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## First four-year degree students registered



Platform guests at the sod turning ceremony included left to right - Dr. H.F. MacRae, Principal; Dave Arenburg, Chairman of the Bible Hill Village Commission; Hon. Roger Bacon, Minister of Agriculture and Marketing; Dr. Colin Stewart, MLA - Colchester South; Hon. Ron Giffin, MLA for Truro-Bible Hill; Ed Lorraine, MLA - Colchester North.

## Sod turned for new library

The sod turning ceremony for the new N.S.A.C. Library was held in connection with Autumn Assembly. The sod was officially turned by Hon. Roger Bacon, Minister of Agriculture and Marketing for Nova Scotia.

The new library building is situated near centre campus in the area commonly referred to as the Agronomy Garden. It is a three story structure. The bottom two stories are allocated for library services. The top floor will be used by the Extension Services Branch including the Farm Management Division and the Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board. Approximately 28,000

square feet of floor area will be devoted to library services. This is nearly ten times the space used by our present library.

Considerable increase in science journals, reference materials and popular agricultural magazines is planned. A special effort is also being made to secure historical documents and rare books. These will be kept in a special archival room and provide an excellent place for the reference records on agricultural history.

Construction is proceeding on schedule. Occupancy is anticipated in late fall of this year.

## President asks support for scholarship canvass

Season's Greetings to All Alumni:

The fall meeting of your 1981-82 Executive took place on October 7, 1981. At that meeting I assumed the office of President from George MacKenzie. I would like at this time to thank George, his Executive and Directors for the fine job they did during their term of office and I look forward to working with the new Executive and Directors during the coming year.

One of the ideas which was formulated during the past year was the need and desirability for a scholarship fund raising canvass. A working committee was activated and it brought forward several recommendations for the carrying out of this activity and those recommendations will be acted upon immediately. Further information about our canvass, its objectives and rationale are to be found in the Alumni News and in the accompanying material. I strongly urge all graduates and friends of N.S.A.C. to support this worthy cause.

During the past year your Executive has undertaken a program of support for the development of an archives on the campus. Under the capable leadership of Prof. Peter Sanger, a committee is now proceeding with this important work. Archival material of our Association has been forwarded to this committee for preservation. I would commend this work for your consideration when disposing of old and/or rare material dealing with agricultural history and de-

velopment. Donations of money and material are gratefully accepted. Bequests are also welcome.

As with all organizations, continuing financial support is necessary. Dues on a yearly or life basis assure the Association of the means to continue its activities. Alumni are urged to mail their dues in early in the year as this aids our Association considerably over receiving dues late in the year.

We are all now aware of the very positive step in moving toward degree granting status. This will give our Association a chance to develop strength through participating with the College in this expansion. Coupled with the new construction, new staff and new courses, our work in our Scholarship Drive and other activities will give our membership the maturity to look forward to the challenges of a larger role in the future. When returning to the campus for our reunion or for other events, bear in mind that the new construction and turmoil is only temporary. This inconvenience will give both the College and the Association the will to go forward together.

The strength of organizations lies in its membership. To this end your present Executive will continue to make our Association known to students at N.S.A.C. and encourage them to become active members upon graduation.

Yours sincerely,

Donald Himelman, President  
N.S.A.C. Alumni Assoc.

The four year Degree program at N.S.A.C. is now in place and all signals are "Go". The one hundred and twenty-two students who registered in the Degree program in September 1981 are the first group of students who will graduate with a four year degree from the Nova Scotia Agricultural College.

Construction work on new academic facilities are well under way on campus. The Library is scheduled for completion in the fall of 1982 and plans for an addition to Cox Institute and the Boulden Building are almost finalized. Third year students will register for the first time in September 1983.

The following notes on enrollment are supplied by Prof. Peter Y. Hamilton.

Enrolment at N.S.A.C. in October for the academic year 1981-82 was up a little from the 1980-81 year. Most programs were filled.

The following are the numbers registered in each of the various programs of study:

Degree - first year	122
- second year	59

Technician - first year	102
- second year	100
Technology - first year	30
- final year	32
Special Students (full time)	9
Full Time Transfer Students	7
<b>TOTAL FULL TIME STUDENTS</b>	<b>461</b>
Part time students	10
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>471</b>

Approximately 20 students were required to withdraw or withdrew for other reasons at the end of first semester. However, they were replaced by a total of 35 students admitted on January 4 to various programs of study — Potatoe Technology, Pre-Tech, and to the second semester of the degree and technician courses.

Applications at this time (end of January, 1982) are arriving daily from students who intend to register for the 1982 - 83 academic year in September.



Construction work on the new library shows the basement storey and the commencement of structural work for the second floor.

**ANNOUNCING:**  
**Saturday,**  
**July 31, 1982**  
**Open House**  
**Day and**  
**Alumni**  
**Reunion**  
will be held on the  
campus of N.S.A.C.  
**Plan now to attend**

Editorial—

## Postage cost up; combine mailing

This is an abbreviated issue of Alumni News. As you see, this mailing includes, as well as the News, material pertaining to the Scholarship Campaign, to provide scholarships for worthy students at N.S.A.C. We urge you to give this program your support. Good scholarships attract and keep top level students at the College.

This Scholarship Campaign is to terminate on December 31, 1982. Contributions to the Alumni Scholarship Fund can, however, be made at any time as this fund is always open and contributions are always welcome. All donations are covered by a receipt that can be used for income tax purposes.

With the increased cost of postage it was necessary to combine the campaign material with this issue of the News.

# Greetings from the Principal

I am once again pleased to have this opportunity to send greetings to N.S.A.C. graduates whenever you may be through the medium of this edition of Alumni News. As I write this in the grip of the coldest winter in recent years, it is a warming thought to look ahead to July 31, 1982 when we hope to have many of you return to the N.S.A.C. campus for Alumni Weekend. Prof. Audrey Payne and her Committee will be actively preparing for this weekend as the months go by. We hope you will make a special effort to plan to be with us.

I commend highly, the Alumni Association for the new and important project they have undertaken. The availability of alumni scholarships for third and fourth year students in our new B.Sc. (Agr.) program will have a profound effect on our institution and the caliber of students who will be able to study here. As university education becomes increasingly costly, the availability of meaningful scholarships will be the only vehicle that will make it possible for some capable students to undertake agricultural education. I can think of no more worthy project at the time when N.S.A.C. begins its full four-year degree program. I hope you will support your association in any way you can to make it a success.

Construction on the \$3.2 million Library Building began in November. By Alumni Weekend, it will be well advanced as the completion date is the end of November, 1982.



H.F. MacRae

The architects plans for the extension to Cox Institute are almost finalized at time of writing. This three-storey extension will provide additional classrooms, teaching and research laboratories and offices for the Department of Plant Science, Economics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics and Physics. We are hopeful that this extension will be under construction by summer. The remaining phase of the physical expansion is the extension to the Boulden Building which should follow.

During the past year we began the process of adding new staff to meet the needs of the third and fourth year curriculum. Over the next two years we hope to add the remaining required staff.

With warmest regards to each of you.  
H.F. MacRae  
Principal

## Two new scholarships

Ernest L. Eaton, class of '18, has provided two new scholarships for students entering the third year of the new Degree course. These will be announced in the 1982 calendar as follows:

### The Ernest L. Easton Scholarships

"Two scholarships of \$500 each, one for a male and one for a female, are offered to the students with the highest average in the work of the second year B. Sc. (Agr.)

program. Candidates must be enrolled in the third year of the course. The scholarships will be presented at Autumn Assembly.

No application is required."

The association congratulates Ernest on this excellent move and hopes that some others may follow such an example and thus provide assistance for some students each year for many years into the future.

## Memberships are now due

The Secretary once again reminds all Alumni that memberships for the year 1981-82 are now due. The easiest way to look after this chore is to take out a Life Membership for \$50.00. Your \$50.00 will be put in a permanent deposit account and will ensure a yearly interest payment of \$5.00 or more, at present rates of interest. It also means that you will be free of making yearly membership payments.

For those who elect to pay a yearly membership fee, the rate is \$5.00. The

Alumni Association needs your support to carry on its various functions, the most important of which is the semi-annual publication to Alumni News. On Feb. 1, 1982 we had 125 Life Members and 228 Alumni who paid a \$5.00 membership during the year.

We need your support in 1982-83.

J.E. Shuh, Secretary Manager  
N.S.A.C. Alumni Association

## Alumni news

Laura Colwell (nee Green) '79, has written us a note saying that she is married to Tim Colwell, a mechanical engineer employed with Sifto Salt, Domtar Chemical Division, Goderich, Ontario. She says "I enjoy very much receiving the Alumni News and still miss N.S.A.C.! Just wanted you to know I haven't dropped out of sight!"

Dr. Ross Main, formerly head of the veterinary division of the Livestock Services Branch, N.S.D. & A., has retired and we wish Ross well in this period of retirement. His office as head of the Veterinary Services has been taken by Dr. Ray Long. We wish Ray well in this new appointment.

Mary McKenna '78 (Mac '80) and Paul Breau '79 (Mac '81) are now married and living in Moncton, N.B. where Paul is employed with the Farm Credit Corporation. Mary writes that she is in the middle of taking a Master's Degree in Human Nutrition at Cornell University, where she is studying at present and hopes to complete that degree in the near future. Best wishes to Mary and Paul.

## Executive members, N.S.A.C. Alumni for 1981 - '82

President - Don Himelman  
Vice-President - Calvin Tilley  
Past President - George MacKenzie  
Secretary - J.E. Shuh

### DIRECTORS

David MacMinn  
Norbert Stewart  
Bill West  
C.A. Douglas  
David Sangster  
Carol Brennan  
Sherry Porter  
Don MacNeil  
Myrna Blenkhorn

## Minutes of Alumni 1981 annual meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Association was held on July 25 in the Alumni Theatre, Cumming Hall, with President, George MacKenzie, in the chair. The agenda as printed was circulated and approved.

**President's Report** - The first item on the agenda was the President's Report. President MacKenzie reported as follows:

**Director's Meeting** - The Directors met on October 1980 and elected President, George MacKenzie, Vice-President, Don Himelman.

**Alumni Scholarship Report** - The Secretary reported that Donna Hansen of Yarmouth and Linda Hamilton of Onslow were the 1980-81 Alumni Association Scholarship recipients. The scholarship program was discussed and the Directors were unanimous in the thought that these should be maintained as the top scholarships offered by the College. To further explore this matter a three member study committee was appointed with Clyde Rogers as Chairman. This committee will be reporting at this meeting.

**Ken MacRae Letter** - The Directors dealt with a letter from Ken MacRae, Class '57, voicing concern about the access that paraplegics have to campus buildings. Principal MacRae was contacted and he advised that the College plans to label entrances that are presently accessible to paraplegics and will continue to press the Department of Public Works to plan for wheelchair access to all buildings on campus.

**Finance Report** - Finances continue to be a topic of concern for the Directors. At present about ten per cent financially support the Association. It is gratifying to note that to date eighty-eight Alumni have taken out Life Memberships.

**Alumni News** - Two issues of the Alumni News were prepared and published during the year. Our thanks to editor Dale Ells and his associates who spent considerable time and effort putting the paper together.

**Alumni Scholarship Study Committee** - This committee met at Amherst in June and a report from that committee will be presented to this meeting.

**Library and Resource Centre** - A new library and resource centre will be constructed on campus with construction to start this fall. One area of this structure will be designated for collections of historic artifacts and books relating to early agricultural history in the Atlantic area. Alumni are encouraged to make donations of artifacts and books to this centre.

**Minutes of 1980 Meeting** - Eric Meek moved, seconded by Dick Huggard that the minutes of the 1980 meeting be approved as circulated.

**Financial Statement** - It was moved by J.E. Shuh and seconded by Don Morrison that the financial statement be accepted as presented. Carried. A copy of this statement is attached to the minutes showing total receipts of \$3,837.01, total expenditures of \$3,882.79 and a balance on hand at the beginning of the year of \$1,160.54 with a balance in the bank June 30, 1981 of \$1,116.51. The Life Memberships account on June 30, 1981 had eighty-eight members and a total of \$4,450 on deposit.

**Wir Langille Portrait** - Prof. Winston Murray Langille retired from the College staff on June 30, 1981. In recognition of Prof. Langille's service to the College his portrait was presented to the College by the Alumni Association. The portrait was accepted by Dr. MacRae and both Dr. MacRae and Prof. Langille made appropriate remarks.

**Campus Enrichment Fund** - The statement of the Campus Enrichment Fund was presented by Mr. C.A. Douglas. This fund shows donations of \$122,635.66 and interest of \$20,708.12 for a total receipts of \$143,343.78, expenditures of \$123-

986.68 leaving a balance in the bank June 1, 1981 of \$19,351.10. This report was moved by C.A. Douglas and seconded by Reg Gilbert and carried.

**Trustees Report** - Presented by the Secretary, it was moved by J.E. Shuh and seconded by Byron Beeler that the report be accepted, with the recommendation that the Executive deal with the scholarship increases as recommended in this report. Carried.

**Scholarship Study Committee** - This report was the result of a committee that was appointed to make recommendations on updating the present Alumni Scholarship program. The report of the committee is as follows:

That the Scholarship Committee recommend to the Executive that a Scholarship Campaign be instituted.

Emphasis is to be placed on the fact that the campaign ties in with the start of the four-year program.

The last campaign for Alumni Scholarship Funds was in 1964-65 - more than fifteen years ago.

Inflation has down-graded the value of the present Scholarships.

The amount of the campaign was left open.

Campaign to be conducted by a mail-out of a well-prepared letter.

It was moved by Clyde Rogers and seconded by Mac Neary that the report be accepted. Carried.

**Principal's Report** - Principal MacRae thanked the Alumni for their support in various projects at the College. The 75th Anniversary Year was an exciting year with the announcement that the four-year degree program is to be instituted as soon as possible. Present plans are that students entering in the fall of 1981 will be completing their degrees at the N.S.A.C. Dr. MacRae also announced that plans have been approved for the construction of a new library building to contain 28,000 square feet of floor space, which is ten times the present space available for the library. He also made mention of the space allocated for the collection of archives and historic collections and asked for the co-operation of the Alumni with these collections. He also advised that planning is taking place for increased space in Cox Institute and an extension to the Boulden Building for space for the Animal Science program. It is planned that the following programs will be presented to the first students registered in the four-year degree program:

- Plant Science
- Animal Science
- Plant Protection
- Agricultural Economics
- Agricultural Chemistry/Soils

**Nominating Committee** - Presented by Clyde Rogers and seconded by Aurele Gaudet and carried. The Directors for the Association in 1981-82 are as follows:

### Retiring in 1982

George MacKenzie                      Don Himelman  
David MacMinn                              Calvin Tilley  
Retiring in 1983

Norbert E. Stewart                      Bill West  
Myrna Blenkhorn                              C.A. Douglas

### Retiring in 1984

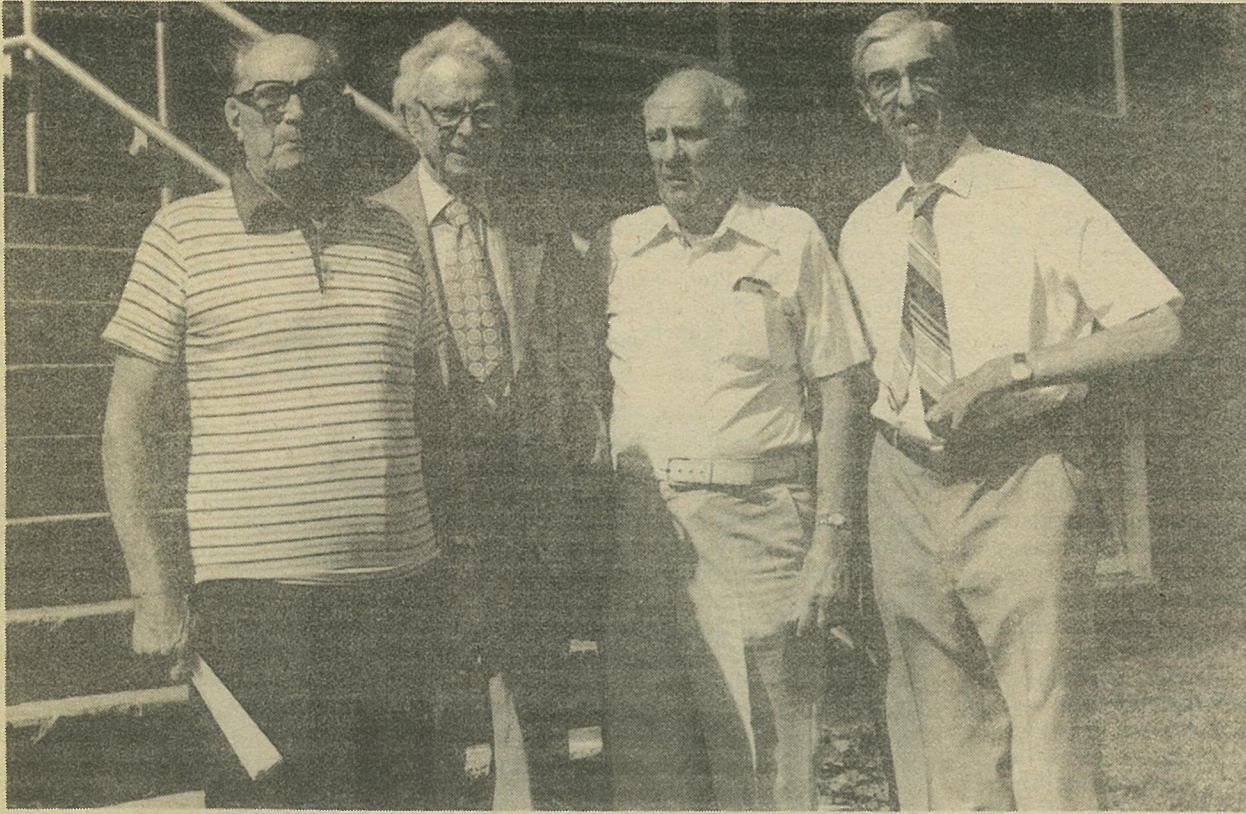
Representing P.E.I. David Sangster  
Representing N.B. Carol Brennan  
Representing N.S. Sherry Porter  
Representing N.S. Don MacNeil

**Obituary List** - Read by J.E. Shuh and a moment of silence was observed.

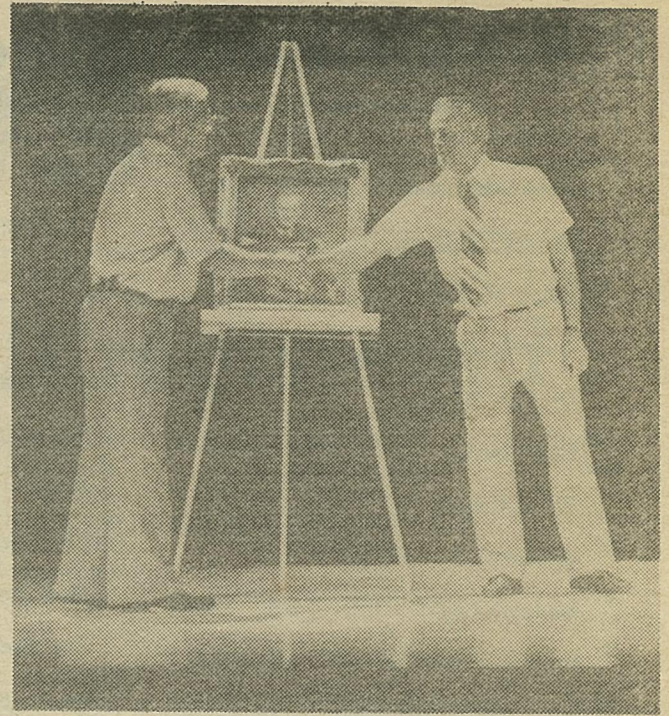
**New Business** - Mr. R.H. Doane, Class of 1911, said that he felt that insufficient recognition has been given to Prof. Smith, who was a professor in the old School of Agriculture, which pre-dated the Agricultural College and then followed as Prof. of Biology after the College was opened in 1905. President MacKenzie stated that the Executive would take this matter under consideration.

The meeting was adjourned on motion of Don Beeler.

# 1981 N.S.A.C. alumni reunion photo page



Sixty year graduates - Class of 1921: Bill Bennett, Clarence Fitzrandolph, Art MacKenzie, Bob Parent.



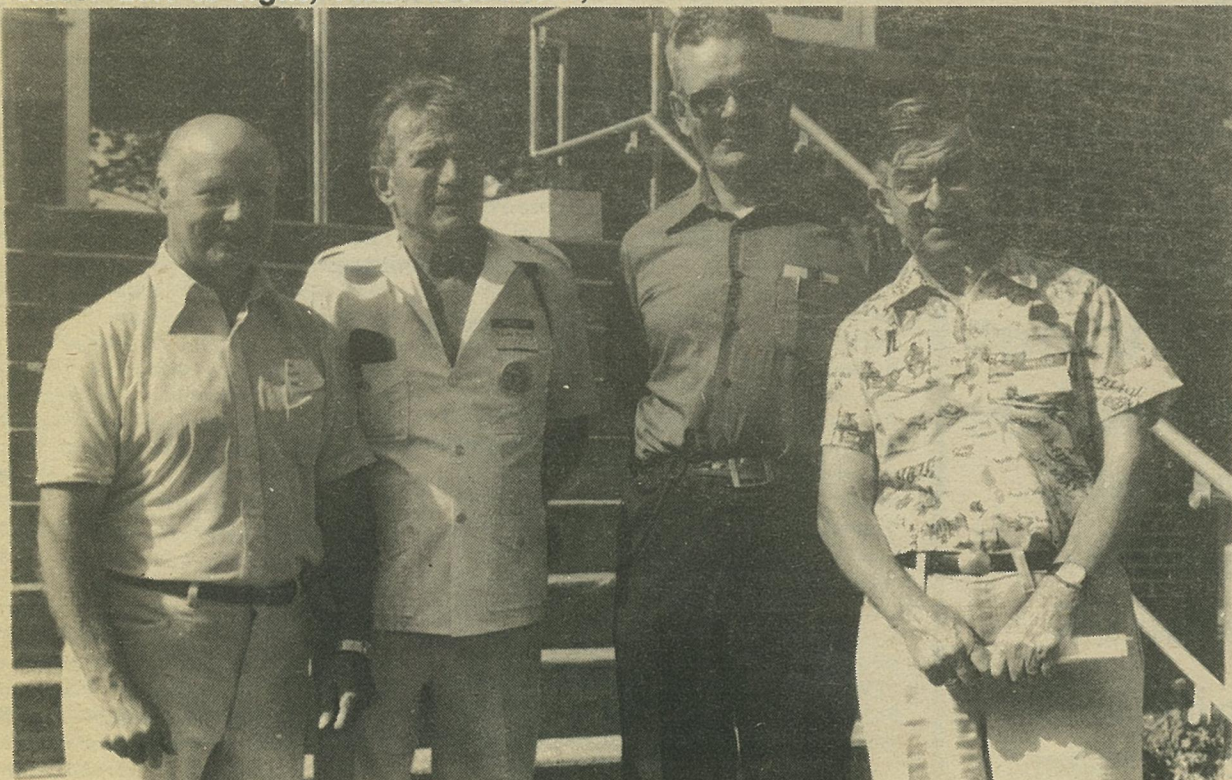
At the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association in 1981 Prof. Win Langille was honored. The Association presented a portrait of him to the College. Dr. MacRae is shown congratulating Prof. Langille on this honor as he accepts the gift.



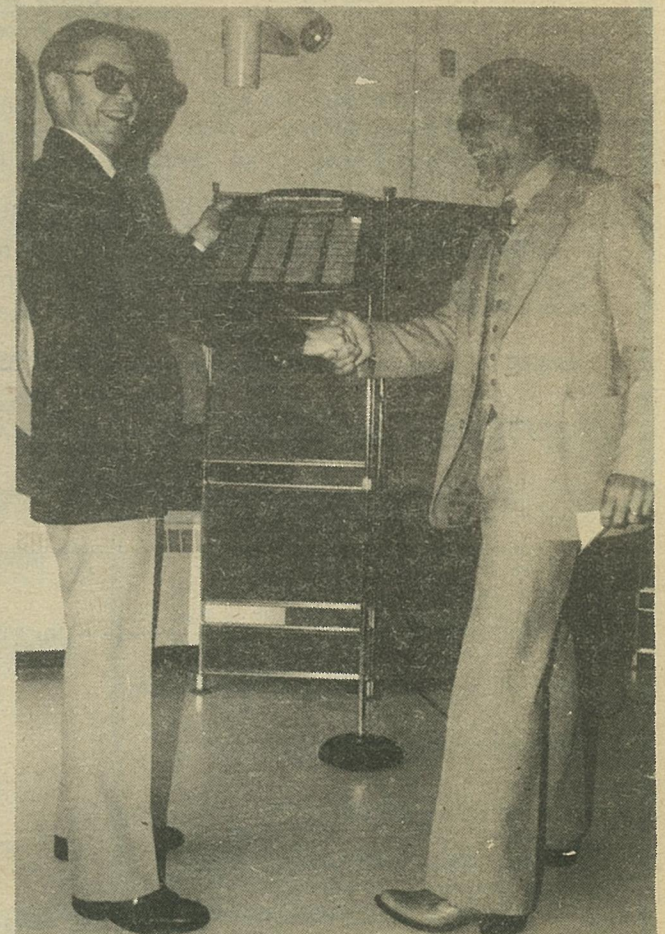
Class of '31 was the winner of the Co-Op Atlantic Shield for the senior class. Left to right; A.E. McCollom, Les Forsyth, Fred Duplisea, Fred Ward, Stuart MacGregor.



Alumni Association President George MacKenzie presents the Senior Shield to class '26 member Charles Marshall.



Class of 1946: Fred Rigden, T. Keith Murray, Gordon Crowe, Lloyd Jackson.



Alumni Association President George MacKenzie presents the Junior Shield to class '56 member Dr. Ted MacNintch.

# NSAC Alumni Association Life membership additions

(Received since the last issue of Alumni News)

Douglas Veira	Johannes W. Versteeg
Robin MacIntosh	Arthur C. Phinney
Robert Huggard	A. Dale Ells
Ralph M. Yeo	Ellen C. MacKinnon
Anke Jungesblut	Carol R. Levo
Dr. Paul Burgess	C.F. Marks
Carl Gourley	J.L. Stoddard
Victor Colpitts	Daniel J. McNamara
Donald E. Porter	Peter Van Der Borch
Kenneth Cox	Mary Breau
Fred G. Proudfoot	Paul Breau
Mary (Floris) Canton	Dr. M. Kenneth Corbett
Malcolm E. Neary	Ross Cox
Gerald G. Smeltzer	Dr. George W. Eaton
Gilbert W. Allen	Carol Brennan
John W. Seaman	Edward A. Brown
Donald N. Morrison	Brenda Heron
Harold A. Rogers	Vaughn S. Logan
Mrs. Carol Versteeg	Dr. G.W. Friars
	Dr. Chesley Randall

## New faculty appointments

Dr. Phil Worman has been appointed in the Chemistry Department. His special area of interest will be Soil Science.

In the plant science department Dr. Hal Ju has been appointed to fill the vacancy left when Prof. Wilf Babcock retired in September. Dr. Ju has special interests in fruit crops and greenhouse crop production.

In the Biology Department an entomologist has been appointed. He is Prof. Jean-Paul LeBlanc. Dr. Robert Prange has returned to the Biology Department from a

two year study leave, during which time he completed the requirements for his PH.D.

Prof. Stackhouse has returned from his study leave and resumes teaching duties in the Economics and Business Department. All but his dissertation has been completed for the Ph.D. requirement.

Dr. Derrick Anderson has been recently appointed to the Animal Science Department. He has specialized in swine nutrition and has extensive experience in this field in western Canada. He commenced his duties in January of this year.

## —Class notes—

Garry Selig '69 and his wife Laura are Agricultural Missionaries with the Canadian Baptist Overseas Mission in Zaire.

Nelson Edge '79, Ornamental Horticulture, is reported to have formed his own landscaping business "Edgehill Landscaping" in Englishtown, overlooking beautiful St. Anne's Bay. He was busy building a greenhouse when Prof. Saxon called.

Heather Dau '58 was a recent winner of a World Council of Churches international poster competition.

A note from Locksley Trenholm '61 indicated that he is at the Animal Research Centre of the Research Branch of Agriculture Canada in Ottawa where he is working on the nutritional and toxicological effects of mycotoxins (zearalenone and vomitoxin) on livestock and poultry.

There seems to be quite a group of N.S.A.C. graduates presently in Malawi with the Canadian International Development Agency Malawi-Canada Dairy Cattle Project. George MacLeod '77 of St. Stephen, N.B., is in charge of the cattle and Bill Pratt '61 of Carleton County, N.B., is in charge of crop production. Alumni News also reports that Dale Steeves '48, Fredericton, and Ted Henry '47, Truro are connected with this project. How about a few notes from each of you?

It is reported that Bob Perrin has accepted a position with the Provincial Animal Science Department in Regina.

### Stork Parade

Congratulations are in order for:

Prof. & Mrs. John Tait - a daughter

Prof. Anne & Alice Forbes - a daughter

Prof. Lynn & Doug Crosby - a daughter

Ardith and Grant Terry - a daughter

Cecile and James Blackie - a son

Congratulations to Fred Read '09, of Bear River. Mr. Read is over ninety years old, still active and interested in news of his Alma Mater. As far as we know Mr. Read is the oldest living graduate of the College.

Gerald Foote, class of '58, was recently appointed vice-principal of the Kings County Vocation School in Kentville.

Dr. Gordon C. Finley, class of '62, recently accepted an appointment with the Health of Animals Branch, Agriculture Canada in Sackville, N.B.

## International potato course

Seven students from six different countries have registered at the College for the third annual international potato technology program. Six of these students are being sponsored by Potatoes Canada and one by the World Bank. The College provides, with the close co-operation of the Canadian seed potato industry, a nine month program for diploma and degree graduates. During this program students have six on-campus courses and several study projects and assignments associated with potato research, disease identifica-

tion, inspection programs and on-farm study. The names of the students and their home countries are as follows:

Alva K. Clarke	Jamaica
Juan M. Fernandez	Cuba
Jesus Fernandez	Mexico
Faizullah Khan	Pakistan
Mohammed Skalli	Morocco
Nancy Zamora	Cuba
Ricardo Raski	Brazil

## —Membership Request—

Memberships in the N.S.A.C. Alumni Association for the year 1982 are now due. The work of the Association which includes the publication and distribution of Alumni News is entirely dependant on the support of you as Alumni Members.

A life membership of \$50.00 will relieve you of paying any future yearly memberships of \$5.00. Either way you help to ensure the continuation of a strong viable Alumni Association.

NAME -----

ADDRESS -----

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Enclosed please find ----- for my 1982 -----

Life ----- Membership.

Send all correspondence to:

**J.E. Shuh,**  
**Secretary-Manager,**  
**N.S.A.C. Alumni Association,**  
**Nova Scotia Agricultural College,**  
**Truro, N.S. B2N 5E3**

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