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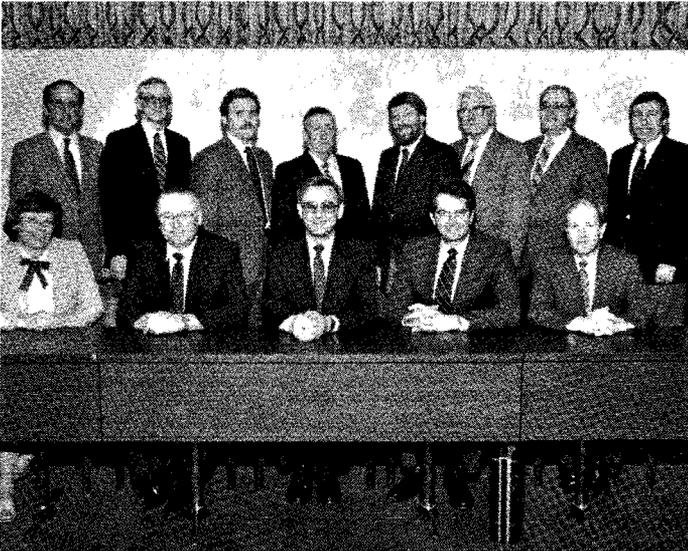
PRESIDENT ELDON WITT SAYS "ALUMNI SAILS NEED SECOND WIND"

Predominant in the news and no doubt for several more months are the 1984 Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles. Competition and the prospect of winning is a major attraction for many individuals and organizations. Athletes that are exceptional in their level of competition talk about their "second wind". Midway through their event and at a time when competition becomes exceptionally challenging, a good athlete acquires second wind and exceeds many times the level of exceptional endurance and success. The FFA Alumni is at the midway point, and our sails definitely need the second wind.

As I have stated many times, I have been impressed with the desire and enthusiasm of Alumni affiliates across this nation. The desire to excel is high, the need is present, the enthusiasm is contagious and national membership is down. WHY? We have reached the point of the year when the level of activity changes. School is out and the day to day contact is not present. The need is just as great but the contacts are more informal and we all have a tendency to procrastinate in a relaxed atmosphere. We cannot drift in these doldrums for too long. The National FFA Alumni needs its second wind! I'm expecting a record year, are you?

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN AGRICULTURE

The new National Council for Vocational and Technical Education in Agriculture held its first meeting on April 9-11 to elect officers, adopt bylaws, and identify priorities. This Council, composed of professionals from agriculture, industry, and vocational agriculture education, will provide national leadership and direction for the total vocational instruction program. Dr. Larry Case, the head of vocational agriculture programs at the U.S. Department of Education, was elected chairman. The FFA Alumni will be represented by Mrs. Shirley Davis for the next two years.



(Front l to r): Shirley Davis, FFA Alumni; Jim Guilinger, American Vocational Association; Larry Case, USDE; Carl Gerhardt, National FFA Foundation; Bob Warmbrod, American Association of Teacher Educators in Agriculture. (Back l to r): Ted Amick, FFA; Les Olsen, National Association of Supervisors of Agricultural Education; Don Hutchens, National Young Farmers Education Association; Duane Watkins and Dennis Jackson, National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association; Thaine McCormick, USDE; Ken Olcott, National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association; and Coleman Harris, USDE.

FFA ALUMNI CONVENTION

You are invited to attend the National FFA Alumni Convention on November 7 and the FFA Convention on November 8-10 in Kansas City, Missouri. FFA Alumni and their families will find this to be four days of exciting, educational, and motivational activities. The FFA Alumni Convention will be from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Alumni workshops, of one hour each, on improving and organizing affiliates will be conducted Thursday morning. Over 22,000 are expected to register for the two conventions. The FFA Convention speakers already confirmed are Pat Summerall, National Sports Commentator; Art Linkletter, TV Personality; and Mamie McCullough, The "I Can" Lady. The FFA Alumni will sponsor five one-hour motivational workshops that are considered very educational. These workshops are free and normally filled to room capacity of 1,000 persons.

CONVENTION DELEGATION SIZE

The state delegate numbers for the 1984 Convention will be one delegate for each active state association and one additional delegate for each 200 members. If you are interested in attending the Convention and serving as a delegate, you should contact your State Alumni President. If you do not have their address, send your letter to our office and we will forward it. All delegates are invited to a special reception on Thursday evening sponsored by the Kansas City Board of Trade.

NEW HEAD OF VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE EDUCATION

Dr. Larry Case, 40, state FFA advisor for Missouri, has been named Education Program Specialist for Agriculture, Agribusiness and Natural Resources Occupations in the U.S. Department of Education, National Advisor of the FFA, and National Advisor of the Postsecondary Agriculture Student Organization. He will provide leadership to vocational agriculture students and professionals in the United States and its territories.



1984 ALUMNI INTERNS — ROBERT SOMMERS, OHIO AND JACKIE FORD, MISSISSIPPI

The interns serving the FFA Alumni for one month this summer will be making visits to approximately 100 key leaders in the Washington, DC, area. They will tell the story about the importance of vocational agriculture education and the FFA.

Robert Sommers is a teacher of agriculture and FFA Alumni member at the London High School in London, Ohio. He states that "the governmental affairs FFA Alumni intern program is an outstanding opportunity for me to acquire a much needed training in governmental affairs. To maintain the quality of vocational agriculture education, all individuals associated with teaching must be aware of and involved in the political aspects of funding, guidelines, and legislation. The day when teachers and Alumni could simply assume that everyone knew of the importance of a sound education is gone. We must each play an active role in telling the Vocational Education story."

Jackie Ford is a teacher of agriculture at the Pine Grove High School near Ripley, Mississippi. Jackie has served as State FFA Alumni President, Vice President of Mississippi Vocational Agriculture Teachers, and President-Elect of the Mississippi Association of Vocational Educators.

The FFA Alumni provides each intern with lodging, meal allowance, and round trip travel money to Washington, DC. We feel that this is a great educational opportunity for the individual and provides valuable public relations for vocational agriculture-FFA. FFA Alumni are requested to encourage outstanding teachers, state staff, or teacher educators to apply for 1985. Additional information is available from the national office.

"HIGH SCHOOLS AND THE CHANGING WORKPLACE"

The National Academy of Sciences has published a report entitled "High Schools and the Changing Workplace". Listed below are the ten core competencies recommended by the study. These core competencies are required by employers and are vital to almost every job, except the least skilled, and are essential to upward mobility and adaptability.

1. Command of the English Language
2. Reasoning and Problem Solving
3. Reading
4. Writing
5. Computation
6. Science and Technology
7. Oral Communication
8. Interpersonal Relationships
9. Social and Economic Studies
10. Personal Work Habits and Attitudes

I personally feel that vocational agriculture includes more training and development of these core competencies than any class in our public high school. A panel composed of 20 national leaders spent about eight months preparing this report. David C. Thomas, Director of Member Services, Milk Marketing Inc. in Cleveland, Ohio and past National FFA Alumni President was the only agricultural panelist. The National Academy of Sciences has mailed 30,000 copies of this report to educational leaders including local school superintendents. We encourage your local FFA Alumni to study their vocational agriculture program and present their views to the local guidance counselors, principals, superintendents, and the school board on the values and core competencies found in the vocational agriculture program. For copies of this report, send \$3.50 to the national FFA Alumni office.

WORKSHOPS FOR FFA ALUMNI

Since the 1983 FFA Alumni Convention, the National FFA Alumni has conducted workshops on how to organize and operate local and state FFA Alumni. The workshops include techniques on chartering and a proven system for developing and operating good support activities. Southern, Western, and Central Regional Council Representatives have planned workshops in Georgia, Kansas, Missouri, South Dakota, and Wyoming. State workshops have been held in Indiana, Mississippi, and Montana. The Redbud Affiliate conducted an excellent workshop for their area of Illinois. We encourage states and local affiliates to plan workshops to assist our FFA Alumni leaders in their role of developing stronger FFA Alumni affiliates. If you are interested in assistance from the National in conducting a workshop, contact your Regional FFA Alumni Council Representative.

EXAMPLES OF LOCAL FFA ALUMNI SUPPORT

The Granton, Wisconsin FFA has 60 members and the Granton FFA Alumni has 120 members - just double. The FFA Alumni and FFA cooperate on a project to send cripple children to camp for two weeks by collecting oats, corn, and old batteries and resell them. This year the groups collected 100 old batteries and over a ton of grain which they resold, and along with some monetary contributions, collected \$500. The group was featured on the Easter Seal Telethon for collecting over \$5,000 the past ten years. The Alumni also sponsor a fire extinguisher day and grade school safety program in cooperation with the local FFA. Area residents can get their extinguisher cleaned or refilled or purchase a new one at a reduced price. They show films to the local grade school students and give each student a safety picture to color. Prizes are given to the best colored pictures. Along with these projects, the Alumni sponsors a rabies clinic in cooperation with the local vet clinic.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

The FFA Alumni will provide 45 scholarships for the Washington Conference Program at a value of \$295 each which totals \$13,275. Scholarships are provided on the basis of one for each 500 active state FFA Alumni members, or one for each 250 active local Alumni members, or one for each 100 Life members in a local affiliate. Winners this year are: Tim Dull, Lakeland, Missouri; Susan Lokai, N.W. Clark, Ohio; Tim Austin, Ozark, Missouri; Matt Estes, Ozark, Missouri; Dale Corbin, Gilmer County, Georgia; Dawn Wendy, Kingfisher, Oklahoma; Jane Waterman, Nokomis, Illinois; Shannon Giles, Westmer, Illinois; David Hoarst, East Central, Iowa; Carl Watson, Milan, Missouri; Russell Loy Coon, North Shelby, Missouri; Darren Strizek, East Butler, Nebraska; David Klenk, Talawanda, Ohio; Christina Wolfe, New Lexington, Ohio; Mark Davis, Smyrna, Tennessee; Robbie J. Stanley, Gilmer, Texas; Tim Parker, Granton, Wisconsin; Roger Sinkula, Mishicot, Wisconsin; Paul Wolf, Slinger, Wisconsin; Don Turba, New Holstein, Wisconsin; Ruth Bredael, Green Bay-Southwest, Wisconsin; Gary Brummel, Elkhorn, Wisconsin; Barbara McDowell, Montello, Wisconsin; Becky Miller, Cambria-Friesland, Wisconsin; Dennis Moore, Delavan-Darien, Wisconsin; Rhonda Kaiser, Mauston, Wisconsin; Rick Jacobson, Cambridge, Wisconsin; Vickie Collins, Clintonville, Wisconsin; Vickie Whiting, Madison-East, Wisconsin; Lester Schlies, Denmark, Wisconsin; Joe Van Groll, Denmark, Wisconsin; and Pat Voichahoske, Fullerton, Nebraska. FFA members' names have not been received at time of newsletter printing for scholarships presented to Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Carolina, Oklahoma (7), Virginia, and Owasso, Oklahoma.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION REAUTHORIZATION

The U.S. Senate has not scheduled the vocational education reauthorization bill for floor debate and vote at the time of printing this newsletter. Bill 2341, which is the Senate vocational education bill, was approved by the Senate Human Resources Committee. However, because of other priorities, it has not been scheduled for Senate vote. Time is running out in the 1984 Senate session and many are predicting that the vocational bill will not be considered by our Senate.

Vocational education under the 1963 legislation will be continued until 1985. Much work has been generated in passing an outstanding House Reauthorization Vocational Education Bill Number 4164 this year and the development of Senate Bill 2341. We need every Alumni member to contact their Senator and encourage the passage of Senate Bill 2341. If it is not passed this year, both the House and the Senate subcommittees will have to draft legislation in 1985, and the entire process will start over.

SOE WORKSHOP

The FFA Alumni will provide \$1,000 toward the National Supervised Occupational Experience Workshop which is being held July 22-27 in Washington, DC. The contribution is part of the monies given to the FFA Alumni by The Ace Bolt and Nut Company. As a result of the FFA Alumni and the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association sponsorship, each of the approximately 200 participants will receive a free copy of the new notebook, entitled "Orientation SOE Handbook". Teachers, state staff, teacher educators, and Alumni are invited to attend this excellent workshop. For more information, contact your state FFA Advisor.

WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The prestigious roster of Life Members has reached 4,937. As a Life Member you may designate that, upon your death, the \$100 lifetime dues be presented as a memorial scholarship to an FFA member in a chapter or state of your choice, or as a permanent trust for the FFA Alumni. The following have become Life Members since our last newsletter. We salute the 181 new Life Members.

Ed Wedig	Gratiot, WI	Paul McIntyre	Fullerton, NE	Mark Althouse	LeRoy, IL	Benjamin Rockwell	Homer, MI
Billy D. Taylor	S. Wayne, WI	John B. Lee	Lakeville, CT	Kenneth Golden	LeRoy, IL	Thomas Wildt	Homer, MI
Mike Wedig	Gratiot, WI	Douglas J. Carlson	North Canaan, CT	Robert Matlock	LeRoy, IL	Lewis Hintz	Omro, WI
Roger Wedig	Gratiot, WI	Roger W. Schopf	Sturgeon Bay, WI	Wes Rafferty	LeRoy, IL	Mike J. Schuster	Omro, WI
Mary McKnight	South Wayne, WI	Francis Friar	Lancaster, WI	David Roberts	New Windsor, IL	Wendell Hillkatter	Weyauwega, WI
Calvin K. Fogg	Carpenter, WY	David Knoke	Lancaster, WI	H.P. McQuilkin	Magnolia, IL	John Stueber	Stratford, WI
Cynthia Bowman	Washington, NJ	Terry McMahon	Lancaster, WI	Dale Laible	Washburn, IL	Harold Lydic	Peoria, AZ
Grant Miller	East Bangor, PA	Steve Vizedom	Hamilton, OH	William Meisner	Varna, IL	Thomas Rahn	Springfield, GA
Lisa Armstrong	Edgerton, MO	Brian Wheeler	Tulsa, OK	Floyd E. Palm	Varna, IL	Danny Ellis	Florence, KS
Mary Root	Madison, WI	Charles Spencer	Elgin, OK	Joseph Allen Jr.	Lacon, IL	Kathy Hayes	Florence, KS
Larry Meyer	Unity, WI	Alan J. Barber	Burlington, CO	Charles L. Allen	Lacon, IL	Earl Wineinger	Marion, KS
Marvin Becker	Juda, WI	Scott Sherry	Viroqua, WI	Kenneth M. McKee	Varna, IL	Mary Lee Wineinger	Marion, KS
Dean Stall	Elkhart, IA	Alan Hass	Chaseburg, WI	Richard Livingston	Roanoke, IL	Wayne R. Colle	Marion, KS
Richard Snyder	Cambridge, IA	Gary Barman	Sun Prairie, WI	Doug Stahl	Wyoming, IL	Rodney Wilson	Council Grove, KS
Ray D. Stall	Huxley, IA	Doug Campbell	Shannon City, IA	Don Colwell	Franklin Grove, IL	Darrin Jasee	Weir, KS
Brad Moeckly	Elkhart, IA	Sharon Ruggles	Norwalk, OH	Robert Colwell	Franklin Grove, IL	Gregory Bekemeyer	Washington, KS
Charles Burns	Reasnor, IA	Walter Brudzinski	Lafferty, OH	Dave Didier	Amboy, IL	Sandra Kingston	Washington, KS
Barbara Ostrander	Buffalo Center, IA	Shawn Beckowitz	Morristown, OH	L. Felix Murray	Glasgow, KY	Curtis Jabben	Cherryvale, KS
Ron Baldosser	Green Springs, OH	N. Hiedlebaugh	Spencerville, OH	Raymond Evans	Yuma, AZ	Harold Mishler	Cherryvale, KS
Paul Snavely	Republic, OH	Dan Klausung	Venedocia, OH	H.M. Johnson	Somerton, AZ	Larry O'Malley	Independence, KS
Thomas Miller	Castalia, OH	Antoinette Welch	Columbus, OH	Denise Mooney	San Jacinto, CA	John Read	Cherryvale, KS
Timothy Niemeyer	Castalia, OH	Doug Triplett	Annandale, MN	Joseph Clary	Raleigh, NC	Carlene Smith	Cherryvale, KS
Larry Tomcho	Caldwell, OH	Red Petersen	Annandale, MN	Larry R. Jewell	Raleigh, NC	Cal Alford	Cherryvale, KS
Stanley Worcester	Hill City, KS	William A. Ruf	Willmar, MN	Jerald Buettner	Grand Island, NE	Liz Arthurs	Cherryvale, KS
Jerry Gano	Hill City, KS	Colonel Harris	Evensville, TN	Bill Buettner	Grand Island, NE	Connie Griffith	Wakeeney, KS
Dean Edie	Newark, OH	Tim Cook	Evensville, TN	Larry D. Case	Fredericksburg, VA	Jim Popp	Hill City, KS
Mary A. Edie	Newark, OH	Greg Garrison	Evensville, TN	John Fruzen	Denmark, WI	Brad Trexler	Hill City, KS
Mary Felumlee	Newark, OH	Shirley Daniels	Evensville, TN	Joe Hockers	DePere, WI	Eunice Farrell	Hill City, KS
Ralph Felumlee	Newark, OH	Ronnie Raper	Evensville, TN	Donald Petersen	Denmark, WI	Dan Worcester	Hill City, KS
Vance G. Bodenhausen	Gower, MO	Frank Key	Union City, TN	Dorothy Petersen	Denmark, WI	J.P. Worcester	Hill City, KS
Earl L. Jackson	Stewartsville, MO	Tim Buchanan	Evensville, TN	Raymond Selner	Denmark, WI	Royce Kolle	Linn, KS
Ronald Budine	Agency, MO	Kenneth Cronkhite	Guymon, OK	Richard Halopka	Stetsonville, WI	Robert Herlocker	Girard, KS
Jerry Nolz	Clear Lake, SD	Victoria Houston	Evensville, TN	John Curtis, Sr.	Harrington, DE	Robert Williams	Girard, KS
Chris Nelson	White Lake, SD	Kay Brothers	Evensville, TN	Harmon Conrad	West Liberty, OH	Bettie Williams	Girard, KS
Floyd Beneker	Marshall, MI	J.T. Barger	Skiatook, OK	Virgil Moore	Caldwell, OH	Jack Radabaugh	Girard, KS
Thomas Cartner	Indian Trail, NC	Carol Elgin	The Plains, VA	Hugh Seibert	Spencerville, OH	Dennis Brown	Girard, KS
Leslie Hubbard	Pierre, SD	David Van Laarhoven	Evensville, WI	James Knight	Columbus, OH	Benny Bock	Kingman, KS
William S. Schumacher	Pierre, SD	Ron Zwiefel	Evensville, WI	B.M. Trapp	Duck Hill, MS	Roy Hawkins	Kingman, KS
Michael H. Hanley	Crystal Beach, FL	Susie Zwiefel	Evensville, WI	Charlie Thames	Walnut Grove, MS	John Ringler	Kingman, KS
Dennis Boughton	Marshall, MI	Debra Spooner	Evensville, WI	Tom G. Schmidt	Flandreau, SD	Albert B. Pendleton	Lawrence, KS
Dale Cook	Battle Creek, MI	Cheryl Garbisch	Granton, WI	Michael Blum	Flandreau, SD	Ronald Ludwig	Florence, KS
Mike Freiny	Olivet, MI	Roger Hildebrandt	Juneau, WI	Jay O. Ausland	Flandreau, SD	Brends Ellis	Florence, KS
Kent VanSickle	Marshall, MI	Sheryl Nehls	Juneau, WI	Jeff Jones	Flandreau, SD	John Dyer	Wamego, KS
Darlene Overleese	Riverton, NE	Dana Gunn	Baytown, TX	Scott Ramsdell	Flandreau, SD		
Eugene Murphy	Franklin, NE	Karen Chausse	Nokomis, IL	Bert Declerg	Durand, MI		
Alice Horacek	Fullerton, NE	Joe Chausse	Nokomis, IL	E. Raymond Jacobs	New Lothrop, MI		

NATIONAL POSTSECONDARY AGRICULTURE STUDENT ORGANIZATION

The PAS Conference was held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on March 26-29. The FFA Alumni sponsored both prepared and impromptu speaking contests for this organization of vo-ag students in our postsecondary programs. The prepared speaking contest winners were John Carlson (1st), Rex Hoppes (2nd), and Brad Greenway (3rd). Trophies were presented to the top three and first place received \$100. The impromptu winners are pictured below with President Eldon Witt.



(L-R): Eldon Witt, National Alumni President; Vanderwende (2nd); Burke (1st); VanDerWerff (3rd).

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The FFA Alumni Life membership program has generated a memorial scholarship fund of approximately one-half million dollars. In 1984, we have been notified of several deceased Life members, and several FFA members have received a \$100 memorial scholarship. Listed below are the names of deceased Life members and the FFA member and chapter receiving the \$100 scholarship.

DECEASED LIFE MEMBER	STATE	BENEFICIARY
Ralph E. Sadler	NC	Bruce T. Pleasant, Bartlett Yancey FFA Chapter
Lewis C. Houston	OK	Melody D. White, Boise City FFA Chapter
Walter Detrick	TX	John Parsons, Azle FFA Chapter
Kenneth Hill	OK	Randy Grelner, Kingfisher FFA Chapter
James H. Parker	NC	* Sun Valley FFA Chapter
J. Elton Dunn	GA	* Georgia FFA Association
James P. Hall	TN	Guy Grissom, Westview FFA Chapter
William A. Moore	OK	Eric Erier, Owasso FFA Chapter
A.L. Potter	OK	National FFA Alumni Association
Joe Harris	TN	National FFA Alumni Association
Howell H. Stead	NC	* Vance Sr. High School FFA Chapter
Cola D. Watson	VT	* Vermont FFA Association
George Bartholomew	KS	TaLana Sue Erikson, Erie FFA Chapter
David L. Teague	NC	Phillip Elmore, North Iredell FFA Chapter
Marian G. Bye	WA	* Pomeroy FFA Chapter
Marion Beale	WA	* Pomeroy FFA Chapter
Mrs. Robert E. Smith	MO	* Seneca

* FFA member has not been selected by either state or local listed.

FFA ALUMNI SALUTES THE EXECUTIVE SPONSORS

The following have contributed \$100 or more since our Spring, 1984, newsletter as an investment towards the vocational agriculture-FFA program. The Executive Sponsors' funds directly support the prestigious Star Greenhand, Star Farmer, and Star Agribusinessman Award programs and the FFA Alumni Association. The number of years of contributions are listed in parentheses. We encourage each FFA Alumni to either become an Executive Sponsor or support by finding someone to become an Executive Sponsor.

Mrs. Fred W. Rohnert (8)	Hollister, CA
John A. Stearns (19)	Pacific Palisades, CA
Victor A. Rice (5)	Toronto, Canada
M/M Donald L. Staheli (9)	New Canaan, CT
J. Lamar Branch (9)	Tifton, GA
R.C. Lanphier III (3)	Auburn, IL
Roy L. Poage (1)	Sycamore, IL
Westmer FFA Alumni (1)	Joy, IL
Donald E. Funk (7)	Kentland, IN
James Cornick (3)	Des Moines, IA
Donald H. Zarley (10)	Des Moines, IA
George W. Catts (11)	Leawood, KS
M/M Phil Kingston (5)	Washington, KS
Howell Hughes (2)	Wilbraham, MA
Joseph L. Downey (2)	Midland, MI
Tim Martinson (3)	Mason, MI
Darrell Moseson (1)	St. Paul, MN
J.L. Harpole (1)	Madison, MS
Carl F. Gerhardt (4)	Kansas City, MO
Kenneth E. Guebert (9)	St. Louis, MO
Harold H. Howard (5)	Raytown, MO
Glenn E. Edick (9)	Cazenovia, NY
Arthur P. Ives (2)	Oxford, NY
George C. Pliszka (5)	Houston, TX
Jacob J. Brooks, Sr. (9)	Richmond, VA
David C. Scott (6)	River Hills, WI
Roy W. Uelner (11)	Brookfield, WI

OUTSTANDING AFFILIATE AWARD

The Outstanding Affiliate Award recognizes affiliates for their support to vocational agriculture-FFA. Each affiliate should contact their state Alumni leaders for application form and rules. State winner(s) must be sent to the national office by October 1. All entries submitted by a state must have ten slides and a script accompanying the application. The slides and script will not be judged but will be used in preparing a slide presentation for the outstanding affiliate awards program at the National Convention.

FFA ALUMNI TESTIFIES BEFORE SECONDARY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMISSION

The FFA Alumni presented a statement on vocational agriculture education in secondary education before the National Commission on Secondary Vocational Education in Washington, D.C. on June 5. Robert Cox, Executive Director of the National FFA Alumni, prepared and presented this testimony. After presenting the proven values of vocational agriculture, he made several specific recommendations. Some of these included: 1. That all public high school students for graduation be required to complete two or more credits of vocational education in or closely related to their chosen occupation interest area; 2. That vocational student organizations appropriated to each occupational instruction program be intracurricular to that instruction area; and 3. That appropriate and qualified state staff be in place in each state to insure quality instruction in all public high school vocational agriculture programs, including state leadership for the FFA Organization. Copies of the statement are available from the national office.

BECOME AN FFA EXECUTIVE SPONSOR

"I admit it. I'm a house organ. That means, I'm an "organ of the house" or, if you prefer, an instrument of the house. So, that's how I got my name, "house organ". Now, there's something very interesting about having a categorical name. Men only give categorical names to things of which there are significant number of different ones. If there weren't enough of "one thing", it wouldn't have been important enough to name." Example: "Men named cats "cats" because there were so many, they needed a CATEGORICAL name. Oh my hevvnsl Excuse the pun. But the point is, they're numerous. There are enough to be important, to be named." Now much of this above material/ideas we got from the Champion Printing Company *Graphic Gazette* - August, 1978. But the same "idea" is true with "Executive Sponsors." They are numerous, important (very important) and as you can see "named". Executive Sponsors are numerous because of a choice they made. They have chosen to be an elite "category" of individuals who are personally investing \$100 in the future of FFA. Investing, I might add, above and beyond their Alumni dues. Become an Executive Sponsor. Join this elite "category". Your dollars will support the FFA. Please send your Executive Sponsor investment of \$100 to the National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee, 310 North Midvale Boulevard, P.O. Box 5117, Madison, Wisconsin 53705.

LEGION OF MERIT AWARD

The Legion of Merit Award is presented to anyone providing leadership in Alumni membership development. Anyone securing ten new members, five Life members, or five Executive Sponsors since the last Convention will be awarded a certificate. Lapel pins will be presented to persons receiving the award for the third and fifth year and a plaque for the tenth year. Applications must be received by the national office before October 15 for presentation at this year's Convention.



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