

FFA Alumni Association

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A TIME TO REBUILD

BY JAY HOUSEHOLDER, 1985 NATIONAL PRESIDENT

The spring of the year brings many changes in nature. Some are rather slow but inevitable while others are harsh and fast. The spring season also brings with it a beauty and a new creation, but it also contains the capacity to destroy. Watching recent news programs and even viewing the results of the melting snow locally, I am reminded of this ability of mother nature to destroy. The little bridges that maintain traffic on the country roads are sometimes victims of the spring thaw and rains. It almost seems that, as certain as there is spring, there will be a need to repair or even replace the local bridge.

In pondering this recently it struck me that perhaps this could also apply to the Alumni. As you know, the theme for 1985 is "Building Bridges." But what of the "bridges" your local affiliate already has? What of your local program of activities? Are some of them in need of repair? Or perhaps some have even been washed away and need to be replaced. This spring might be a good time to check your local program to see if there are changes that need to be made. Perhaps new activities should be employed where others have failed. Or perhaps a realignment of those already in existence should be conducted.

With good "bridges of opportunity" for the youth involved in vocational agriculture and the FFA, "traffic can be maintained." In a good program the members will be cognizant not only of where they are going but also of where they are now and what they are doing. Take inventory of your present Alumni program this spring. It may prove to be beneficial to you in the future.

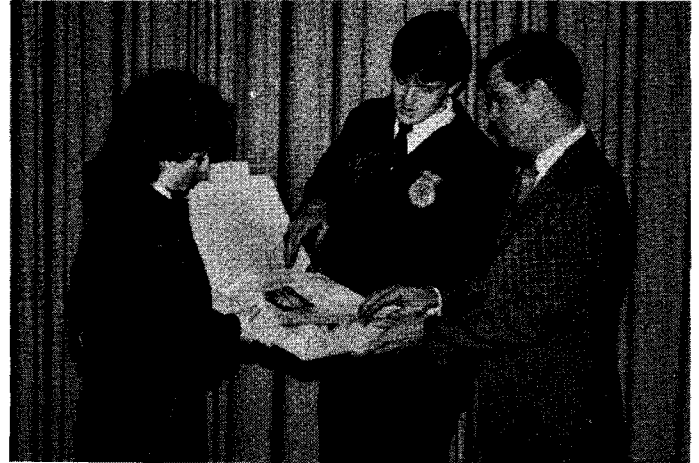
FFA ALUMNI PROMOTES TV SPECIAL

The FFA Alumni assisted with the publicity of the TV special "Agriculture's Next Generation: A Conflict of Interest." The special dealt with fewer and fewer students studying agriculture. The promotion consisted of using a broken plate depicting a possible food shortage and not having full plates on our tables. Our promotion emphasized that we must not allow agriculture to fall through the crack.

The FFA Alumni assisted the FFA with breaking, packaging, and delivering over 700 of those beautifully, boxed broken plates to United States Senators, Congressmen, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Education and other educational associations. A package of materials promoting the agricultural talent erosion and the TV special was included with each broken plate.

The special was shown on over 120 TV stations in early March. We hope your FFA Alumni affiliate will show "Agriculture's Next Generation: A Conflict of Interest" in your community to civic groups, farm organization meetings, school groups and at your FFA Alumni meeting. The cost is \$42.00 for a VCR tape which can be secured from the producer. Many people recorded the program on personal VCR's which may be available for your use.

SECRETARY BLOCK RECEIVES BROKEN PLATE



Secretary of Agriculture John Block receives a broken plate and materials from the FFA Alumni. Karen Hamilton, Maryland FFA secretary, and Tom Hart, West Virginia FFA president, are pictured explaining the TV special's promotion.

FFA ALUMNI RECEIVES LETTERS ON TV SPECIAL

We received several responses from members of Congress thanking the FFA Alumni for bringing the TV special to their attention. Below is a letter received from Senator Jim Sasser of Tennessee.

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

March 12, 1985

FFA Alumni Association
P. O. Box 15058
Alexandria, Virginia 22309

Dear Sirs:

Thank you very much for your newsletter and accompanying "broken plate."

I appreciate your recommendation that I watch the TV special "Agriculture's Next Generation -- A Conflict of Interest" on CBS, WDVM, Channel 9, Saturday, March 2, 1985. It was most informative.

Your "broken plate" was quite effective in bringing attention to your urging that we should not let the future of America's agriculture slip through the crack.

You may be assured of my continued interest in our agricultural problems.

Sincerely,

Jim
Jim Sasser
United States Senator

ALUMNI INVOLVED IN HOSTING PANAMANIAN STUDENTS

In a new marketing effort aimed at utilizing FFA resources, the International Department has asked Alumni affiliates nationwide to provide placements for 20 Panamanian exchange students. These students are on a grant provided by the Agency for International Development (AID). Two Alumni affiliates, Omro and West Wayne of Wisconsin, are providing placements for two students that will start in April. Several other affiliates have indicated an interest in hosting the exchange students later in 1985. During their stay, these exchangees will live on different farming operations, learning all they can about American farming methods and customs. They will also learn about the FFA and FFA Alumni affiliates. The hosting farmers are not required to pay the participants. However, they do provide room, board, and a cultural/working experience.

Once these participants complete their 9-10 month stays in the United States, they will return to Panama and fulfill a two-year commitment to develop agriculture in their area and work with FFA's sister program, the Future Agriculturalists of Panama (FAdeP). Currently, Panama does not have an alumni program. Hopefully, the experience and motivation these two exchangees receive at the Wisconsin FFA Alumni affiliates will provide a springboard for a new alumni program in Panama.

If you were not aware of this program and you'd like to see your Alumni affiliate get involved, we still have opportunities for placements. One group of Panamanian exchange students will arrive in the United States in June. By signing up today, you could gain an extra hand for the summer farm work, learn more about customs in another part of the world, and provide a student with a once-in-a-lifetime experience. If you would like more information, contact the FFA International Department at 703-360-3600.

WISCONSIN ALUMNI CONVENTION "ENTHUSIASTIC"

An outstanding, enthusiastic crowd gathered at Madison, Wisconsin, for their State FFA Alumni Convention. One had to be impressed with the serious approach to problems on which the Alumni can have an effect. Great speakers, enjoyable entertainment, and best of all that always present enthusiasm was found at this year's convention. Jay Householder and Gary Maricle, representing the National FFA Alumni Council, appreciated the chance to be a part of this event. We know that we can look for bigger and better things yet from the Wisconsin FFA Alumni. Good Luck!

SOUTH DAKOTA ALUMNI "GOING STRONG"

The South Dakota Alumni Convention was held in Huron with an energetic group of officers and members present. The Saturday meeting concentrated on assisting Alumni affiliates with ideas and possible projects such as looking at their area for possible new Alumni affiliates and also at their own affiliate for new members. It was decided that to lure new members they had to first be asked and secondly make them feel needed. South Dakota's membership is at the "POPPING" stage, and it would not be a surprise to see it way above 500 for 1985. Gary Maricle of the National FFA Alumni Council thanks the South Dakota Alumni for inviting him to share in a very good 1985 state convention.

NEBRASKA ALUMNI CONDUCTS WEEKEND CONVENTION



"Very successful" is how past Nebraska Alumni president Gary Maricle of Columbus described the group's annual convention on January 18-19. Over 250 members, FFA members and special guests braved snow, raging winds and a -80 degree wind chill to attend the convention, the first one the association has held outside Lincoln and the annual FFA convention. The attendance was more than double the number of persons who attended the Lincoln convention in any one year. An auction was a convention highlight targeted to raise money for a lighted, portable display unit for promotional purposes of the Alumni. Steve Meredith, national FFA president, served as one of the auctioneers and donated several tobacco leaves for the auction. Another unusual item was a cow skull with a handpainted design carried home by top bidder, Dr. Ted Ward with the Nebraska FFA Association. Over \$600 was raised following the convention banquet.

TEXAS ALUMNI INVOLVED IN STARTING "FRIENDS OF VO-AG"

In Texas a legislative group called "Friends of Vo-Ag" has been formed to raise money and take legislative relief to save the program. According to Marcus Hill, Texas Alumni president, vocational agriculture, the FFA, and the Young Farmers are in trouble.

1. The Texas Education Agency is eliminating area supervisor positions. That will mean no district organizations, no area organizations, no support above local level in an organized fashion. Why is that a problem? Judging contests, awards programs, leadership contests, and other activities above the local level will cease. Supervisor positions must be saved.
2. Schools hardest hit will be those with an enrollment of 65 or less students in vocational agriculture. These schools may be forced to go to a 10 or 11 month program or even close the program entirely. Teachers need to be funded for 12 months.

Dennis Engelke, Texas Alumni coordinator and secretary-treasurer of "Friends," states that they have hired the former Speaker of the House, Billy Clayton, to represent their interests in the 69th Texas Legislature. They hope to correct some of the inequities and policies that are making it impossible to conduct an adequate vocational agriculture program.

SPECIAL PLAQUE FOR STATE FFA OFFICER TEAMS THAT BECOME LIFE ALUMNI

We have been excited with the growing number of state FFA officers becoming Life members at the end of their term. Therefore, the National FFA Alumni has decided to present a picture plaque to each state in honor of the entire state officer team becoming Life members. The beautiful plaque will have an engraved plate listing the year and name of each officer. We hope this photo plaque will be proudly displayed as a permanent honor and recognition of the service made by the officer team to your state. We hope you will invite your state FFA officers to become Life members.

State officer teams that decide to become FFA Alumni Life members should send a 5x7 picture (black-and-white or color) with their names listed as they should be engraved and the Life membership fee of \$100 for each state officer. Please allow three weeks for processing and production.

ALUMNI SUPPORTS VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TEACHERS

The FFA Alumni Association will provide \$100 to be used in supporting each of the six NVATA (National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association) regional meetings. The six meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Boise, Idaho—April 18-20
- Garden City, Kansas—June 16-19
- South Sioux City, Nebraska—June 23-25
- Moline, Illinois—June 27-29
- Nashville, Tennessee—June 19-21
- Easton, Maryland—May 10-11

FFA Alumni local affiliates are encouraged to support our teachers during these meetings. If you live in these areas, please volunteer to help with transportation, social events, tours, etc.

NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS TOUR JAPAN



Pictured above are the National FFA Officers posing outside the American Embassy in Tokyo following their meeting with Ambassador Mike Mansfield and an agricultural trade briefing with ag attache Jame Grueff. The International Experience Program for FFA's leaders was sponsored as a special project of the National FFA Foundation by Mitsui and Company, Ltd., a multinational trading company. The officers visited schools and FFJ chapter meetings, observed Japanese agribusinesses, and spent a weekend with a Japanese farm family.

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NATIONAL FFA ALUMNI CONVENTION

The 1985 National FFA Alumni Convention will be held Wednesday, November 13. All Alumni are invited to attend both the Alumni Convention and the FFA Convention on November 14-16. Some of this year's convention speakers will include: Zig Ziglar, Willard Scott, Denis Wesley and Rocky Bleier. The FFA has extended an invitation to Vice President Bush.

AG ED NETWORK

The Ag Ed Network you've heard so much about since last fall is just like the Alumni Association. This new Network, the first on-line classroom, is designed to provide support and enhance vo-ag and the FFA. It is a way to make the teacher's job easier and to make the classroom more interesting. Vo-ag departments with access to a computer and a telephone modem can be connected to this vast network of agricultural information—prices, weather, markets, plus free lessons, FFA news and information, idea exchange, and an on-line FFA catalog. The 500 free lessons were written by leading agri-educators. Many of them are sponsored by FFA Foundation sponsors. All of the lessons can be easily accessed and then used to enhance classroom instruction. The FFA news features are written and then transmitted by the staff of *The National FUTURE FARMER* magazine. Another popular news feature is Ag Ed Today - a concise wrap-up on the leading agricultural news story of the day - written for teachers and students to keep them abreast of the latest news. It even includes discussion topics and answers. It is prepared by the staff of AgriData Resources and editors of *Farm Futures*. An information section will contain details and explanations about national programs and activities such as the American Farmer Degree, contests, BOAC and international exchange programs. The idea exchange section is for advisors. The option to order from the FFA Supply Service catalog is a popular feature. More and more orders are being instantly transmitted.

Alumni affiliates can be a strong influence in helping a vo-ag department get on-line. Assisting with the purchase of hardware is one sure way. Another is to encourage support in the school for using the Network. (In fact, many Alumni members could use the Network for adult lessons such as options or futures.) For general information, contact Jack Pitzer at the National FFA Center. For specific pricing and marketing information, contact Bruce Herz, AgriData, 330 East Kilbourn Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

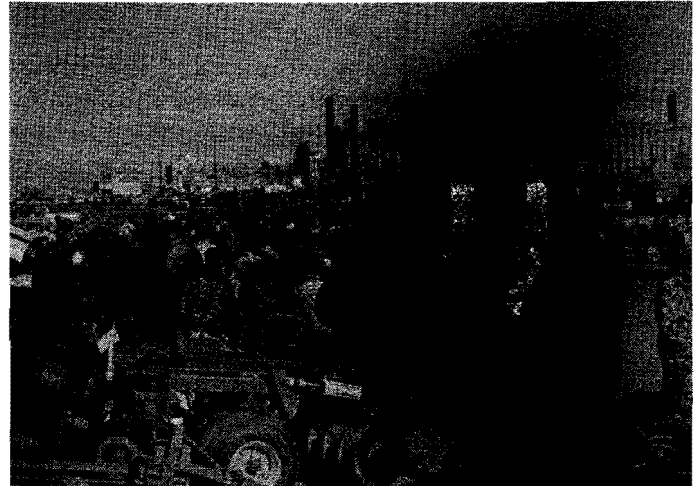
NEW HAMPSHIRE FFA ADVISOR PRAISES ALUMNI

The Cheshire County FFA Alumni in Keene, New Hampshire, was formed in March, 1983, and has 34 members. Richard Denico, president of this affiliate, states that FFA Alumni groups are forming throughout the United States and his group shares the common goal to support vocational agriculture and the FFA in schools. During the past year, FFA Alumni directly assisted the area FFA advisors and their student members by acting as judges for FFA contests at the county fair, arranging publicity for several FFA community and school projects, and sponsoring awards in the form of cash and gifts to outstanding vocational students and FFA members. Two FFA members received Alumni funds to attend the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. The Keene FFA advisor has praised the efforts of the Alumni group.

"COME ALIVE IN '85"

The Kentucky FFA Alumni received a \$500 grant for their proposal, entitled "Come Alive in '85." The \$500 grant was made possible as a special contribution of The Ace Bolt and Nut Company through the FFA Foundation. The proposal calls for computerizing local, state, and national Alumni program materials onto Appleworks micro-computer software. It also calls for producing a quarterly newsletter and preparing an FFA Alumni exhibit. The Kentucky FFA Alumni Council has established a goal of 500 members for the 1985 year.

ARKANSAS AFFILIATE REPEATS FARM MACHINERY AUCTION



The FFA Alumni in Stuttgart, Arkansas, hosted its second consignment auction. Stuttgart Alumni president Jeff Tennant reports that in two years over \$2,000 has been made to help the FFA chapter. The auction, as pictured above, is held on a mills truck lot. It is a great service to sellers and has proven to be an excellent fund raising project for the FFA Alumni.

KANSAS FFA ALUMNI "OFF AND RUNNING"

The Kansas FFA Alumni Association, on March 16, held its first convention separate from the FFA's state convention. This was the largest held by the Kansas FFA Alumni with 70 in attendance. The program was excellent and a large amount of information was presented. President Jeff Yarrow presided over the assembly in an outstanding manor. His brother is presently serving as Kansas FFA president. We believe this is the first time brothers have served as presidents of the Alumni and the FFA in the same year. Gary Maricle and Robert Cox represented the National Association at this event. Mr. Maricle commented that Kansas is "Off and Running" in 1985.

KEEP ALUMNI ACTIVE

"Keep Alumni Active" was the advice of Jerry Ulrich, a dairy farmer in Poplar Grove, Illinois, where the school board closed the vocational agriculture department at North Boone High School. In a recent interview with *The National FUTURE FARMER* magazine, "Mr. Ulrich advises others who have programs to keep a vigilant eye on them, speaking out often to explain that the vo-ag program is more than farming and that 22 percent of America's population is involved in the production of food and fiber." The North Boone High School was shown in the TV special "Agriculture's Next Generation: A Conflict of Interest."

**HERE BY THE OWL
DR. LARRY CASE, NATIONAL FFA ADVISOR**

The support of the FFA Alumni is needed today more than any other time in history. The change that is occurring in agriculture and education requires that we have the best thinking of the grassroots leadership. The FFA Alumni offers this opportunity for local people to be involved in helping the vocational agriculture programs through these changes. Through this involvement both the vocational agriculture programs and the FFA Alumni will become stronger. Thank you for the support you have given in the past and the support you are going to give in the future.

NEW VOCATIONAL EDUCATION ACT

The new Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Act, which was signed into law last year, authorized \$949.7 million to be spent by states. Congress has appropriated and budgeted vocational education funds at the previous year's amount of \$738.4 million. Because of the set-aside requirements in the new law, the dollar amounts for basic state grants available for vocational agriculture will be greatly reduced. The new law also states that, "the purpose of this Act is to assist the States to expand, improve, modernize and develop quality educational programs in order to meet the needs of the Nation's existing and future work force for marketing skills and to improve productivity and promote economic growth." We have heard that several states have defined in their state plan "improve" to mean new. Therefore, funds are not available for existing programs such as vocational agriculture. One state has defined "improve" as: "Activities designed to enhance the quality of ongoing programs or services." This definition should not eliminate vocational agriculture programs from receiving monies from the Carl Perkins Act. FFA Alumni must work closely with vocational agriculture educators in every state to see that state plans are written to allow for the funding of vocational agriculture programs.

**TAX INFORMATION FOR LOCAL
AFFILIATES AND INDIVIDUALS**

FFA Alumni membership dues and other contributions to the FFA and FFA Alumni are eligible IRS deductions for the contributor when the contribution is primarily to support the organization's activities rather than to derive benefits of more than nominal monetary value. As outlined in the Constitution, the FFA Alumni Association is designed to support and serve rather than provide monetary benefits to its members.

The FFA Alumni Association (local, state, and national) is considered, for IRS exemption purposes, a subordinate to the Future Farmers of America Organization. Any chartered affiliate can use the group exemption number (GEN) which has been assigned for FFA and FFA Alumni use. Each state association and local affiliate must secure their own identification number from their regional IRS office. We will be happy to supply, upon written request, the group exemption number which simplifies applying for the identification number. For more information, refer to page 12 of the new FFA Alumni Manual.



**FFA ALUMNI COMMITTEE ON
GOVERNMENT**

Chairman Arthur Kurtz of Wisconsin held a telephone conference call with the Committee on Government the end of March. They discussed the Carl Perkins Vocational Act and its federal funding. All committee members are contacting Congressional leaders to thank them for their support of vocational education and to encourage full funding at the authorized level. The committee also decided to conduct a workshop during the national convention on FFA Alumni governmental affairs involvement at the local and state levels.

The committee members are: Arthur R. Kurtz, Wisconsin; Floyd J. Doering, Wisconsin; Gus R. Douglass, West Virginia; David C. Thomas, Ohio; Jim Wells, Tennessee; Harold D. Lineberry, Tennessee; and Loren Schmit, Nebraska.

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

The National FFA Alumni Council held its winter meeting by telephone conference call for two hours on February 5. This was the first conference call meeting held by the Council and will be carefully evaluated in July. It saved considerably in travel expenses and lodging costs.

The following two items were postponed until the July council meeting. First, Georgia suggested to the Council that all Life membership state dues reimbursements be set at \$2.00. It was noted that, at the present time, states are reimbursed only the amount of state dues for each Life member up to a maximum of \$2.00. It was also mentioned that several states do not receive a Life membership dues reimbursement because they do not have state dues. Mr. Cox estimates a budget increase from \$8,000 to \$10,500 to initiate this proposal. Second, Idaho has suggested that the memorial scholarship designation policy be changed to allow the \$100 scholarships to go to state FFA foundations. At the present time, memorial scholarships are presented as educational scholarships to FFA members. If you have comments on these items, you should contact President Jay Householder.

**NATIONAL STUDY ON SECONDARY
AGRICULTURE EDUCATION**

The national study on secondary agriculture education initiated by the National Council for Vocational and Technical Education in Agriculture is underway. The first step will be the selection of a project director to work at the National Academy of Sciences for the duration of the 14-month study. Once the director is hired, a panel of 12-16 professionals will be selected to assist with the study design and implementation. If you have recommendations for panel members, channel them through Shirley Davis, our FFA Alumni representative. The Council met on April-17 at Farmland Industries' facilities in Kansas City. For further information on the study or The Council, contact Larry Case at the National FFA Center or the U.S. Department of Education.

FFA ALUMNI MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE

Dennis Shafer, the recently appointed Director of the FFA Supply Service Division, would like to remind all Alumni that official Alumni merchandise is available for purchase from the FFA Supply Service. Items designed specifically for FFA Alumni include oxford jackets, caps, blazers, emblems, plaques, official membership pins, decals, flags, and jewelry. For more information check pages 64-67 in the 1984-85 supplies catalog or contact Dennis Shafer at the FFA Center.

FFA ALUMNI SALUTES THE 1985 EXECUTIVE SPONSORS

The following have contributed \$100 during 1985 as an investment towards the vocational agriculture-FFA program. The Executive Sponsor's funds directly support the prestigious Star 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.

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PCA IN KENTUCKY SPONSORS SEVERAL WCP SCHOLARSHIPS

The Hardin County FFA Alumni, since chartering a year ago, has received great support from the Nolin Production Credit Association (PCA). This PCA serves a large area of central Kentucky. They have announced that they will sponsor one \$310 Washington Conference Program scholarship for each chapter in their area. They will also provide two scholarships of \$235 for vocational agriculture instructors to accompany the group.

FFA MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

The FFA reached a membership high during the 1976-77 school year. It is interesting to review the membership by year.

<i>1976-77</i>	<i>1977-78</i>	<i>1978-79</i>	<i>1979-80</i>
509,735	507,108	494,394	481,676
<i>1980-81</i>	<i>1981-82</i>	<i>1982-83</i>	<i>1983-84</i>
482,611	475,923	468,953	452,665

As of the end of March of this school year, the FFA has 404,225 members which is a drop of over 20,000 from this same date last year. FFA Alumni affiliates are challenged to develop activities to encourage more students to enroll in vocational agriculture and become FFA members. Now is the time to stop the decline for the 1985-86 year.

Kiss Farming Goodbye

Gone would be the sweet smell of the alfalfa.

Gone would be the sprawling oak next to the field, where you always stopped for lunch.

Gone would be the smell of the sticky, muddy earth after a rain.

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WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The prestigious roster of Life Members has reached 5,460. As a Life Member you may designate that, upon 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 118 new Life Members.

Brian Windon	Pomeroy, OH	Sal Morando	Mannford, OK	Tom D. Hennigh Jr.	Windsor, IL	Scott Tverdy	Buhl, ID
Ray Black	New Lexington, OH	Gene Hamilton	Spiro, OK	Darrell D. Helligoss	Windsor, IL	Robert C. Haynes	Moscow, ID
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Sally Rambo	New Lexington, OH	Robert Core	Spencerville, OH	Mark A. Luce	Windsor, IL	Pam L. Zebarth	Twin Falls, ID
Richard Laird	Richwood, OH	Lynn P. Scoville	W. Cornwall, CT	Alice J. Meador	Windsor, IL	Sam Knipp	Manhattan, KS
Harry J. Hoerner	Good Hope, IL	Donald Lee Trimmer, Jr.	Normal, IL	Gary Philipp	Windsor, IL	Joyce Gnrer	Nashville, GA
Mark C. Peters	Turtle Lake, WI	Cindy C. Pruitt	Ripley, MS	Orris A. Seng	Windsor, IL	Rossie L. Corbitt	Lakeland, GA
Edward Reible	Waunakee, WI	David Huie	Mount Ulla, NC	Glenn B. Sims	Windsor, IL	David Pressley	Toccoa, GA
Dave Schaefer	Platteville, WI	Mack S. Edwards	Roanoke Rapids, NC	Lee Slater	Windsor, IL	Mike Earl	Bigelow, MN
Stewart Monson	Craig, NE	Gerald J. Earleywine	Brodhead, WI	Fred L. Smith	Windsor, IL	Bill Carlson	Anamosa, IA
Jim C. Colton	Weatherford, TX	James Edward Doan	Hamiin, NY	Douglas N. Thompson	Gays IL	David S. Krieg	Verona, WI
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William L. White	Pearson, GA	Dale Van Eman	Athens, IL	George Ackerman	Alliance, NE	Robert Bennett Chapman	Linn, MO
Elsie Rudd	New Lexington, OH	Robert W. Zook	Athens, IL	Dale E. Nielson	Chapman, NE	Dean Rohn	Millington, MI
Bob Boyd	Austin, TX	Tim D. Bennett	Windsor, IL	Sadie Tryon	Scottsbluff, NE	Robin Rohn	Millington, MI
Melba Brown	Luling, TX	Cary R. Cole	Windsor, IL	Richard Foster	Lincoln, NE	Gary Sunday	Marshall, MI
Bobbie Brown	Luling, TX	Richard R. Cole, Jr.	Windsor, IL	Joseph Mortellaro	New Lexington, OH	Don Franz	Sidney, MT
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KIEL, WISCONSIN, ALUMNI SELL PIZZA

The Kiel, Wisconsin, FFA Alumni assisted FFA members with a pizza sale selling over 3,200 pizzas. They sold 900 more than they did in 1984. FFA and FFA Alumni members made 1,500 pizzas on delivery day before 11:30 AM.

FAUQUIER COUNTY, VIRGINIA CONDUCTS COUNTRY HAM AND OYSTER DINNER

The Fauquier County, Virginia, Alumni affiliate has planned a money raising activity to sponsor FFA scholarships, convention trips and achievement awards. The country ham and oyster dinner will cost \$7.50 and be prepared and served by the FFA Alumni.

OWASSO, OKLAHOMA ALUMNI SUPPORTS FFA

The Owasso, Oklahoma, FFA Alumni sold advertisements for display in the FFA Livestock and Show Barn which they donated several years ago. They will raise \$10,500 this year from the advertisement signs which will be hung from the ceiling on the interior walls. The Alumni installed two overhead heaters last year and are planning restrooms for the show barn this year. The Alumni will also sponsor public speaking contest and livestock showmanship trophies.

NATIONAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The Eastern and Southern Regional representatives' positions on the National FFA Alumni Council will become vacant at this year's convention when Jay Householder of Ohio and J. Lamar Branch of Georgia complete their three-year terms. The National Council will review state nominations in July to develop a ballot of two names per region for voting by delegates at the convention. All interested Alumni in these regions should contact their state Alumni president. All applications from states have to be approved and signed by the state president and mailed to the national office by July 1.

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION AWARDS

FFA Alumni and FFA members are invited to participate in the Soil and Water Conservation Awards program. This program includes state recognition as well as three \$1,000 national awards with an award ceremony at the White House. These awards are intended for recognition of conservation practices, demonstration of innovative conservation techniques, demonstration of a conservation resources management system, and the initiation of relatively inexpensive conservation techniques. You are encouraged to contact your state FFA Alumni president or state vocational agriculture office for more information.

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