

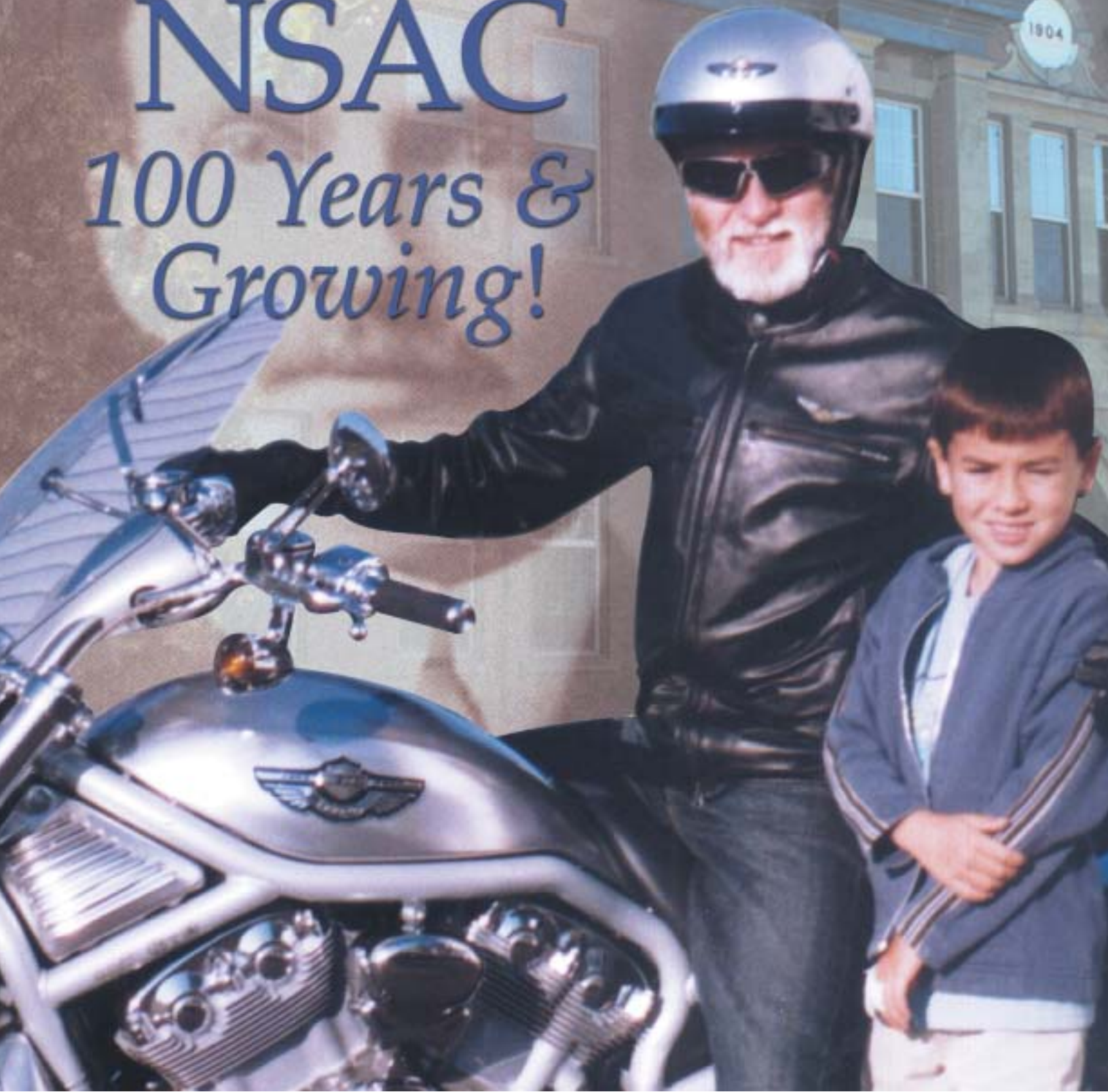


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# Centennial Update

The NSAC Centennial committee is gearing up to prepare for the celebrations of 100 years of education and research excellence at NSAC. The committee made up of Jim Goit, JoAnne Jordan, Judy Grant, Tarjei Tennessen, Stephanie Rogers, Dale Ells, Les Haley, Mary McPhee Janelle Brenton, Ken Marchant and Susan Michel is charged with the responsibility of planning the celebrations and coordinating activities both on and off campus.

## *Centennial logo Contest Winner*

Ms. Laurie Sandeson, Managing Director of the AgriTECH Park in Truro is the winner of the Centennial Logo contest. The Centennial committee felt that Laurie's idea of highlighting the centre section of the front of historic Cumming Hall and the Tag line "100 Years and Growing" best symbolized NSAC in it's centennial year. The logo will be used on many things over the next two years in celebration and recognition of NSAC's 100 years in operation.

And there are lots of things planned. We have applied for a Canada Post commemorative stamp and are hoping it will receive a positive decision soon. There are plans for a series of postcards and other collectable items.

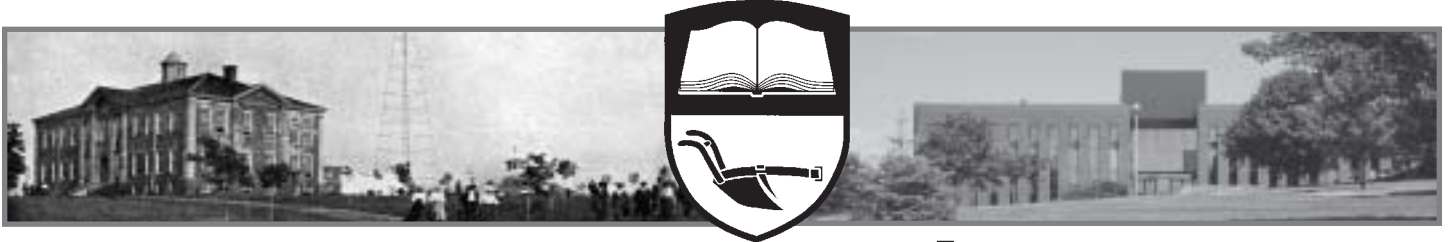
Groups on campus are putting together ways of celebrating the event as well. There will be a special floral display on Pictou road during the summer of 2005. The Cox Field Amphitheater project described in another article has been designed and will be built largely by students in the landscaping class. There may be special concerts, lectures and reading during the year as well. As you might expect there will be a big birthday party on Centennial Founding Day, February 14, 2005 in the early planning stages.



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# The President's Message

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Dear Alumni and Friends of NSAC,

**M**omentous changes are afoot at your Alma Mater; changes that you will want to be made aware of, and I'm sure all of you who follow closely the goings-on at NSAC, will already have heard about some of these at least.

At last, NSAC is moving deliberately down the road of name change after many years of discussion on the topic, both on-campus and off. It is doing so, guided not be me alone, but by the integrated opinions and informed input gathered from students, staff, alumni, faculty, industry, administration, the Atlantic Canada educational community, and the President's Advisory Board. All this input comes together in an ad hoc committee called the NSAC Name-Change Committee, chaired by Professor Randy Olson.


This process is giving us a wonderful opportunity to re-brand NSAC in the minds of the public. We now will be able to tell the whole world what it is we've in fact, already become. That is, we've become a state-of-the-art university, dedicated to quality teaching in an intimate environment, while also serving the community and country as a state-of-the-art, research-intensive school, modern in its outlook and mandate. Our goal through this process is to give a real choice to prospective students, their parents, families and other individuals interested in determining which post-secondary educational institution is best for them. This choice will be assisted by us through careful marketing and well-targeted promotional activities, supported by a new name that will incite interest and curiosity about whom we have become, and where we see ourselves going.

As many of you have told me over the past few months, our old name served us poorly even though it had that familiar ring to it we all had held to.

Sentiment aside, many of you acknowledged to me that the old name really has been a barrier to many prospective students. It did not allow them to learn what we really offered, and thereby it contributed to the alarming decline in enrolment we still suffer from. I wonder how many of you are aware that we've suffered a continuous decline in student numbers for the past seven years running? We were once at an enrolment figure of 950; now we're barely over 700.

Once our new name is announced, we will really swing into action with a well-orchestrated marketing and public awareness campaign. Please keep your eyes on the media for that, and do let me know your reaction to it. Your input to the name change is welcomed (your representative on the Committee is President Jeff Morton) as is your feedback on our media blitz that'll begin in May, 2004.

Also occurring in May, all staff and faculty will be working through a two-day retreat process that will allow us to engage the entire campus on addressing the fundamental issue of who we are and where we should be going. These questions follow on very naturally from the name change process.

Friends and alumni: very exciting days are upon us now, and so I implore you to remain engaged with the happenings on the NSAC campus. Take it upon yourself to be in regular communication with your Alumni Association. We need your help, advice and support now more than ever before. 

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip Hicks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Philip Hicks  
President

# The Alumni President's Message

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Another Alumni Weekend has come and gone. Old acquaintances renewed, new friendships made and a greater understanding of new facilities and programs at the NSAC. As always it is my pleasure as president to host the various years of classes at the Annual General Meeting.

A couple of significant decisions were noted at the meeting this year. The first was to approve a greater cooperation with the NSAC Foundation regarding the investment of the Alumni Scholarship Trust Funds. This agreement to work more closely with the Foundation will realize greater benefits to the students and education at the NSAC. I think this also signifies a new partnership with the NSAC to help work towards the goals in NSAC'S strategic plan. Working closely with the College administration will result in one common contact point for all friends and alumni of the NSAC and I hope serve to allow more alumni to participate directly with the NSAC.

The second decision was to agree to a resolution that would encourage us to participate freely and constructively in the search for a new identity for the NSAC through a new name. This resolution crystallizes the need of alumni to stay in contact with the NSAC and be active participants in the growth and development of the programs at the institution.

I encourage each of you in your own way to help keep the spirit of NSAC alive and strong in your communities, businesses by actively discussing and making your views known on these and future issues facing the NSAC.

I look forward to hearing from many of you in the coming year as we look forward to new opportunities that are a challenge to keeping our roots at the NSAC firmly entrenched in the rich history of our past.

I wish alumni and their families a Happy New Year. 🍷

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeffrey G. Morton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jeff Morton, Class of '79  
President

# Around & About.....

The NSAC Executive \_\_\_\_\_



(L to R) Jim Goit, Bernie MacDonald, Phillip Hicks, Bruce Gray, Judy Smith.



## **Mark Eyking, Class of '80** \_\_\_\_\_ NSAC Alumnus in New Federal Cabinet

**S**ydney-Victoria MP Mark Eyking, a Cape Breton vegetable farmer and 1980 graduate of NSAC's Agriculture Business Technician program, has been sworn in as the parliamentary secretary for agriculture.

According to the Halifax Herald, Mark said he planned to work on the agriculture file to bring more value to the industry. He also indicated that being a parliamentary secretary will help in discussions with other ministers on files like the Sydney tar ponds and the need to continue supporting regional development initiatives in Cape Breton.

## **Steve Myette, Class of '81** \_\_\_\_\_

High Flyers Club Winner

**S**teve has been awarded the top salesperson for the North America Region and is now a member of the International Sales High Flyers Club with Novartis Animal Health Canada. Steve will be spending January 25-29 in Switzerland where he will pick up his award at a ceremony in Basel.



## **Dr. Kathryn Finlayson, Class of '97** \_\_\_\_\_ Pets & Vets

**E**ver since she can remember, Kathryn always wanted to be a veterinarian. After completing her fourth year in Animal Science at the NSAC in Truro, she was accepted to the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) in Guelph. Upon graduation, Kathryn worked at a mixed veterinary practice in rural Nova Scotia before coming to Central Nova Animal Hospital in January of 2003. Kathryn's favorite animal is the dog - in fact she owns four of them. She has a 17 year old Springer Spaniel named Annie, a six-year-old Dalmatian named Sadie, a one-year-old Springer Spaniel named Buddy and a four-year-old black lab cross named Fergie.



## Alumni Back for Career Fair



Alumni were back in full force at the Green Industry Career Fair held on campus on November 19. Some of those who returned to campus to advise students on the career opportunities with horticultural based companies were Kyla Pierik, Owner, Apple Berry Farm Market, Bridgewater, NS (Ag Ec degree grad '92); Andrew Chant, General Manager and Superintendent, Granite

Springs Golf Course, Bayside, NS (Land Hort Tech '91); Jeff Morton, Lecturer, NSAC (1978); Sue (Traverse) Barkhouse, Instructor at NSAC Community College, Kentville campus (B.Sc.(Agr.) Plant Science, 1993); and Neil Pond, President, Urban Landscaping Ltd., Rothesay, NB (Land Hort Tech 1988).



The 14th annual Festive Craft Market was held in November with a record 70 exhibitors selling their wares. Approximately 3500 anxious buyers attended and appreciated the fine crafts on display by local artisans. Local resident Colleen Shaw was the winner of the Grand Prize of \$500. She is shown with Market Coordinator Ken Marchant.

## NSAC Hosts Green Industry Career Fair

Tracey MacKenzie, (Land Hort 1989), Instructor with the Environmental Horticulture Technology program at NSAC, is shown at the time of the Green Industry Career Fair in November with alumni who returned to speak to students.

From left to right: Jane Rostek, Customer Service, Halifax Seed Company, Halifax, NS (Land Hort Tech 1999); Andrew Lansdale, Foreman and Designer, Signature Landscape Ltd., Moncton, NB (Land Hort Tech 1998; Plant Science Tech 2000); and on the right, Andrea Ward, Grounds Manager, Mount Allison University (Land Hort Tech 1997; B.Tech Land Hort 2002).





## Jack Johnson, PAg., Class of '50

### AIC Fellowship Award

*Jack Johnson, PAg, of Truro, Nova Scotia is described by his peers as man of integrity, leadership, and an individual very worthy of the AIC Fellowship Award.*

Jack has enjoyed a successful career as a Professional Agrologist, working in Communications, Extension, Management and Administration.

As a farm broadcaster with the CBC for nearly 12 years, Jack's knowledge of the needs of farm people and his excellent communications skills won him high recognition as a leader and innovator. As regional Supervisor with four commentators, he guided 12 radio and three TV programs weekly. He planned, scripted and aired a series of national TV programs on major issues in agriculture in Canada.

Later, as a director of the Soils and Crops Branch of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Marketing, Jack developed staff and introduced programs that resulted in improved crops and cropping programs on Nova Scotia farms. He was a leading force in the establishment of the Atlantic Advisory Committee system, the Provincial Grain Commission and the Land Evaluation and Planning Service. Through his leadership a Pesticide Residue Laboratory to serve the four Atlantic Provinces was established.

Jack Johnson was active in the Maritime Branch and the Canadian Seed Growers Association for 20 years, serving on the Executive committee and taking a leading role in their research and development program. Jack received the first ever Clark-Newman Award from the CSGA in recognition of his lifetime dedication to agriculture.

As chairman of the Nova Scotia Dairy Commission, Jack gained the respect of both dairy farmers and dairy processors for his negotiating and management skills. He led the dairy industry from contention and disorder to agreement and harmony. Jack brought about the merger of fluid and industrial milk quotas and introduced multiple-component pricing with the Canadian Milk Supply Management Committee.

Mr. Johnson's outstanding administrative, management and communicative skills have been applied to a wide range of production and marketing fields and have had a positive impact on the agricultural industry of Nova Scotia, the Atlantic Provinces and the nation. Much of his contribution has impacted the farm level - the farm family and the farming community.

Jack and his wife Trudy live on a small

farm in the Truro area where he continues to serve part-time with the Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia and volunteers in Truro and nearby rural communities.



Minister Vanclief, Jack and Dr. Roy Bush, PAg, NSIA board director on the AIC board

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They also went from upright silos to five concrete bunkers, 22 feet wide x 15 feet deep and just 10 feet high. Robbie says they based those dimensions on their desire, "to take enough feed away from the face every day to avoid the feed heating up during the summer."

The MacGregors own and rent about 600 acres on which they raise about 95-percent of their ration requirements. John says "We usually have about 100 acres of barley seeded every year and we are growing 70-90-acres of corn which we have expanded since

the barn was built. The rest is forage, timothy and alfalfa."

Because of their sand bedding, they don't use a manure slurry pumping system. Instead, their barn floor is gently sloped from either end of the barn to the centre where manure is pushed over a grate across the barn from wall to wall, over a 15 feet deep by 12 feet wide trench.

John's personal preference kept them away from alley scrapers. "We visited farms in Ontario that had them for 5-7-years and they said they wouldn't have them again." *Continued on page 19*



## John MacGregor

### Transition to the Sixth Generation

*Fifth-generation Nova Scotia dairy producer, John MacGregor, knew someday he would have to prepare for a transition of his Pictou County farm to a sixth-generation.*

Back in the 1970s when he and his wife Arlene had their first child; the seed of eventual farm expansion sprouted in his mind. "I thought some day they might want to take over the farm," says Mr. MacGregor.

Now, 25 years later, after three sons, Robbie, Class of '02 Bradley, Class of '02 and Donnie, Class of '01 and one daughter, Karen, the MacGregor family has a new 365 feet long, 114 feet wide, 220 stall dairy barn high on a hilltop at their farm at RR 1, Eureka, several miles south of New Glasgow.

John began farming in the early '60s with his father. They shipped two, 80 lb cans of milk daily, but by 1969, when he shifted to bulk and converted the herd from Guernseys to Holsteins he was shipping 36 cans a day from a 60-cow herd. That same year he converted his barn to free stalls and a double four milking parlour. And every few years since then he added a few more cows, a piece to the barn, a silo, or a few more acres.

The original part of the barn is 170-years-old, but, he says, with computerized feeding and TMRs, "it had been modernized as much as it could get." With 90 cows housed in it, however, notes Mr. MacGregor, air quality suffered and bunk space was restricted.

With all three sons returning to the farm following study at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College in Truro, John MacGregor's idea of a new barn matured with the key objective being cow comfort. He also had another objective to ensure his sons were happy working in the barn which had to be efficient. "We chose to build across the road to maximize cow comfort and efficiency and not to compromise them by building next and into the old barn."

Robbie and Bradley drafted the barn layout and a structural engineer was then retained to prepare the final barn design. The eldest son, Robbie, believes the best barns are built according to simple ideas, one of them being "build it to last". That is why the structural columns of steel I-beams have a galvanized coating and sit on five feet high cement footings so they will not rust or corrode at floor level.

The barn's curtain walls are higher than usual, 12 feet, to allow lots of natural light and free air circulation. Since cow comfort was foremost in their design, says Robbie, it dictated a four-row, rather than a six-row layout, with wide feed bunk, feed and stall alleys. The feed bunk is 22 feet across running the length of



the barn. The feed and stall alleys, either side of it, are 14 feet and 12 feet wide respectively for additional cow comfort and convenience.

Alley ways to and from the cow stalls and the milking parlour are rubber covered for more secure and resilient footing for the cows. The cow stalls are four-feet wide by eight-and-one-half feet deep with comfortable sand-covered rubber crumb bedding mats. The sand, which, keeps bacteria down, is renewed weekly from a 3,000 ton supply the MacGregors have stockpiled on the farm,

They also have ample calving pens and 12 segregated stalls, apart from the rest of the herd for the fresh cow group, "to keep an eye on them and feed them separately," says Robbie. The MacGregors are now milking 145 cows out of a total herd of 300 head. They have a purebred herd which was closed until last year, says Robbie, "but with the expansion we acquired additional cows. Once we get control of the cows in the barn; we intend not to bring any more into the herd."

The MacGregors dock the tails of their cows. John admits: "I know it is controversial; but for me it is no contest. With today's cow housing they keep cleaner." Robbie notes they placed their new barn on a hill top to provide good air circulation to keep flies down and they do not send their cows out to pasture. Their herd's incidence of mastitis is nil because the cows' hindquarters and udders are free of manure, he says.

As another cow comfort feature, their milk parlour is gated so that when the cows are finished milking they walk to where they can feed out of the feed alley before they return to their stalls. At the mid-point of the barn's west side the 90 feet x 40 feet milk house and holding area juts out at right angles to the barn. It has double, 12 parallel stalls with a Westfalia-Surge Mag 90 computerized milker.

Wash water from the parlour is recycled. Once the first rinse is sent to the manure pit, the soap, acid and sanitizer rinse are collected and used to wash the floors in the milk parlour. The MacGregors significantly changed their feeding arrangements when they moved into the new barn. Although they provide specific TMRs for the different cow groups, they no longer use the computerized feeding system they had in their old barn.

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# NSAC-100 years and Growing

## An interview with NSAC's first President



*Dr. Philip Hicks*

*Dr. Philip Hicks is the first president of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College effective August 2003.*

**B**orn in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Dr. Hicks completed his undergraduate degree at Carleton University in 1973. He returned to Halifax to study science at Dalhousie with the intention of entering medical school. Opting for graduate school instead, Dr. Hicks received his PhD in Physiology from the University of British Columbia in 1979 completing his post doctoral work at Gifu University in Japan and the Max-Planck Institute in Germany.

For 15 years Dr. Hicks was a professor, first with the University of Calgary, then with the University of North Carolina. In 1996, Dr. Hicks joined National Research Council (NRC) in Ottawa as Group Leader and Senior Research Officer. Three years ago he was approached by the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo, Japan to take on the role of Science & Technology Counselor. Dr. Hicks is responsible for reporting what the Government of Japan is doing in the areas of science and technology; including new policy development. His audience consists of science and technology professionals from universities, agencies, the NRC, government scientists and private industry in life sciences.

Dr. Hicks, an accomplished public speaker, is multilingual speaking English, French, German and Japanese and is the winner of numerous awards recognizing research excellence. He has been published in more than 100 invited and original refereed articles in various disciplinary sub areas. He has an outstanding record of research management and catalyzing R&D opportunities and has an in-depth knowledge of government with a wide network and national and international contacts.

Dr. Hicks also has experience in the organization, development and implementation of curriculum in a variety of disciplines and was invited to establish core course at state university in Brazil on iontophoresis technology.

Dr. Hicks and his wife Keiko have one son, Brian.

## NSAC - 100 years and Growing

### 1. *What brought you to Nova Scotia and the position of President at NSAC?*

I spent most of my formative years, my teens and early 20s, growing up in Nova Scotia and as you know, I'm originally from Fredericton, so the opportunity to essentially "come home" while at the same time accepting the challenge of leading a strong, research-intensive university having so many special attributes as NSAC offers, was just too good to pass up.

### 2. *You have been "on the job" now since early August. What do you see as the College's biggest strengths and weaknesses?*

Actually in a sense it's odd but perhaps our biggest strength is at the same time one of our greatest weaknesses. I refer here to our small size. Being relatively small, we are extremely fortunate to be able to offer a unique educational experience to our students. Our faculty pretty well know each individual student in class by name. They also have a good feel for each person's learning style. This lends a warm, nurturing, almost tailor-made atmosphere to the teaching and learning experience at NSAC. Alumni never lose the



*Dr. Coffin and Dr. Hicks at the Presidential Installation*

chance to remind me that our small class sizes and the personal attention in the classroom they received when they were here as students, from faculty whom they knew well, went a long way towards their high level of

satisfaction with the NSAC university experience. However, this benefit also puts us potentially in danger, as our low enrolment might be sending all the wrong signals to the educational authorities in the government in Halifax, who find themselves in the difficult position of justifying to the public why a small province such as ours, having fewer than a million in population, should carry the burden of supporting 11 universities.

It's very interesting in this regard however (officials - take note!) that by a large margin Nova Scotia, followed by New Brunswick, boasts the highest percentage enrollment in university when considering the 18 to 24 year age group compared with all the rest of Canada. It must be noted that NSAC is struggling to be a part of that high enrollment trend due to the stark reality that our numbers have been in steady decline since the '96/'97 academic year, when we had 32 per cent more students than now.

### 3. *You were officially installed as the NSAC's first President in October. What does this mean to you and for the NSAC?*

I see the new title as more of a reflection of the fact that NSAC recognizes that it must be viewed differently by its customers. Of

course by the word "customer", I refer to those who look to us for their learning experiences. Our customers are those who choose us over all the other universities they might want to attend for what unique value we provide in the learning experience. Today, universities must make greater efforts than ever before to present their unique advantages to prospective learners, and we must meet that challenge. It's a tough challenge, because in this province and Atlantic Canada generally we are up against the best universities in the country - and therefore in all of North America, dollar-for-dollar and in terms of value. Today's successful university must show itself to the world that it is modern in outlook, moving with the times, and relevant. Having a President rather than a Principal as the head, we hope, will best reflect this image. The term Principal is one that traditionally has been associated with long-established schools; it is a term grounded in the more classically-oriented universities and colleges. Places like Oxford and Cambridge come most readily to mind. Our hopes with the new title for the head of NSAC will be to project the concept that we are amongst that group of institutions that belong more to the trend-setting group of post-secondary educational organizations.

### 4. *The change from Principal to President was a fairly simple one. A not-so-simple issue concerns the NSAC name. You indicate in your President's message as well as elsewhere in the newsletter that NSAC will be undergoing a name change. Why do you feel this is important and why now?*

It's really very simple. It's widely recognized in the community that our name poorly reflects our reality. The truth is that NSAC delivers not only college programs but it is a university that awards many of its graduates Bachelor's and Master's level degrees. On our campus and through our own programs we even train doctoral students who are registered at universities elsewhere. We exist to serve the educational needs of Atlantic Canada, not just Nova Scotia in applied life science, agriculture and allied fields.

By agreement of all four Atlantic provinces in the '60s, NSAC was granted the unique mandate to provide agricultural education for the region. We interpret the definition of agriculture in the broadest sense, specifically as "applied life science and related fields of study such as economics, business, engineering, aquaculture, environmental science and the social and health sciences as they relate to all aspects of rural life". So you see, all three components of our name: "Nova Scotia", "Agriculture" and "College", are at the same time incorrect or misleading and further they convey the wrong impression about the scope of our curricular offerings. These inaccuracies serve us poorly when students begin the process of university selection.

The name issue is not new. As long as 15 years ago, discussion on campus on the subject was active. However, progress was slow for many reasons, not the least of which was the view widely

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held at the time that our name was linked inseparably with our governance model. As you know, the greatest share of our financial support comes from the NS Department of Agriculture and Fisheries and indeed our staff and faculty are an integral part of that Department bureaucratically speaking. I made the decision when I came to Bible Hill that I would de-link the two issues. That's why we are moving forward with the name change issue first, before it's too late and our enrolment falls below 700. I have no doubt whatsoever that a significant part of our enrolment decline stems in the first instance from confusion in the minds of prospective students about who and what we are and this confusion derives primarily from our inaccurate name.

5. *Will input be considered from a variety of stakeholders, including alumni? Do you anticipate any resistance?*

Absolutely, input from all sources will be considered! I'll have no role to play in the selection whatsoever except at the very end, when the NSAC Name Change Committee has completed its work and handed over to me the final ranked list of candidate names. Then it will be up to me to choose from amongst that well narrowed-down list of favorites. At the time of the selection of the committee members, my directive to its Chairman, Dr. Randy Olson, was to ensure that he invited representatives from the local community such as officials from the governments of the Village of Bible Hill, the Town of Truro and the County of Colchester to all meetings.

The NSAC Name Change Committee is made up of representatives of the following stakeholders: alumni, students, staff, faculty, administration, the educational community, industry and the President's Advisory Board. Input was obtained directly from PEI and NB through the latter two appointments. The names of these elected/appointed individuals in the order listed above are: Jeff Morton (President of the Alumni Association), Jon Garron (member of the Student Union), Laurel MacIntosh (Plant and Animal Sciences support staff member), Randy Olson (Committee Chair and Head of Environmental Sciences), Raj Lada (Plant and Animal Sciences), Susan Michel (Marketing Coordinator), Rick Butler (Advisory Board on Colleges and Universities), Marla Slater (HR Agricultural Council of PEI), and Joe Brennan (farmer).

Whereas name change is a potentially contentious and emotional issue, in all honesty I foresee very little resistance because of the well-understood need for the process. This is due to our very real efforts to create an open climate for discussion and our welcoming approach to debate on the issue. As you know, we held a public forum on just this topic last month and furthermore I've invited free discussion on several different occasions in public when I've spoken out on the issue. These discussions have been held internally with NSAC Faculty Council and externally too, with the

Young Farmers of Atlantic Canada, the NS Federation of Agriculture and its Senate, as well as at the Nova Scotia Community College. Everyone has been and continues to be invited to express their views and to join in the discussion. The committee meetings are not closed to anyone. This entire exercise is reflecting my vision for what constitutes the essence of a healthy and vigorous university: openness, inclusiveness, transparency and communication.

6. *What is the process for changing the name of a post-secondary institution in Nova Scotia?*

It varies depending on the case and even the extent of the change. Recall that our legal status is that of part of the provincial government and therefore falls under the aegis of the Minister. You might find it of interest that both the Deputy Minister and the Minister of the Department are well aware of our efforts and are in agreement with the approach we are taking: laudably and to their great credit they have taken an arm's-length approach to the process and support our goals and objectives. Our plan is to select our new name as the first step and then, based on several other considerations, to proceed on the basis of legal advice from that point forward. I do not foresee a prolonged exercise here and there are a number of options for how to have the new name officially sanctioned.

7. *You mention enrolment as one impetus behind the name change. What else is being done to address this issue?*

We recognize that enrolment is our #1 challenge for the campus. To this end, faculty and staff have rapidly rallied behind the initiative of the administration to create a new position through a within-campus secondment. Ms. Leanne French, of the International Centre has accepted a one-year position as Enrollment Management Co-ordinator. This key function will look at all aspects of student life, from pre-enrollment (recruitment) through to post-graduation (alumni) with the aim of rectifying shortcomings in our policies and practices, so as to minimize student dissatisfaction, maximize retention and increase enrollment.

I have traveled overseas recently to three Asian countries for the purpose of laying the groundwork for establishment of bilateral agreements and memoranda of understanding with partnering universities, as well as to promote NSAC and to attempt to recruit foreign students from Japan, Taiwan and Korea. I intend to pursue similar opportunities in February when I plan to visit Brazil, Jamaica and Mexico. Then, in late May or thereabouts, I hope to visit universities for partnership agreement formation and student recruitment in Central and Eastern Europe, countries where we have a history of relationship-building.

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We need to do a better job of evaluation of the relevance and core content of our academic programs and course offerings. We need to ensure that more and more of our knowledge is made available to learners in the style and format that they find desirable and in a manner of presentation convenient for them. Our Centre for Continuing and Distance Education is hard at work with the faculty in trying to achieve those goals. This is the way of the future - better outreach to our customers and relevant content and configuration, packaging if you will, of our material. We are cognizant of these needs and administration and faculty will be working steadily on these imperatives in the months ahead. In the end, the difference will mean more students and a better learning environment for them.

8. *What do you hope is your legacy as the first President of the NSAC?*

The guy that got the things done that really needed doing.

9. *This issue of the Agricola News will be published in the new year. What are your priorities for the institution leading up to the Centennial in 2005?*

I have five main priorities.

a) Working harder to bring in greater numbers of academically well-qualified students especially from abroad, so that our campus can better reflect the world in terms of diversity of student body.

b) Becoming fiscally more responsible so that we can live within our budget and weather any unexpected alterations forced upon us from without.

c) "Branding" the newly-named institution in such a way that enables us to create a completely new image to present to the public, an image that accurately reflects the reality of what we are today, rather than that which we exhibited 20 years ago. Bringing everyone on campus to the point where we share that reality as our common understanding.

d) Engaging the alumni well enough that they will rally around us and provide us with the time commitment and support we need from them so that we can enter into a new phase of partnership. This new phase will allow NSAC to better capitalize on the experience, motivation and energy that our alumni possess so that closer links can form and benefits accrue. We need your engagement with our efforts - we need your ideas, your time and actions and we need your words of support to tell the community how we've changed for the better.

e) To keep open the good lines of communication I have strived to achieve these past five months.

10. *If you could only see one goal realized during your tenure here as President...what would that be?*

To avoid having an accident on my motorcycle. 🏍️



## What's in a Name?

Jeff Morton, President of NSAC Alumni Association

*The name "NSAC" to most of us in Atlantic Canada is a household word that means agricultural knowledge and leadership. As alumni it causes great emotion when someone suggests changing that name. The news on the street is that the NSAC is changing with the times looking to take the huge step of changing its name.*

The new president of the NSAC, Dr. Philip Hicks has jumped in with both feet suggesting that the programs at the NSAC have outdistanced the identity that the College name suggests. The NSAC is an institution recognized worldwide for its achievements in science and agriculture and in the last 20 years has developed into a university granting both undergraduate and graduate degrees. Alumni wanting to support education at the NSAC will, I hope take the time to really find out fully about this issue before passing judgement.

One argument is that the institution is hampered in its quest to attract new students by the "College" label.

The following is a quote from Dr. Hicks in a submission in the university affairs magazine "Our name does not reflect accurately who we are and consequently many of us on the staff and faculty of the University fear that we're missing out on opportunities for student recruitment and appropriate community understanding of our roles and missions with respect to the research that we do and the provision of our educational mandate"

Many alumni may have seen the quotes in the newspapers about the President suggesting that agriculture and college may not do justice to the intent of institution, if they remain as words in a new name. These words should not be interpreted as a move away from agriculture as much to a new name that can identify with the many individuals the NSAC wants to attract to the science of agriculture. As alumni we hold a special place in our hearts and minds for the NSAC and what is means to agriculture. We have to remember that no one is

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## NSAC Development & Alumni Relations



### There's Still Time to Help

*The Development Office at NSAC is in the middle of its annual mail appeal and all alumni and friends have received a letter from President Hicks asking for your support. Response to that appeal has been good and for those who have already given, please accept our thanks.*

**N**SAC needs your support and there is still time to help this year with your contribution.

*Dick Huggard*

The Development Office at NSAC is in the middle of its annual mail appeal and all alumni and friends have received a letter from President Hicks asking for your support. Response to that appeal has been good and for those who have already given, please accept our thanks. However, there are still lots of you who have not yet donated. It's not too late. The annual appeal runs through to April when the new fiscal year begins. You can give to NSAC at any time but we would like to count on your support for this year.

NSAC will make good use of all donations. As chairman of the NSAC Foundation and someone who is around campus often, I have a chance to see firsthand the good work to which the donated funds are put. They support scholarships, the purchase of teaching equipment and more. Every donated dollar goes toward help-

ing students achieve their goals. With additional funds, NSAC will be able to do even more. We are already 15 per cent of the way toward the \$50,000 objective for the Herb MacRae NSAC/MacDonald College Exchange Award for example. What a great way to help students, support the relationship between these two great institutions AND provide recognition to a great leader who was a friend to many of us.

You can also let NSAC choose its highest priority by contributing to the AC Fund or specify your gift to NSAC by having it put toward your favorite area. You'll find a reply card and envelope in this edition of the Agricola News in case you have misplaced yours. Just fill in your name and address and return it with your donation so it will be counted toward this year's appeal.

I hope I can count on your support of the NSAC mail appeal. Thank you.

Dick Huggard, Chair, NSAC Foundation

## Cox Field Amphitheater Unveiled

**A**s part of the Centennial celebrations for NSAC in 2005 the Cox Field Amphitheater concept has been unveiled. Designed as part of a student class project in the Environmental Horticulture program, the concept will see a hard surfaced stage area and seating built into the side of the hill between Cox Institute and the MacRae Library. Ms. Michelle McAloon, the student who designed the project, integrated a labyrinth design in the brick surfacing. This will provide an appealing surface pattern as



well as an opportunity for people to walk the labyrinth path as part of the site experience. Seating will be integrated into the hillside toward the library creating an ideal position to view the stage area as well as the distant view of Cox Institute and the panoramic back-

drop of the Bay of Fundy.

Construction of the amphitheater will begin as part of a student lab work project in the fall of 2004 and it will be ready for use in the centennial summer of 2005. Much of the material required for the project will be provided at a reduced cost through support of the landscape industry and will feature the latest in hard landscape design. Additional donations and contributions are also welcomed to cover any unforeseen expenses.

The Cox Field Amphitheater project will provide NSAC students with practical experience in design and construction of landscape features as well as leave a valuable asset that will enhance the campus of NSAC. It will be a fitting centennial project.

# Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame Inducts Four New Members

The Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame honours members of the agricultural community for outstanding contributions to the industry, community and farm organizations. Four new members were inducted during ceremonies held October 22, 2003 at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Donald Clayton Newcombe - Nova Scotia, Elmer Waugh - Prince Edward Island, Cecil Dale Howse - Newfoundland and Labrador and Armand Lavoie - New Brunswick.



**Donald Clayton Newcombe**  
Class of 1946, Nova Scotia

Donald Clayton Newcombe was born, December 23, 1926, in Port Williams Nova Scotia. He studied at NSAC graduating, in 1946 and returned home to farm with his father and brother as R.F. Newcombe and Sons (now Cornwallis Farms) in Port Williams. In 1947 he joined A.C.A Cooperative, retiring in 1991 as Vice President of Agricultural Production.

Don was a strong supporter of the Agricultural Industry and worked in various roles in numerous organizations. He was a long time member of the Kings County Federation of Agriculture, President of that group from 1966-1968, He was a Board Member of the Nova Scotia Chicken Marketing Board from 1966 - 1974, Vice President and President of Co-op Atlantic from 1972 - 1981,

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**Armand Lavoie**  
New Brunswick

Armand Lavoie is a man full of character, dedication and spirit. Born in 1928 Mr. Lavoie completed a Bachelor of Agricultural Science from Université Laval in 1955. He served as a professor and Farm Manager at the University until 1961 when he moved to the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture, as a Swine Specialist for the North East region of New Brunswick, a position he held until 1992. He was very enthusiastic and worked hard to promote the hog industry in New Brunswick. Some even say he was the founder of the NB hog industry.

Armand's positive and energetic nature touched the lives of his co-workers and hog producers alike. His dedication and commitment to the betterment of the NB hog industry is

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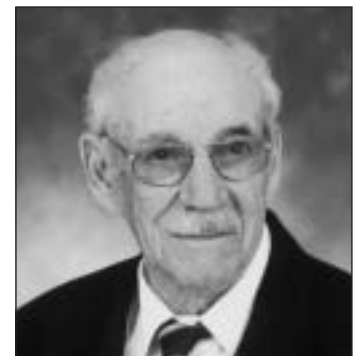


**Cecil Dale Howse**  
Newfoundland and Labrador

Cecil Dale Howse was born October 25, 1961 in Botwood, Newfoundland. After an early education in the Newfoundland school system and a term at Memorial University he graduated in 1983 from McGill University in Montreal.

Upon graduation Dale went to work for the Newfoundland Department of Agriculture as a Crop Insurance Officer and Field Inspector for Central Newfoundland. Leaving government service in 1985, he was owner & operator of Peatland Farms, Botwood, NL. until his death December 18, 1998. Between 1994 and 1995 he was also employed with the Conne River Program teaching young adults farming techniques for vegetable production and harvesting.

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**Elmer Waugh**  
Prince Edward Island

Born 1912 in the Wilmot Valley PEI, Elmer Waugh began farming at an early age at his family farm. He ran a mixed operation which included potatoes, grain, laying hens, dairy and beef cattle. Due to the diversity of the operation and a lot of hard work and determination, the Waugh farm was successful during a time when many businesses and people were struggling to survive. His own farm experiences provided Elmer with the knowledge of many challenges facing farmers and of the vital role farmers play in society. As well, these early years on the farm provided him with the knowledge that farmers needed to be organized and required a strong voice to ensure growth within the industry. Elmer was a member of the local Farm Radio Forum group in the late forties and active in 4-H, Junior

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## UPDATE

# Development & Alumni Relations

## The Gift of Life Insurance

Life insurance needs change over the years so many individuals no longer require their insurance for its original purpose. Rather

*There are several ways that insurance can be used as a gift to NSAC:*

New policy purchased - ownership and beneficiary assigned to NSAC. (Irrevocable)

New policy purchased - NSAC named as beneficiary. (Revocable)

Existing policy on which premiums are being paid transferred to NSAC (Irrevocable)

Existing paid up policy transferred to NSAC. It is also possible to name NSAC as a co-beneficiary of an Insurance Policy

*There are several benefits to the donor of giving to NSAC in this manner:*

A sizable gift can be made through "installments" without affecting donor's capital or financial security of family.

Life insurance is a leveraged gift – major gift made at a fraction of the actual cost.

Donor becomes a benefactor at a greater level than is otherwise possible.

At death proceeds do not pass through probate thereby reducing fees.

The donor receives tax receipt for premiums paid on policy. In the case of an existing paid up policy donated to the NSAC, a receipt is issued for the cash value. In this case taxable income may be triggered but the receipt will offset.

Sometimes parents are reluctant to make a major gift because they do not want to diminish the legacy to their children. One strategy is to purchase a life insurance policy with a face amount equal to the amount contributed to the NSAC, with their children named as beneficiary. The policy proceeds, payable at the death of the parents, replacing the asset that had been removed from their estate through the donation. In some cases the policy can be paid for entirely by the tax credit from the original donation.

Examples of some various ways insurance can be used in estate planning is often the best way for people to understand the implications of giving through insurance plans. The mathematics used in the following examples will differ depending on each unique situation. You are encouraged to consult with your own advisors.

than simply canceling the insurance and losing the payments made into their policies, policy holders can make a significant gift in the future by naming the NSAC as beneficiary. This allows the NSAC to receive all or a portion of the proceeds of the policy which is no longer needed for family protection. In this way the donor is turning excess insurance coverage into future benefits for the NSAC.

Naming the NSAC as the beneficiary and owner of a life insurance policy will provide the donor with the opportunity to contribute a substantial gift at the time of death and will receive a tax receipt for any premiums paid. If the NSAC becomes the sole irrevocable beneficiary of an existing policy, the donor will receive a tax receipt for the net cash surrender value and for any remaining premiums paid by the donor.

### Example 1. Fred

Fred is 54. He purchases a Universal Life plan of life insurance for \$100,000. It is projected that this plan could be fully paid after 14 years. The premium is \$2,191 per year but because the NSAC owns the policy, a tax reduction for Fred of \$1,000 is generated (based on his income and province). The net effect is that Fred's out-of-pocket cost to greatly benefit the NSAC is only \$1,191 per year for 14 years.


### Example 2. Alice

Alice, age 70, could benefit the NSAC through the purchase of a \$25,000 insurance plan. The tax-credit receipt would reduce Alice's tax payable resulting in a net outlay of only \$326 per year to establish a future gift of \$25,000.

### Example 3. Joe

It was established that upon Joe's death a tax bill of \$250,000 will be owed. Joe is now age 55. Joe would rather have funds go to the NSAC than the tax man. He decides to buy \$500,000 of life insurance at about \$7,600 annually, and names the NSAC as beneficiary. Upon Joe's death the \$500,000 goes to the NSAC tax free; the resulting tax credit is used to wipe out his tax bill.

### Example 4. Clara

Clara age 70, purchased an \$8,000.00 insurance policy 40 years ago naming her husband Frank as beneficiary. Frank died 10 years ago. The policy is fully paid with a Cash Surrender Value including dividends of \$ 10,000. Clara decides to donate the policy to the NSAC. She receives a tax receipt for the CSV of the policy. Please consider using Life Insurance as means of giving to NSAC. 

*Please consider the Gift of Life Insurance.*



Board Member of the Nova Scotia Egg & Pullet Producers Marketing Board from 1974 -1991, Chairman of the Nova Scotia Egg & Pullet Producers Marketing Board from 1976 - 1978 and Director of the Canadian Egg Marketing Agency from 1978 - 1991. Don served several terms as the elected Vice Chair of the Canadian Egg Marketing Agency during the years when the Chair was a government appointment. At the time of his death, January 21, 2000, Don was serving as a member of the Nova Scotia Natural Products Marketing Council. This list demonstrates the years of service Don committed to specific organizations. Of special note are his contributions to the provincial and national egg industry in the early years of supply management. His diplomacy and sense of fair play won him election to the position of Vice Chairman of the Canadian Egg Marketing Agency during years that were known for their challenges in the national system. Don was always able to see "the big picture" and act in the best interests of the industry.

A strong contributor to the local community Don was for a time a Kings County councillor, served as commissioner to the Village of Port Williams, was a veteran member of the Port Williams Fire Department, Scout Master of the Port Williams Boy Scout Troop, member of the Ken Wo Golf Club and Wolfville Curling Club, Past Master of St. George's Masonic Lodge, Wolfville and avid supporter of the Acadia University Hockey team

Don was married to Marion Woolavar and together they had three children; Janet Anderson, Mount Denson, Karen Lewis, Fall River and Kevin Newcombe, Falmouth

Nominated by the Nova Scotia Egg Producers in recognition of his life long commitment to the agricultural industry, it is fitting that the late Donald Clayton Newcombe be inducted into the Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame. 🏠

## Hurricane Juan



*Hurricane Juan swept through Nova Scotia on September 28th, 2003 leaving tremendous damage in its wake and the NSAC campus was no exception.*

**J**uan caused the most damage of any storm to hit the university in living memory.

Many of the biggest and oldest trees on campus suffered damage, some a total loss. Due to hard work of the physical plant, grounds crew, food service, student services and safety and security people, the potential disaster was dealt with quickly and professionally. 🏠

clearly demonstrated through the many projects in which he was involved. His New Brunswick career started in 1961 when he was given responsibility for the hog production cooperative project in North East NB. He then went on to put in place a hog development plan for the province involving a basic training course for all new entrance to the industry. Courses were held in Memramcook and La Pocatiere, QC. In 1974, he took a two years leave of absence to work in Pokemouche Hog Farm on a genetic development program that focused on hybrid hog reproduction and made it available to pork producers. This project resulted in the tripling of the provincial hog production and the assignment of an assistant to follow major developments in the Madawaska region as well as assignment of a provincial veterinarian to deliver specialized herd health services.

He was instrumental in bringing the first swine embryo transplants to New Brunswick. He also began an analysis centre for swine productivity via computer with participation of more than 95% of producers. Mr. Lavoie was a director and strong supporter of the annual NB Pork Conference and later the Maritime Pork Conference. From 1955-1961, he was a member and vice president of the Agrologist Corporation of Quebec and Director of the National Ayrshire Breeders Association. Since 1961, he is a member of the New Brunswick Agrologist Institute, The Canadian Agrologist Institute. He served during that time as a member of the

Canadian Zootechnical Society and president of the Record of Performance Committee (ROP) of the Maritimes.

Even when he retired in July 1992, Armand continued to be actively involved with the pork industry through part time participation in the genetic amelioration program and in the development of a swine productivity analysis centre.

Besides his work with the hog industry, Armand was very involved in his community by singing his heart out. He is the founder and director of the "chorale LaFrance" of Tracadie since 1961 and of the "Gregorian choir" of the Acadian Peninsula since 1982. He has organized and participated in many music festivals, jubilees, concerts and church choirs.

Armand received a commemorative medal for the 125th Anniversary of Canada's Confederation in recognition of his contribution to the quality of life in his community. In 1999, he received an Honourary Doctorate Degree in Music from Moncton University. He also was a long time volunteer for the Canadian Cancer Society. Today, he lives in Tracadie-Sheila with his wife Francine and enjoys visits from his five children.

Armand Lavoie has made huge contribution to the improvement of the NB hog industry. He is well known as a spirited, humorous and congenial man who went the extra mile in everything he did.

Nominated by NB Pork, Armand Lavoie is an excellent choice for induction to the Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame. 🏠

# In Search of... ALL NSAC ALUMNI! 4H Pitches In



To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of NSAC and in an effort to bring alumni from around the globe back together, the Nova Scotia Agricultural College is proud to announce the publication of an all-new Centennial Edition Alumni Directory.

Scheduled for release in the winter of 2004-05, our Centennial Alumni Directory will be the most up-to-date and complete reference of more than 5500 Nova Scotia Agricultural College grads ever compiled! This comprehensive volume will include current name and name when a student (if different) as well as class year(s) and degree(s) earned from NSAC. Each biographical listing will also include home

address and phone number, names of spouse and children, in addition to detailed professional information.

The new Centennial edition will list alumni alphabetically with the information outlined above, by class year, by geographic location and by occupation in our special career networking section.

The Development and Alumni Relations Office has chosen the Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company to produce this special Centennial edition. Harris will soon begin researching and compiling the data to be included in the directory by mailing a questionnaire to each alumnus.

Please be sure to fill it out and return it as soon as you receive it. (If we don't have your current address, please contact the Development and Alumni Relations Office as soon as possible so we can make sure you receive a directory questionnaire!) Phone (902) 893-6721 or E-mail [alumni@nsac.ns.ca](mailto:alumni@nsac.ns.ca)

With your participation, the Centennial Edition of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College Alumni Directory is sure to be a great success. Look for more details on the project in future issues of this newsletter. 📧



4-H Antigonish organized a food drive after Hurricane Juan to help NSAC students who were in apartments who may have lost food.

Mary Ellen MacDonald, President of the Antigonish 4-H Council and Liz Crouse, Manager 4-H and Rural Organizations organized the effort and the food was distributed through the student union office in Cox. Shown as well is Student Union President Mary McPhee. 📧

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Dale was employed as a Field Inspector for the Egg Producers of Newfoundland and Labrador from February 1989 to May 1995. This position required him to visit registered egg producers to conduct flock counts.

A pioneer in farming on peat soils in Newfoundland, Dale's own farm was comprised of 90 acres of peat soil and 70 acres of mineral soil. With 50-70% in cultivation, he grew traditional and non-traditional vegetable crops as well as sods. He conducted fertility and crop variety research trials on his farm with the Provincial Department of Agriculture and Agriculture Canada.

Always involved with his community Dale was a member of the Botwood Salvation Army Church Band. He created summer work programs on his farm for the youth in his community and jobs for area residents. In addition to hosting field trips and giving presentations to area schools on science and agriculture topics he hosted foreign exchange students through Youth Canada

Dale was often used in the role as guest speaker on farming in Newfoundland at conferences outside the province. He always provided advice and information on sound growing techniques for vegetables. He served as a member of Central Farm Producers Co-operative Society from 1987 and was Chairperson from 1989-

1996. He became a member of Central Vegetable Producers in June 1985 and served as Secretary Treasurer from June 1988 to 1998

After a period as Director of the Newfoundland Milk Marketing Board from October 1990 to September 1997, he was appointed to the Newfoundland School Milk Foundation Board of Directors in June 1997.

Dale also served as a panel member for the Newfoundland Farm Debt Review Board since 1987. His knowledge and expertise of agriculture was invaluable especially during horticulture industry reviews.

He was known for the love he had for his family, his kind and gentle manner shown to friend and strangers, his professionalism in all aspects of his work and his belief in the potential for agriculture in Newfoundland.

Dale married Kitty Rideout and together they had four children, Patricia, Victoria, Matthew and Rebekah all of Botwood. Cecil Dale Howse was nominated by the Newfoundland and Labrador Horticulture Producers Council in recognition of his contribution to agriculture in that province. It is fitting that he becomes an inductee into the Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame. 📧

# NSAC's Enrollment Management Initiative



Leanne French-Munn

*In September, President Hicks announced the launch of an enrollment management initiative at NSAC. This activity is intended to have a central role to play towards the creation of a campus environment which has the success of our students as its highest priority.*

The overall goal for enrollment management is to blend and coordinate all the disparate elements that affect our students in their pursuit of achievement and academic success. More specifically, it is intended to focus on the

goal of ensuring that students receive excellence in teaching and acquisition of a quality education to prepare them for rewarding careers and to enhance their personal development so that they can enjoy a rich and rewarding life after university.

"Enrollment management is an integral component in NSAC's commitment to excellence in education," said NSAC President Philip Hicks. "We dedicate ourselves to enhancing student learning and the development of life skills. NSAC faculty and staff provide programs, services, and opportunities that are of the highest quality and that undergo careful planning and continuous assessment. We aim to create and sustain a positive and diverse learning community at NSAC".

Enrollment management at NSAC encompasses those services needed by prospective students as part of the recruitment and admissions processes, as well as by present students to enable them to remain successful at NSAC. It also seeks to ensure that NSAC enjoys stability in the size of the student body, and that the students

are appropriately prepared academically. It furthermore functions to promote the retention and graduation of those students. Among the service units included in the initiative are the Registrar's Office, Recruitment, Marketing, as well as those units within Student Services which support such services as retention programs, orientation, scholarships, financial aid. Most importantly, central to the promotion of retention and graduation of students is the involvement of the faculty department units. The development and refinement of academic programs, academic advising and the day-to-day contact between faculty/staff with students and parents/supporters of students are integral to the enrollment management process. Enrollment management involves all units on campus; it requires high degrees of collaboration and interdependence.

To support the university's enrollment management activities, a Director of Enrollment Management position has been created. Ms. Leanne French-Munn has accepted a one-year secondment from her position of Manager, NSAC International. Recognizing that enrollment management is the concern of the entire institution and that it must include all constituencies, the new Director of Enrollment Management will work closely with all components of the campus. Most importantly, the position will work directly with an Enrollment Management Council. The Council membership is made up of key positions from the Registry, Recruitment, Marketing, Student Services, Student's Union Association, as well as appointed members from faculty and staff.

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Farmers and the Freetown Heifer Club. He was one of the founding members of the PEI Federation of Agriculture in 1941. He soon became a director and then President of the Prince County Federation of Agriculture. From there he went to the Provincial Board and was elected Island President of the Federation of Agriculture in 1969 and to the Board of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in 1971. Elmer was elected director of the Dairymen's Association in February 1944 and later served as director of the PEI Fluid Milk Producers Board. Elmer was one of the individuals responsible for the organization of the PEI Egg Marketing Board and served both as the organization's manager and President of the Board. Elmer was also a member of the Potato Committee, responsible for co-op potato marketing into British Columbia.

Elmer Waugh's contribution to the agriculture industry has always been focused on fair and equitable treatment and consideration for farmers and their families. He always tried to ensure that agriculture was accorded the profile it deserved both in provincial and national forums.

His most significant contribution in this area was his participation on the Premier's Farm Policy Advisory Board. Though he

defended the farmer's position with a great deal of passion, his interventions were always skillful, measured and thoughtful and, above all, respectful of different points of view. Elmer also recognized the importance of community commitment, and extended his community involvement beyond the borders of Wilmot Valley, serving as Chair of the Land Development Corporation, Director of the PEI Lending Authority and member of the PEI Marketing Council. He and his wife Audrey, have lived in the area their entire married life. He chaired the Wilmot Valley Community Hall Committee, served as President of the Excelsior Division of Wilmot Valley, chaired the Wilmot Valley Historical Society, served as member of the Summerside Board of Trade and was a school board trustee. He is a member of the Summerside Co-op, has been recognized during International Year of the Volunteer, was President of Men's Fellowship, is a member of his Church Historical Society and helped organize and participated in the 1991 Church Assembly. In 2002, Elmer was awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal. Nominated by the Prince Edward Island Federation of Agriculture, Elmer Waugh is indeed a fitting inductee into the Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame. 🏆

# Autumn Assembly '03



## Stuart F. Allaby Graduate Studies Scholarship Presented

The 2003 recipient of the Stuart F. Allaby Graduate Studies Scholarship was Baoyan Wang, China. Baoyan is completing her research with the Plant and Animal Science Dept. Stuart F. Allaby is shown presenting the scholarship during recent Autumn Assembly ceremonies at NSAC. Stuart Allaby, Class of 1949, established this scholarship ten years ago to recognize and support an M.Sc. student concentrating on Animal Research.



## NSAC Alumni Association Scholarships Presented

Jeff Morton, President, NSAC Alumni Association, attended Autumn Assembly ceremonies at NSAC in October and presented one of the two \$1,000 Entrance Scholarships the Alumni Association annually awards to Marie-Claude Theriault, Bertrand, NB, a first year Animal Health Technology student. Absent at the time of photo was Angus Butt, Stellarton, NS, a first year B.Sc.(Agr.) student majoring in Aquaculture.



## Allan A. Saunders Memorial Graduate Scholarship Presented

In 1999 the dairy industry and his friends established a scholarship fund in memory of Allan A. Saunders, Class of 1945. The \$3,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a graduate student at NSAC conducting research relating to the dairy industry. Mrs. Sylvia Saunders is shown with Shelly Juurlink, Antigonish, NS, this year's recipient.



## NAGS Supervisor of the Year Award

In recognition of the close working relationship with graduate students and their supervisors, and the influential role the supervisor plays in a grad student's program, the NSAC's Association of Graduate Students has established an annual award to the Graduate Student Supervisor of the Year. Sabrina Ellsworth, President of the Graduate Student Association, is shown congratulating the first Supervisor of the Year Award recipient, Prof. Glenn Stratton, Department of Environmental Sciences, NSAC.



## Class of 1950 Bursary Presented

Three years ago in commemoration of their 50th anniversary of graduation from NSAC, the Class of 1950 established a bursary fund to assist NSAC students in financial need. Dr. Don Young, President of the Class of 1950, presented this year's bursary to Donny Ricardo, Indonesia, a 3rd year B.Sc.(Agr.) Aquaculture student.



## Alumni Association Executive Committee & Board of Directors 2003-'04

### Executive Committee

#### President

Jeff Morton ('79)

#### Past-President

Clinton McLean ('79)

#### Treasurer

Mike Kittilsen ('96)

#### Secretary

Don Allen ('63)

#### Alumni Affairs Coordinator

Stephanie Rogers

### Board of Directors

#### Retiring in 2006

John Harvie ('74)

Dwane Mellish ('75)

#### Retiring in 2005

Nancy Crowe ('78)

Jeff Morton ('79)

Clinton McLean ('79)

Mary MacGregor ('98)

#### Retiring in 2004

Melanie Laird, ('94)

Gordon Murray ('01)

Wendy (Hollis) Burns ('97)

Danny Phinney ('86)

## In Memoriam

#### George Wilfred Ayers

'32, May 2003

#### William Dyer

'35, September 2003

#### David Miller

'38, 2002

#### Frances Scammell

'48, July 2003

#### Francis Tingley

'48, 2002

#### John Mahoney

'50, 2003

#### Kenneth Canavan

'59, August 2003

#### David Carlisle

'67, 2003

#### Kenzie Patterson

'79, September 2003



John believes:

*"One of the keys is when you build a barn you have to work with an accountant and get an engineer and contractor that have built barns and are familiar with what you want."*

Instead, they have a skid-steer to which they attach a detachable scraper blade to push manure into the trench which gently slopes and runs for 60 feet outside of the barn until it reaches a 180 feet in diameter, 12 feet deep cement holding pit with enough capacity to store manure for up to nine months.

John believes: "One of the keys is when you build

a barn you have to work with an accountant and get an engineer and contractor that have built barns and are familiar with what you want."

Unlike previous expansions which they financed out of their cash flows, this time the MacGregors went to their accountant who then tendered their project to financial institutions and they then went with the one, "that best met our objectives," says Arlene.

She handled most of the financial details behind the barn's construction. She says it was an expensive way to do it, "but it was money well spent." Johns says the new barn had to be built for their sons to continue in the dairy business. "It is a nice environment for them to work in and it is not drudgery." Arlene observes: "A lot of thought went into it. Every barn you went to you saw something you might want to incorporate in your own."

The MacGregors can already see the payoff from their new barn. "In just two months in moving from the old barn we increased milk production by three litres per cow per day," says Robbie, "and I expect we will then slowly increase again as cows calve out in the new barn and go through the system." 📷

Submitted by Dan Woolley

Enrollment Initiative, continued from page 17

This council is being chaired by Dr. Nancy Crowe, Environmental Sciences.

"We are undertaking an exciting, necessary and important initiative in NSAC's history," said Hicks. "We will focus on marketing the University effectively and on increasing and managing our enrollment systematically and comprehensively. We will deliver our message clearly, consistently, and frequently."

If you have any comments or feedback about this campus-wide initiative please contact:

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## 2003 Distinguished Alumnus Winner

### John Harvie, Class of 1974



The 2003 Distinguished Alumnus Award is presented to John Harvie, NSAC Class of 1974. John Harvie grew up in Sheffield Mills, Nova Scotia and graduated with a diploma in Agriculture from the Nova Scotia Agricultural College in 1974. He later received his B.Sc. in Agriculture from Macdonald College in Montreal. John first joined Co-op Atlantic in 1976, prior to accepting a key position with Scotsburn Dairies Co-operative in 1981. Between 1987 and 1988, John worked on a Canadian Co-operative Association international development project in St. Lucia in the Caribbean. He returned to Co-op Atlantic in 1995, as Vice President of Agriculture, the position he held until his appointment to Vice President of Consumers Products Merchandising and Distribution in 2001. He became CEO of Co-op in 2002. Co-op Atlantic is an innovative and integrated agri-food business serving 135 member co-ops throughout Atlantic Canada and the Magdalen Islands, with consolidated sales in 2001 in excess of \$511 million. Collectively, Co-op Atlantic and its member co-ops employ more than 5,000 Atlantic Canadians and serve more than 226,000 member-families. John has over 27 years experience in the co-operative system, both regionally and internationally. His background, both in the co-operative movement, and as an innovative business leader, serves him well in his position as CEO. John is active on many other fronts. He was involved in the Boy Scouts for 14 years as a Scout Leader. He is on the Editorial Advisory Board of the International Journal of Co-operative Management. He is currently a member of the New Brunswick Institute of Agrologists and past president of the Nova

Scotia Institute of Agrologists. He is a member of the Board of the Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors and sits on the Board of United Grocers Inc. He is a past board member of Interprovincial Co-operative (IPCO) and past board member of CRF (Co-operative Research Farms). He sits on the board of GIFT Atlantic (Grocery Industry Foundation...Together!), a foundation of all grocery retailers, manufacturers and brokers who have joined forces to coordinate the raising of funds to primarily support charities that focus on mentally, emotionally and physically-challenged children in the Atlantic region. Since their beginning, they have contributed millions of dollars to help children. John sits on a committee of Turning Points, a Campaign for the MacNaughton Youth Parenting Center & Childcare Center in Moncton, N.B. This organization is committed to providing support and services to parents and youths in need. He is a member of the CEO Advisory Group for The Co-operators Insurance Co. John is committed to utilizing the resources of the co-operative system to promote the production of local food stuffs, for example the Atlantic Tender Beef Classic, and encouraging the development of exclusive table stock potato varieties. For his long time commitment to the Agricultural industry and his support of his local community, John Harvie is a worthy candidate for the NSAC Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus Award. 📧

### Current & Past Award Winners

Jack Johnson 2002	Dr. Roger. B. Buckland 1995
Byron Beeler 2001	Harold L. Chute 1994
Richard James Huggard 1999	Brigadier General - Courtney S.
James R. Wright 1998	Gilliatt 1993
Dr. Murray F. McLaughlin 1997	Dr. Kenneth Cox 1991
Dr. J. Clifford Mclsaac 1996	Dr. Herbert F. MacRae 1990

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in London, England for the last year and am currently working in the Environment Department of the London Fire Brigade under Operational Development. The job is going well and also starting a course with School of Urban missions, dealing with inner city issues this fall. Hoping to make it home for Christmas and if possible catch up with some of you.

HYNES, Jennifer.....Hello fellow classmates 2002.

Hope you are all doing well in both your personal and professional lives. I am. I recently accepted the position of Kudoa research assistant with Heritage Salmon in BC. I also have recently gotten engaged to my boyfriend Phil. Wedding plans are still pretty vague but my home province of Newfoundland is a definite. Wish you all the best in the coming Holiday season Hope to hear from some of my long lost friends.

NEAL, Tara.....Hello everyone, It's been a while since I left the Ac, almost two years. I can't believe its been that long. I'm in Newfoundland working for the government as the provinces only Environmental Farm planner. I love my job but miss the AC and all the people I met there. If anyone is n and around Corner Brook on work or visiting let me know. Hope everyone is well. 📧

# Barnyard Banter



## Class of 1972

ANDREWS, Gail.....Went to NSAC in 1971/1972. Had a wonderful time and would like to say Hi to all my buddies from then, especially, Sharon, Gale, Roger and Stuart. And Hi to everyone. If you remember me drop me a line. Would love to hear from anyone back then!

## Class of 1974

HAMILTON, Jim.....Following the events of 9-11, we packed a couple of suitcases and relocated to Mongolia where I have principally been residing until now with my [new] wife and son. That is all about to change as I have accepted an offer of employment as Senior Social Science Specialist with Golder Associates Ltd. of Calgary, Alberta. Accordingly, I will be departing for Canada mid-August and family will join me later. Classes of '78 have a good reunion/homecoming. Jim Hamilton, NSAC Tech (4) and Techy (78), St FXU BBA (87), UofGuelph MSc Agric Econ (90).

## Class of 1976

HARRIS ALLUM, Caye.....Graduated from Plant Science Tech 1976 and Directed Studies Technology 1977 Still employed by the Halifax Seed Co going into my 26th year

## Class of 1980

DAWSON, Mark.....I took on the role of managing AgraTurf Equipment Services Inc, a full service John Deere dealership, in early 2003.

## Class of 1985

FITCH, Heather ( Wilson).....and her husband mike have welcomed the arrival of their daughter Robyn Anne Wilson on August 16th, 2003. Still living in Winnipeg and an associate veterinarian at the emergency clinic. can be reached at zee@polecatent.com

## Class of 1988

STEVENS, Dianne ( Percival).....I graduated in '88 and '90 but I have never left NSAC. I've worked in almost every Dept. 'til last September when I accepted a position with Quality Evaluation in Harlow (Yes....still on Campus!!!). I think my fate has been sealed and I'm destined to stay here since I married a Professor in April 2000. My husband, Dr. David Percival is a U. of Guelph grad who came to work in Truro in 1997. No kids...we had enough trouble looking after two cats!!!!!!! Love to hear from anyone who remembers Watermelon

Parties and some great soccer games!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

## Class of 1990

SMITH, Craig..... After NSAC, attended Maritime Forest Ranger School in 1992. Natural Resource Law Enforcement at Sir Sanford Fleming in 1993, Bachelor of Conservation Enforcement with honors from Lethbridge in 1999. Currently posted in Meteghan, NS with Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

## Class of 1993

WEEKS-BOUMA, Gail.....Hello Jason (93) and I (95)are still living in Truro. We now have three children - Kyle 6 fi yrs, Callum 3 fi yrs and Reagan 10 months. I am still working as a teaching assist with the Animal Science Tech program and Jason is working on a dairy farm in Old Barns. Hope to here from some of our classmates . All for now Gail

GOWAN, Traci (Rusty).....Just wanted to let fellow Aggies from the class of 93 that my wife Lisa (Orlando, Class of 94 & 96) and our 2 children (Tyler age 6 & Emily age 2 1/5) will be moving to Truro, NS. We are working to our new home in Onslow Mountain on October 3 and hope to be able to see some long lost friends. This move is being brought about from Lisa accepting employment with the Quality Evaluation Lab of the NSDAF. I will still be working for Agriculture & Agri-food Canada in Amherst as a Ruminant Nutrition Technician at the Nappan Research Farm. Hope everyone is having a great summer and all the best.

## Class of 1994

TIBBETTS, Sean.....(B.Sc. Animal Science 1994, M.Sc. Animal Nutrition 1999) married Shannon Scott (B.Sc. Biology 1993 (Dalhousie), B.Sc. Aquaculture 1998) on May 17, 2003 in Bedford, NS and currently live in Halifax, NS. Sean is working as a Research Technologist at the National Research Council, Institute for Marine Biosciences and Shannon is a Research Assistant with the Fishermen and Scientists Research Society located at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography. Drop me a line at Sean.Tibbetts@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca.

## Class of 1996

CAIRNS, Chad.....Hi folks. Currently working at AAFC in Kentville. Live in Annapolis Valley with wife Natasha. Love to hear from friends and former classmates (especially the Fraser House crew). Where are you Neil McGlaughlin?!

CHRISTIE, Stephanie Adams)..... Stephanie, and her husband Tim and their daughter Kaitlyn are excited about the arrival of their son and baby brother, Adam Edward. Adam was born on July 10th 2003. Stephanie recently successfully completed her masters in Business Administration from the Universite de Moncton and is still employed at Farm Credit although on maternity leave until June 2004. Tim is employed with Irving Tissue as HR Coordinator. You can contact Stephanie at kaitlynmommy72@hotmail.com

## Class of 1997

CARDWELL, DeAnne ( Troi) Still living in BC, with hubby, Greg and our two beautiful rugrats, Brooke (3yrs) and Lucas (4 mlhs). We've started a marine

service business and keeping pretty busy. Dropped out of the Aggie world, but miss it dreadfully, can't wait to get back to the Maritimes! Would love to hear from any fellow Aggies that partied hard from 93- 96, it's been a while!

MURNAGHAN, Andrea (Brown) Grad from BSc plant science in 97 Currently working for CFIA. Jason 96 is still farming potatoes. We have two beautiful future aggies Liam 3 and Emma 1. Hi to all our friends, hope all is well.

CAMERON, Tonya ( Lutz).....Hello, Myself and Brad are still here in Truro. Brad is now working with Grounds at the college and I am off on Maternity Leave from Central Nova Animal Hospital. We had another Baby Boy Jesse on May 25 '03. Mason is now 3 fi and just like his dad. Would love to hear from long lost friends passing through.

## Class of 1998

GREEN, Melinda ( Miller).....Hey everyone from the class of 1998! I'm still here in Merigomish, hoping to be farming soon! We just had a new addition to our family - Gavin Brice was born on May 21/03. Hope to hear from some of my long lost aggie friends!

PREST, Christian.....Both April Tucker and I finished our engineering degrees and graduated from Dalhousie in 2001. We then moved to Sault Ste Marie, ON for employment. April is working for a local Civil Engineering firm and I am working as a Metallurgical Engineer for Algoma Steel.

## Class of 1999

AUCOIN, Melissa.....Hey Aggies! I have one year left at AVC. I'm currently in Peace River, Alberta working in a mixed vet clinic to get some experience. Heading back to the east in 2 weeks! Hope to hear from you!

## Class of 2000

WILLIAMS, Meaghan.....Hello fellow grads of 2000!!! I'm now living in Leicester which is between Oxford and Amherst so if anyone goes to the ex in Oxford look me up!! Just wanted to drop a line and say 'hey' and to let fellow crayon crew members that I had a little boy on May 24th in Amherst. His name is Simon Julian Roussel. Hope all is well and hope to hear from fellow AST techs of 99 soon!!

DUKESHIRE, Amy ( Lemmon).....Hello to all of the 2000 grads. I'm back to work for AAFC in Kentville after being off on maternity leave for a year. My little Molly turned one yesterday. Time flies! Hope everyone is doing well and enjoying life.

## Class of 2002

WENHAM, Trevor.....Hey guys. I am now living in Moncton, NB, where I have moved to shortly after grad. I love this city and the adventures that I had here. For more details, check out my site at <http://www.aggieboy.has.it> or <http://personal.nbnet.nb.ca/echo03>. Later.

CHISHOLM, Corrine.....Hi there to the AC & Enviro Class '02.I have lost touch with so many of you since grad. I trust and hope all is going well and to hear from some of you. I have been living

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# Homecoming Weekend

NSAC alumni and their families were welcomed back to the Nova Scotia Agricultural College on October 24- 25th, 2003 for the fourth annual Fall Homecoming Weekend of the NSAC Alumni Association. The weekend was a great way to bring together students, alumni, family and friends. The event was held in conjunction with College Royal and the annual Library breakfast. Start planning now for Reunion 2004. The program will honour graduates from class years ending in 4 and 9.



## Class Shield Winners

Class Shield awards are presented annually to those class years with the most alumni in attendance during homecoming weekend. The Senior Class Shield award was presented to the Class of 1938 who were celebrating their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Intermediate Class Shield was presented to the Class of 1948 and the Junior Class Shield award to the Class of 1953. Congratulations.



NSAC Alumni Association president Jeff Morton presents John Harvie with the Distinguished Alumnus Award for 2003

## Presentation - Class of '52 gift



A carving of the NSAC crest is presented by Joe Davison, Class of '52, to the MacRae Library in memory of Dr. Herb MacRae. Admiring the gift are Dr. MacRae's daughter Anne (centre) and his wife Mary.

Joe Davison, on behalf of the Class of 1952, presented a hand-carved Shield to the MacRae Library in Memory of Dr. Herb MacRae at the 2003 Breakfast at the Library. The shield depicts an open book, representing learning, and a mould-board plow, representing agriculture. The gift was in memory of Dr. Herb MacRae, who was the Class of '52 President and then went on to become the College's principal in the mid 1980s.

Dr. MacRae was instrumental in developing the College logo. In 1983 he succeeded in getting an exemption for NSAC from the new Provincial Identity Program, which failed to recognize the Atlantic role for the College for both the university program and technical programs. The Management Board of Government provided a designer and a committee of NSAC faculty led the process of developing a logo.

The logo, with a shield and the College name, had two symbols: an open book to represent learning and a mould-board plow, suggesting cultivation and agriculture. The College motto encribed is "Mens agitat molem", which has been translated as "the educated mind animates and enlivens creation". The artist, Bruce Wood, designed the carving using three woods, inlaid to make the shield shaped logo. It is fitting that this artistic rendering of the logo become a prominent decoration in the Library. It is a pleasure for Herb's NSAC classmates to present this shield to the College's MacRae Library in his memory. Herb's wife, Mary and his daughter Ann who flew in from Montreal for the occasion, were on hand to help unveil the shield and visit with Class of '52 alumni gathered in his honour. 📷



## Breakfast at the Library




Jennie McInnes

The Women's Institute of Nova Scotia: A Long Association with NSAC was chosen as the theme of the 14th annual Breakfast at the Library, to honour the work of the Women's Institute, to celebrate the many outstanding successes of the Womens Institutes which have been at work in rural Nova Scotian communities for over 90 years, and especially to recognize the Women's Institutes long association with the Nova Scotia Agricultural College. The Breakfast is organized by the library as part of NSAC Homecoming activities.

"We were very honoured to have Mrs. Jennie McInnes as our speaker for the 2003 Breakfast in the Library", said Bonnie Waddell, Chief Librarian of the MacRae Library. Jennie was selected by her colleagues as speaker for the celebration of the Women's Institutes' long association with NSAC. She originally joined the Women's Institutes of Nova Scotia in 1957 and from that time until the present has taken an active interest in the organization, serving at the local, district, provincial, national and international levels. She was the recipient of the Order of Canada in 1994.

The Women's Institutes, individually and as part of the larger national organization, have participated in many projects to improve life in rural communities. Jennie McInnes continues to be active in many educational, social, cultural and voluntary campaigns and organizations, not the least of which was the National Rural Child Care Survey, and Clean Water and Better Sanitation Project. "Some of the other ground breaking projects over the years have been legislation for pasteurization of milk, water testing, car seats for children, Adopt a Highway, and support for the campaign to have lines painted down the middle of secondary roads - things many of us take for granted," said Waddell. "Most often the women's institutes take on a project, see it to completion and move on to the next, staying behind the scenes", said McInnes. The Women's Institutes have made an outstanding contribution to civic education, helping to develop leadership skills and confidence among women in rural communities.

Professor Deborah Stiles presented the Women's Institutes and the MacRae Library of NSAC with a microfilm of the WINS Newsletter, which has been published continuously since 1913. The Master copy was donated to WINS with copies for both the MacRae Library and the Public Archives of Nova Scotia.

Ruth Blenkhorn, President of the Women's Institutes of Nova Scotia, said, "we have always considered the NSAC to be the cradle for the association, from its earliest beginnings". Originally housed in the old Science Building, which burned down in 1946, the Women's Institutes office has for many years occupied two rooms in a small building once known as "the little Hort", near the Collins Horticulture Building. This is home for the Women's Institutes across Nova Scotia. 

questioning the product that the NSAC is turning out only to find a way to help a new identity flourish that will grow agriculture to even greater levels.

A name change committee has been formed and has representation by the alumni association as well as a variety of college and industry sectors. The purpose of the committee is to suggest three possible names to the president that may be utilized to help the college in presenting a new identity to the students and sectors that it serves.

To help facilitate the debate recently at the annual general meeting the Alumni Association adopted the following resolution submitted by Dr. Garth Coffin:

Whereas NSAC has provided its alumni with a strong foundation for our respective careers, and

Whereas NSAC has maintained its vitality and importance to society by undergoing great changes in its character and orientation over the years, and

Whereas further change is essential for NSAC to continue to grow and respond to the needs of society, and

Whereas NSAC needs to broaden its appeal to and identity with the other Provinces which it serves in Atlantic Canada, and

Whereas the alumni association is an important element of the support system as well as an agent for leadership and change.

Therefore, be it resolved that the NSAC Alumni Association join freely and constructively in the creation of a new identity for NSAC through participation in the search for a new name and other features that will enhance its future appeal to society and, further, that the Association facilitate discussion and communication on these issues among its members.

I encourage each alumnus to follow the intent of Dr. Coffin's resolution and engage in active debate with other alumni and friends on this issue. Early in January the Alumni association will be hosting a dinner in Truro with the president of the NSAC and present other viewpoints in the search for a new name for the NSAC. In addition to the challenge of Dr. Coffin I also leave you with this quote from Dr. Hicks " A university is what we are, and the best universities in the country are places where those working and studying there have divergent views and dissenting opinions about contentious issues. I welcome each person who is so inclined to take issue with our announced action, to roll up their sleeves and confront those of us who see the issue as being so clearly necessary to our healthy future and positive self-esteem in open debate."

I leave you with the words quoted in the Strategic Plan of the NSAC "Looking Outward—Embracing Change" of the famous author Victor Hugo:

**"Change your Leaves, keep intact your roots".**





# ATHLETICS IN REVIEW

Varsity Sports 2003-2004 Fall Summary

## RUGBY .....

The men's and women's sides were in tough against strong competition in both leagues. The women participated in a new venture with UPEI, Mt.A, STU, Kings, NSAC and Dal. With a home and away schedule, the women finished fourth and played UPEI in the semi. UPEI had an extremely strong squad, but even though they lost the semi, the Rams cut the winning margin from the previous league game in half. The men played in the NS Rugby Union 2nd Division. Missing some key veterans who graduated in the spring, the Rams struggled in the first few games, but by mid-season were hitting their stride. They also lost in the semi, but the Rams will have a keen group returning to start the outdoor season in 2004. Both teams plan on playing in the indoor sevens and will be practicing in the winter semester to keep their skills tuned for the March weekend. Laura Lee MacInnis coaches the women's squad while John MacKenzie leads the men's. Grad student, Gerry Russell, assisted both teams through the fall.



*Andrew MacIsaac NSAC Rugby in NS Rugby Union league play*



*Shane Sutherland, on the attack in a ACAA League Game*

## SOCCER .....

Both teams had very competitive seasons, with the men being on the verge of a trip to the ACAA Final. The guys had a great returning group, combined with a freshmen crop that energized the program. With a number of talented International Student-Athletes and young local talent the team with rookie coaches Dane Brown and Norman Dawson had great games through league play. In the semi-final (ACAA's hosted by NSAC), the rookie freeze took hold with the Rams unable to score. Kings won the game and went on to win the ACAA title and the trip to CCAA Nationals. Curtis Langille was top scorer for NSAC with Nick Bokma a close second. Bokma was selected to the ACAA All-Conference Team

The women started the year with a pre-season trip to Maine where they had an excellent two games against the tough Maine competition. The confidence of a great start soon diminished as injuries plagued the group from the first league game to the last. Coaches Jen Cameron and Laura Caldwell have a good group to carry through to next year and anticipate a better finish next year. The Rams put Sarah Sine on the ACAA All-Conference team because in the Sweeper position, she used her speed and great game sense to stymie the opposition game after game.

## NSAC OKTOBERFEST 5 K RUN .....



5 Km Run Ryan Riordon - 3rd, Cory Henwood - 1st, Curtis Langille - 2nd



5 km Run Jenna Tait - 2nd, Emily Fraser - 1st

The 5K run in October attracted 120 runners from Varsity Programs and Run Nova Scotia membership. A great day for the run, the top time was 18:03 for the men and 18:49 for the women. Top NSAC runners included: 1 Cory Henwood 19:23 Emily Fraser 21:352 Kurtis Langille 19:38 Jenna Tait 22:173 Ryan Riordon 20:29 Kristin Joudrey 24:36

## NOVARTIS AGRI-GOLF CLASSIC .....



(l to r) Win Langille, Bruce Marshall, Steve Myette ( Novartis ), Ken Marchant and Berwick Heights General Manager Brad Corkum.

The 7th Annual Golf Classic was played July 25 at the Berwick Heights Golf Course, Weston, Nova Scotia. There were 25 teams with the Highlight of the day being the Hole-in-One for the Car!! Bruce Marshall, playing for the Mornglow Farm team, aced the 158 yd 5th Hole, winning a Pothier Motors 2003 Chrysler Sebring.

### Top Alumni Teams

1. Brenton Alums 65 2. MacMillan Alums 68 3. Watts PEI Alums 69.  
Novartis Animal Health ended their six-year run as Title Sponsor and NSAC is appreciative of their support.

**2004 Agri-Golf Classic Date - July 23**

## GOLF .....

NSAC was represented at the ACAA/AUS Golf Championship in Truro on Oct. 3. The NSAC team finished 4th out of 7 and ten strokes behind the winners SMU. Participating were SMU, DAL, UPEI, Mt.A, ABU, NSAC and UCCB.

## BASKETBALL

Both men's and women's squads are off to a relatively good start in the ACAA. In pre-season action, the men participated in the St. Lawrence College tournament and the women traveled to Maine in November. League play started Nov. 9 and both teams started with a win. At the finish of the first half of the schedule, the men



front ( L to R ) Brad MacGregor, Craig Curley, Angus MacDonald, middle Garth Perrin, Donnie MacGregor, James Oxley, Jeremy Smith, Jeff Kayback, Paul Perrin, Steve Gladwin, Richard Graham, Coach Tom Doucette, Dan Dunford, Greg Van Oostrum, Jeff Fisher.

are in 6th spot with wins over ABU, Dal-Sexton and Udm. (3-4) The women are in 5th spot with wins over ABU, Kings, Dal-Sexton and Udm. (4-3) Both teams are looking to move up at least one notch in the standings and with a new play-off format to include 6 teams, both teams are working hard to be ready for a run to the final. NSAC is hosting the ACAA Championship March 5-7, 2004. Players to watch for NSAC Women -veterans Jenna Tait (6th in ACAA scoring), Jenny Pryor, Gillian Tozer and transfer



(L to R) Allison Bremner, Carla Shaw, Kathryn Bremner, Laura MacDonald, Jean (Baillie) Lynds

Lindsay Tozer (3rd in ACAA scoring); for NSAC men -veterans Mike Akerley (4th in ACAA scoring), Darren Marlborough, transfer Patrick Havard (7th in ACAA scoring) and rookies Nick Bokma and Billy McNutt. The men's coaching staff include Tom Doucette and rookie assistant and alumna Donnie MacGregor.

On the women's side, alumni are filling both coaching roles with Carla Shaw in the assistant role with Head Coach being Steve Russell. Both Rams teams will provide exciting and competitive bas-

ketball in the second half of the season. Photo Caption: Assistant Coach Carla Shaw, Jenna Tait and Head Coach Steve Russell. Jenna was selected as a Tournament All-Star at the University of Maine Tournament. Varsity Alumni Day on October 18, Rams came home to test their skills against the present teams. The biggest returning group was for men's basketball. Although they had the numbers and an abundance of talent, the rookies out ran them for a win.

On the women's basketball scene, the alumni were short-staffed and also lost to a keen NSAC Rams team. Activity also occurred in men's soccer and men's volleyball where present



Jenna Tait - All Star in U. Maine Tournament receives award from Carla Shaw - Asst Coach and Steve Russell Head Coach - NSAC Women's Basketball

teams split up to ensure a scrimmage occurred. Varsity Alumni Day is being reviewed with the possibility of a new format for 2004-2005. Watch for the next edition of the Agricola for details including the date.

## WOODSMEN

Coaches Rick Russell, RJ Dillman and manager Sally Gallant, are steering the ship for the 2003-2004 year. With a large turnout in early September, and after a great deal of work by the leadership trio in getting the woodsmen storage area and new equipment ready ( after the fire that destroyed the shed and most equipment), the team was selected and prepped for the competitions at UNB and SSFC. Results included :UNB - Women A-2, B-3, Men A-2, B-9; SSFC - Women A-2, B-6, Men A-5, B-9. The Mac competition will be the last Saturday in January with the NSAC meet on Feb. 14.

## VOLLEYBALL

NSAC has taken a year's leave of absence from the ACAA Volleyball leagues. With a high graduation rate this spring and not enough rookies to fill the gaps, the teams will require a good number of new students in 2004-05 to breathe life back into the Rams Volleyball Programs. There is a plan to talk with volleyball contacts in the Maritimes to encourage student-athletes to attend NSAC and re-build the programs.

# LOST SHEEP

G Lloyd Matheson '41	Alfreda Bay '75	Clinton Pinks '87	Colleen Allen '98
JameWood '42	John Corcoran '75	Beverly Dawe '87	Krista Ricketts '98
Frank Fry '43	Wendall Lemmon '76	Joanna Kraitzek '87	Peggy Dennis '98
Augustine Roberts '45	Alan Smith '76	Terry Geddes '87	Thoren Pelly '98
David Morrison '45	Brian Thornton '76	Peter White '88	Gina Penny '98
Harry Quinn '46	Dolly Stewart '76	Dwayne Gearing '88	Lynn Vautour '98
Jean Arsenaull '47	Byron Hovey '76	Angela Kent '89	Kimberley Ryan '99
Ralph Lockhart '47	Ann Fillmore '76	Yolande Babineau '89	Steven Gallant '99
George Harvey '48	Alan Dixon '76	Neal Mundle '89	Ryan Fraser '99
John Mahoney '50	Harry Wood '76	Douglas Conrad '90	Sara Collier '99
James Meagher '52	Wilma Menzies '76	Cheryl Archibald '90	Kelley Santos '99
Stuart McLearn '53	Michele Parsons '77	Calvin MacIntosh '90	Timothy Stokdijk '99
Christopher Ilori '54	Catherine Corning '77	Krista Vroegh '90	Michael Stiles '99
Cecil Ash '57	Gail Rennie '77	Beth Herrington '90	Jennifer Snook '00
Leo Charles LeBlanc '57	Ruby Rennie '77	Kate Robertson '91	Julie Heukshorst '00
Bradley Ripley '57	Eric Patterson '77	George Van Campen '90	Andrea Roberts '00
Frank Hogg '58	John MacKeigan '77	Jody Rafuse '92	Andrea Martin '00
Carolyn Dau '59	Kevin Budd '78	Jane Pottle '92	Phillip Joy '00
Gilmore Singer '62	Mary Belliveau '78	Christopher Peebles '93	Amanda Elliott '00
James Wilson '63	Lucinda Parkin '78	Kriss Sarson '93	Steven Munroe '00
David DesRosiers '63	Craig Mitchell '78	Ruth Summers '93	Melanie Crealock '01
Stephen Goddard '63	Patricia Chipperfield '78	Peter Murnaghan '94	Autumn Biggar '01
Wesley Burton '63	David Collins '79	Mark Allan '94	Teri-Lynn Blundon '01
William Woodman '65	George Koehoorn '79	Stacia Curtis-Keenan '94	Nanci Bond '01
Gerald Moss '66	Yuen Long NT	Terence MacIntyre '94	Natasha Clarke '01
Robert Adams '67	Deborah MacMullin '80	Laurie Urquhart '95	Krista Cole '01
Benjamin Heywood '69	Timothy Tanner '80	Michelle Robar '95	Anne Grant '01
Andrew Hutchinson '69	Albert Oakes '80	Lori Batchelor '95	Sarah Benjamin '01
David Ross '70	Jeffrey Petten '80	Heather Layton '95	Melanie Rose '01
David Mosher '70	Carol Hogg '81	Tamara Coffin '96	Nicole Fisher '01
Ronald Reeves '70	Shawn Kennedy '81	Rachelle Dayle '96	Ryan Stewart '01
Anthony Timmons '71	John Hughes '81	Jacqueline Butt '96	Natasha MacPhee '01
Jane Gourley '71	Barry Seaman '82	DarreL Crocker '96	Dawn-Marie Duffy '02
James Brownell '72	Stephen Morris '82	Kevin Keats '97	Susan Judge '02
Philip Glencross '72	Catherine Deveau '82	Andre Hoogendyk '97	Bruce Young '02
Linda Peters '73	Joseph Rowland '82	Jean-Paul Rochon '97	Monique Surette '02
Melvin Brooks '73	Nancy Florez '83	Leslie Powell '97	Anita Menon '02
John Murphy '73	Michele Marchand '83	Tracy Murdock '97	Joshua MacKay '02
Larry Steeves '73	Janet Blayney '84	Karen Larisey '97	Duggan Kennedy '02
Kenneth A Smarzik '73	Darlene Acton '86	Shawn Pope '97	Clinton Ronalds '03
Yvonne Babineau '73	Kathaleen Yurchesyn '86	Shawn Tenhave '98	Annette Touesnard '03
John Lord '73	Martin Coldwell '86	Wendy Bailey '98	Robert Dillman '03
Lloyd Barnes '74	Fiona Brakenridge '86	Matthew Hemphill '98	F. Pettipas-Pierce '03
Stuart Rennie '75	S Kim Thistle '86	Lori Hamilton '98	
Rosalind Pound '75	Myles Morrell '86	Colin Fisher '98	



**Mr. Bruce Blacklock**

100 on April 6, 2004

**M**r. Blacklock was born on a farm in Little Shemogue and lived on a farm all his days except the two winters he spent at NSAC. It was a typical mixed farm of the day, mostly beef, cows, a few hens and a few sheep. Mr. Blacklock worked the family farm with his father while attending NSAC and in 1924 was the third generation farmer along with his wife.

Mr. Blacklock is currently living in Port Elgin, NB



**Mr. Bruce Blacklock**

Graduate of Class of 1922

*What size farm did you work?*

(There was) 90 acres of cultivated land and (we) ended up with 150 acres of workable land and about 750 including woodland. One hundred acres was a pretty big farm when you depended on horse power all together. We didn't have electricity out in our country until after the second world war, about 1947.

*Was the tractor a positive addition to the farm? (In the late 1940s Mr. Blacklock acquired his first tractor)*

(It was a ) good thing. You had to consider the horse. You could only work them so long. With

# Look Whos Talking!

Look Who's Talking is a regular feature of the Agricola News. This issue, **Mr. Bruce Blacklock, Class of 1922** took the time to sit down and chat with us. As the NSAC nears its 100th anniversary in 2005 it is only fitting that Mr. Blacklock, celebrating his own centenary on April 6, 2004 be featured this issue.

the tractors, if you had a couple of drivers, you could work them 24 hours a day. It was altogether different. You could get your crop in in a lot less days and get it in a lot earlier.

*Any improvement in the crops because it got in quicker?*

Not so much different, but the way the crop was got off changed altogether. When I first started farming we cut the grain with the old fashioned binder, then it was stooked up and stored in the barn and then threshed it later on. As time went on with more machines, it was only a short time until the grain was harvested right off the field. You had to wait a little longer (for the grain to be ripened) but then the grain could be harvested and threshed right out in the field.

*Was money a big issue?*

Not a terrible big issue, maybe to the fellows you owed. There was no use in worrying about it, you paid when you could, when you got the money. Once in awhile somebody would get in trouble. Generally you arranged things so that you could do fairly well financially.

*Do you think farming is easier today?*

Farming today is so altogether different, more like big companies - with big outfits —they're financed in a different way and the financing is a bigger part of it, no question about it. You have to go more by the book now. The toughest time I can remember was through the thirties. We didn't have any money. But if you were on the farm you were always assured of something to eat. And that was a lot more than a lot of people had. There have been tough times (today) but there's been nothing like (that since).

*What's your reaction to BSE?*

It seems almost ridiculous that one cow could ruin a whole beef trade —but that's just about what it amounted to. There's a lot more things like that in agriculture today than when I first started out farming that you have to contend with.

*What about the future of farming —any advice to give people?*

It's changed so from when I started farming that I wouldn't have any advice to give anyone now. I wonder a lot of the time if the family farm as family farms go, isn't a thing of the past. You've either got to be in big today or stay home. It looks that way to me —I may be wrong. It takes so much money —even the family farm —the machinery you have to buy —you have to have machinery & my gracious —you can pay more for a tractor than I paid for machinery for a lifetime.

*Was the community a big part of farm life?*

There's another part of farm life —it's in the community. You have to take your place in the community if you live on the farm. I spent a lot of time with different organizations including the school district. Communities have certainly changed. I know in our sector where I lived there were so many farms. Now everyone has moved away and left them; there's not the population or the people there to work- the community is altogether different. That's one thing about farming —you have to have an interest in your community. If you want to have a community you have to spend quite a lot of time working on things in the community, which is a good thing.

*Do you think this will come back around? —this influx into the cities?*

No, I don't think so —it doesn't when you look back at history. Things don't come back like that they keep on going —in another hundred years it'll be something different —it will not return to what it is today.

*Do you think we take better or worse care of the land than in your day?*

No, I think they've learned to take good care of the land —some of these big outfits when they got started out- I didn't think they took the same kind of care of the land that we learned to do, but I see they've learned pretty fast. 🐄

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