wagner,
Lyle Findley, Wade Armstrong.
Front Row: Ralph Bowditch, Randy Bergstrom,
Malcolm Nisbet, Jim Gill, Ken MacPherson,
Leonard Ber, Neil Alexander, Les Clayton.**

'69 Agros



**Bk. L – R: Terry Martin, Gordon Stephenson,
Jim Sakundiak
Md. L – R: Pat Callen, Jim Hammond,
Frank Lockwood, Dale Conacher
Fr. L – R: Bryan Drinkle, Alan Hammond,
Keith Stohlanske, Dale Pulkinen, Maurice Delage,
Orville Myrvang**

June 27 marked the invasion of Cypress Hills by the '69 Agros. It was considerably tamer than it might have been 53 years ago. The afternoon was spent visiting with friends as they arrived.

Dinner was served in the dining room at the Lodge and later we moved to the courtyard of the lodge to continue our evening. Tuesday evening was a barbecue and pot luck and of course a campfire. Wednesday most people were leaving and all were looking forward to getting together again.

I want to thank **Gord Stephenson** for all the organizing and work he did in making this reunion such a success.

Chair - Alan Hammond

Class of 77 - 45th Voc Ag Reunion July 26 to 28, 2022



Left to Right:

Back Row: Keith Murch, Blair Cummins, Tim Nell, Lorne Ball, Greg Taylor, Leon Ternan, Ron Hetland, Harley Herman, Garry Hovland

Front Row: Blaine Haubrich, Murray Hodgins, Merlin Lee, Mark Woodworth, Elton Ash, Chuck Hersberger, Allan Gifford, Jim Milne, Ron Kulyk.

1981 College

Bk. L – R: Gaston Gareau, Gordon Bacon, Frank Bond, Anne Morrow (Harrop)

Md. L - R: Brian Perkins, Jackie Frovarp, Bill Strautman, Owen Myhr

Ft. L – R: Adrian Johnston, Monte Kesslering, Kathy Singbeil (Lowe), Jack Comeau



Several from '81 C could not come until the second day of the 2022 Summer Reunion Weekend, so Adrian sent us another picture. {Warning: some repetition may occur!} L – R: Brad Hansen, , Brian Perkins, Mary Herriman (C'82), Pat Beaujot, Lee Moats, Adrian Johnston, Jackie Frovarp, Gordon Bacon, Daryl Reynolds, Gordon Wallace, Monte Kesslering

Two SAGA Presidents Part of 2022 SAHF

Jim Bessel '88 S (2008 *SAGA* President, 2017 HLM) was instrumental in the establishment of canola as a reliable, profitable crop for growers in Saskatchewan and Western Canada. Jim was with the Canola Council of Canada and the SCGA, working with farmers, researchers, equipment manufacturers, and seed companies.

Jeff Schoenau '84 C, '88 PhD (2010 *Saga* President), is a professor of soil fertility and professional agrologist in the U of S's Soil Science. He has researched soil nutrient management for crop and livestock production and ways to improve soil, water and air quality.

Also inducted at the Nov. 12th ceremony:

The late Margaret Crowle (2021), known for her work as an extension specialist and home economics entrepreneur, developing services to support families with financial management.

Jack Dawes, a long-time agricultural broadcast journalist who also served as general manager of the Prairie Oat Growers Association.

Leslie Hill provided technical harvesting knowledge to Saskatchewan farmers, primarily as the project manager of Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute's combine testing and evaluation program.

Mark Silzer, a strong advocate and leader for the bison industry. Served on the boards of the Sask and Canadian Bison Assoc's., including as president and chair from 2004-2016. Mark was also inducted July 14th (the 2nd Canadian!) into the National Buffalo Hall of Fame.

1982 College



Bk. L - R: Craig Sparrow, Bill Strautman, Kelly Bennett, Steve Suchan

Md. L - R: Bob Ehr, Terri Faber, Bill Sherck, Eric Johnson

Ft. L- R: Tom Benson, Trish Johnson, Mary Shirkie, Lori Lane, Jocelyn Schindel, Jim Ferrie

1982 School



Bk. L - R: Lee Yeomans, Don Banford, Monty Meaden, Joe Kuhar

Md. L - R: Eldon Ortman, Warren Pridham, Robin Fenton, Pat Flaten

Fr. L - R: Guy Baillargeon, Cindy (Wilbraham) Hokanson, Lucie (Poirier) Baillargeon

SAGA 2023 AGM Registration

Hello All Sask Ag Grads. You are invited to our Zoom AGM meeting:

Jan. 17, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

You MUST Register by Jan. 14th, 2023 to attend this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/91012020000?pwd=Z0p0aGt1NN5W5YtKQrhbovTzxL2t>

OR

go to saskaggrads.com and click on the *SAGA* AGM tab in the Menu Bar.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting, and you will receive the Committee Reports. Registrations after Jan. 14th can participate but will not receive Reports.

You do not need a

parachute to skydive.

You only need a

parachute to skydive twice.

POOPED DECK

Elwin Smith '76 C, was made a Fellow of the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society. Elwin retired in 2018, but has been actively volunteering since then on a cropping diversity project through the University of Lethbridge.

In filling out an

application, where it says,

*"In case of an emergency,
notify ..."*

I answered "a doctor."



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SAGA Undergraduate Scholarship Update



**Pictured are
SAGA VP John Hauer '84 C,
Kayley Harvey '23 and
SAGA Prez Deanne Bellisle '79 C.**

Kayley Harvey, 2023, is from a mixed farm near Wroxton, Sk. that parents Mary and Gary operate. An Ag Diploma '20, a year later she enrolled for her degree, majoring in Agronomy with a minor in Soils. Kayley was on Dean's Honour Roll last year. Sister Lindsey is a 2019 Agro.

Unfortunately, the 2nd recipient withdrew from AgBio shortly after the choice was made, so there will be only 1 Saga Scholarship awarded this year. But since the last report, only two contributions were made to the fund. One from *SAGA*, paying the outstanding balance, then a second donation from an individual.

The *SAGA* Undergraduate Scholarship has not been receiving adequate donations to be viable! The Scholarship was set up to be funded by on-going annual donations from Ag Grads. Donations from Ag Grads over the first several years were certainly generous and allowed two scholarships to be awarded each year. But with the loss of consecutive Reunion gatherings, very few donations have been received by the Scholarship Fund over the last two years. We hope that the upcoming Reunion on Jan. 7, 2023 will see a renewed interest in support. This is a great way to support Ag students and Agriculture. The current balance is \$250.

In the meantime, if you would like to direct some of your year end donations to the Scholarship Fund please go to <https://donate.usask.ca/online/agbio.php> to donate online or send a cheque to: The College of Agriculture and Bioresources, Development Office, 51 Campus Drive, Saskatoon, SK S7N 5A8.

Harold Chapman '43 C, continues to stay involved by spreading knowledge of the greater good across Canada.

105 on Apr. 27th, Harold is featured in the Nov. Readers Digest, part of: "75 Awe-Inspiring Reasons to Smile", about how he helped establish Saskatchewan's first co-operative farm in 1946, thereafter teaching said benefits across the prairies.

Order of Canada at age 99, Saskatoon's 2020 Citizen of the Year amongst countless accolades, Harold's greatest satisfaction is knowing how many people he educated about the value of equity, community and collaboration.

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Checking in With the ASA

It has been a whirlwind of a year so far. The ASA has had a crazy number of events with some great success stories. I am very fortunate to be part of a rockstar-level team this year that's passionate about fostering the Agro values of community and giving back on and off campus.

To begin, I would like to thank the sponsors and *SAGA* members that came out to participate in the Build Your Connections Casino Night. We hosted a mock casino so that students, alumni, and potential employers got the chance to meet and network in a less formal environment than usual.

We also had Ag Bag Drag *Goose* whose motto was "We All Bleed Blue at Drag 2022" and starred SaskSteel, Adam Johnson, and Nice Horse. Tickets sold out, and approximately 1500 people attended the day of, including students from almost every western Canadian Ag College. We hosted our annual Shave Down to kick off Movember and raise funds for men's mental health, prostate cancer, and testicular cancer. So far, we have raised \$3,830 for this cause. On November 17th we received an award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals Saskatoon thanks to a nomination from Telemiracle for the success of last year's Bed Push.

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In terms of a shortened list of plans for the rest of the year, we are excited to be hosting our Toy Drive for Operation Christmas Child this December. The Ag Lounge is potentially getting revamped with the help of some industry support, more details will come as that project gets finalized.

Several Agros around the college have been talking about their excitement to meet *SAGA* members at the reunion and Hockey Tournament in January. This year's Agros Grad Banquet is set for January 14th, 2023. We are also gearing up for another large concert event in March and to begin our annual March for STARS Fundraising Campaign. If you have any questions about events or want to donate or help support a fundraising campaign in any way, please email myself (Matthew) at

public.relationsuofs@gmail.com

Matthew Trefiak '23
Public Relations Officer

The AgBio Student Clubs

The **Dairy Club** has a trip planned for Alberta touring local farms and milk processors. We have been trying to plan an A.I course through Westgen. Our first guest speaker was Dr. Greg Penner, who gave us a tour of the Rayner dairy barn, discussing how it was run and research projects that are currently on the go.

The **Range Team** is dedicated to learning about and enhancing sustainable rangeland management practices, bringing in both academic and industry speakers. In our weekly meetings we discuss important topics that will prepare us to compete in the URME. The conference's undergraduate component includes the URME, the Plant Identification Test, the Extemporaneous Speaking Competition, the Undergraduate Paper Session, and the Rangeland Cup poster presentation contest. As a team, we were awarded first place in 2018 and 2019, second place in 2020, and third place at the 2021 virtual conference, out of over 20 North American universities.

Beef Club is organizing a trip this Jan. to Denver COL, where we will tour the National Western Stock Show and attend industry tours and networking events around Denver. We're excited about this opportunity and have been busy with fundraisers. Our team thanks all the sponsors and supporters helping to make this trip possible, via social media platforms. The Beef and Range teams are collaborating for a sponsorship thank-you dinner and networking social. Both teams want to ensure all sponsors receive recognition for their generous donations. Some of our members have also volunteered with Ag in the Classroom, where they taught Saskatchewan youth more about Canadian Agriculture. In terms of upcoming opportunities, our team is attending events such as the Sask Beef Industry Conference and touring the LFCE. To keep up with the Beef Team go to our Facebook page "U of S

Beef Team" and follow our Instagram and Twitter accounts @UofSBeefTeam!

Over the fall term the **U of S Horticulture Club** hosted a wide range of events across campus. In the field lab, there was sour cherry picking, melons, and pumpkin harvesting. This allowed us to host the traditional October pumpkin sale in the Bowl as well as a pumpkin carving competition. We've held several different food processing sessions including, but not limited to drying herbs, making pumpkin pie, and making salsa. As well, working with mushrooms and plant cuttings in the greenhouse. Guest speakers Dr. Bob Bors and M.P.M. Nair, spoke about the care and keeping of bonsai and low light plants.

The **Animal Bio Science Club (ABS)** has been hard at work this year. In September, we held our annual Flamingo meeting, where Animal Science and Animal Bioscience can meet others in their programs, play games, have supper, and win prizes! We have a dairy meeting planned with Greg Penner, and a Lunch and Learn meeting with Fast Genetics. In the Winter term, we are hoping to meet with a zookeeper from the Saskatoon Zoo, as well as cover topics from the beef industry, poultry industry, swine industry, etc.! We also hope to have some more fun social activities for our members, including a bowling social next term and study sessions for finals in December.

This year the **EBSA (Environmental and Bioresources Student Association)** has been busy providing opportunities for students interested in outdoor activities and environmental-related careers to connect. So far, we have done our annual river valley clean up here in Saskatoon, a group hiking trip to Waskesiu just

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Neils Henry Thomsen '49 S, Aug. 13, 2022

Dalton Ta-Tung Wang (Peking, China) **'52 C, '54 MSc**, Feb. 18, 2022

Robert (Bob) Allan Dodds '53 S, Sept. 19, 2022
(1978 SAGA President, 2002 HLM)

John Eugene Atamanenko '54 S, Aug. 8, 2022

Roger Emile Laurin '54 C, Dec. 2, 2019

David Albert Blau '56 S, Aug. 5, 2022

Joseph Adelard Jeanneau '57 C, Sept. 2, 2022

John "Jack" Leo Drew, '61 C, Nov. 18, 2022

Dale Clifton Allcock '62 C, Mar. 6, 2022

Harvey Andrew Boland, '68 S, May 28, 2019

Leslie Allan McLean '70 C, Sept. 16, 2022

Jack Adam Gellner '71 C, July 29, 2022

Allan Roy Mitchell, '71 C, May 2, 2019

Donald Morris McKinley '73 S, Aug. 25, 2022

Orest Joseph Krushelniski '74 C, Apr. 13, 2021

Collin Arnold Sauder, '77 C, October 14, 2019

David Ronald Sauder '87 C, Oct. 21, 2022

Carla Joan Roppel, '91 MSc (Soil Sc.) Sept. 11, 2022

Barry Edward Johannesson, '93 S, Dec 10, 2021

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before Thanksgiving, and a mental health walk in late October at Cranberry Flats Nature Reserve. We have also shared career opportunities in Environmental Science, Soil Science, Plant Ecology, and resource management with our members and continue to do so.

The **Ag Bizz Club** has hosted many lunch and learns throughout the first semester and brought many industry leaders to the club to present. We have hosted a welcome back breakfast "brunch and learn" sponsored by Nutrien, as well as a first-year friendly games night which had a great turnout! We are currently raising money for the Cancer Foundation of Saskatchewan by doing a raffle. Each prize is donated by an agricultural company and 100% of the proceeds will be donated. Tickets are 1-\$2, 3-\$5 and are first come first served until we are sold out (3000 available) draw is Nov. 30th.

The **Judging Team** has been busy over the past several months. This year our club has around 20 members, all with varying skill levels. We have had industry leaders in to talk with us and share their expertise, with hopes to have more in the new year. We hosted our competition and clinic on Oct. 21-22. Forty collegiate and 4-H members registered and there was some great competition. Our team ended up winning high point team and member Justin Harcourt won high point collegiate. Nine members attended the U of A Judging Competition Nov. 12, and came home as grand and reserve collegiate teams, with members Justin Harcourt and Molly Severtson being first and second overall collegiate. We will be sending nine members to the Canadian National 4-H and Youth Judging Competition at Agribition. In the new year, we hope to attend more competitions and learning opportunities.

This year, the **FABS (Food and Bioproduct Science) Club** really wanted to build community after a long hiatus from

campus life. In Sept., we convened at Lucky Bastard Distillers for a social night and a private tour. Later on in the month, we hosted a Meet The Faculty Night where students got the chance to meet their professors and learn more about what kind of tools it takes to succeed in academia and in the workforce. We hosted a Pumpkin Carving Event in October, encouraging everyone to de-stress after a busy midterm season. In November we will be doing a couple charity events, including creating a Holiday hamper and a Charity Bake sale. Donations will be going to CHEP, The Lighthouse, and RAM.

This term, the **Pre-Vet Club** was able to do a private tour of the WCVM and its facilities at Vetavision. They have hosted multiple online info-sessions with international vet schools and helped to promote the WCVM's admissions sessions. This past month, there was a hands-on equine limb anatomy lab with WCVM's Nicole Wood, plus an application review night with first-year veterinary students. There is also an equine demo planned with Dr. Dianne Winkelman-Sim. Some of next term's activities will include mock interviews, anatomy labs, and guest presentations.

The **U of S Rodeo Team** has done multiple things this fall. Since our college rodeo season was cancelled this fall, we have been really trying to get more involved and get our name out there. We've had multiple team meetings and an evening for individual and team pictures. We held a jackpot barrel racing series in Sept. And at the start of Oct. a fundraising weekend; barrel racing, pole bending, and men's barrel racing on Saturday; breakaway roping and team roping on Sunday. Both events were huge successes! We have been fundraising by working the gate at the KCRA Finals and we are holding a liquor basket raffle right before Xmas! We look forward to continuing our fundraising and securing sponsorship for the future!

Zach Hill '25
ASA Club Liaison

Saskatchewan Crop Organizations AGMs

Registration is now open for the 2023 Annual General Meetings

Monday, January 9, 2023

10:00 AM - Sask Wheat AGM
(Prairieland Park, Hall A)
11:45 AM - Winter Cereals AGM
(Prairieland Park, Hall E)
12:30 PM - Luncheon (Prairieland Park, Hall A)
1:00 PM - Market Outlook: Wheat & Pulse with Chuck Penner (Prairieland Park, Hall A)
2:30 PM - Industry Topic and Q&A (TBC)
(Prairieland Park, Hall A)
4:00 PM - Saskatchewan Pulse Growers AGM
(Prairieland Park, Hall A)
5:30 PM - Networking Reception
(Prairieland Park, Hall A)

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

8:00 AM - Special Announcements
(Prairieland Park, Hall A)
9:00 AM - Market Outlook: Flax, Canola, Barley with Chuck Penner (Prairieland Park, Hall A)
10:15 AM - SaskFlax AGM
(Prairieland Park, Hall A)
11:30 AM - Luncheon
(Prairieland Park, Hall A)

12:00 PM - SaskCanola AGM
(Prairieland Park, Hall A)
1:30 PM - Afternoon Keynote with Dave Meslin
(Prairieland Park, Hall A)
2:45 PM - Barley Beer Tasting
(Prairieland Park, Hall A)
3:00 PM - SaskBarley AGM
(Prairieland Park, Hall A)

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

9:00 AM - SaskOats AGM, Research Updates and Market Outlook Session
(Prairieland Park, Hall E)
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Sask Seed Growers Award Banquet (Location: Saskatoon Inn)

Thursday, January 12, 2023

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Sask Seed Growers AGM and Industry Updates (Location: Saskatoon Inn)
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM - SaskMustard AGM, Research Updates and Market Outlook Session
(Prairieland Park, Hall E)

For more information and to register please go to saskcrops.com

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