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NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

"Knowing – Believing – Loving"

by Virgil Martinson, Stoughton, Wisconsin

Mark Twain, the noted author, humorist and world traveler, formulated this definition of success: "Knowing what you are doing; Believing in what you are doing; Loving what you are doing".

FFA Alumni members in active local affiliates know what they are doing.



Alumni officers meet with their FFA chapter officers and advisor to assist them in planning their program of work. Based on the chapter's goals and needs for financial support, the Alumni can plan fund raising activities and other means of support. Close contact with the FFA advisor and chapter officers throughout the year enables the Alumni to be an effective mechanism in helping the agricultural teacher to conduct their dynamic program.

FFA Alumni members believe in what they are doing. They know that agricultural education is a model program. Countless people believe it is the best all around preparation for work in any field, with leadership training through FFA, trained and dedicated teachers, an instilled entrepreneurial spirit, a strong science component, supervised agricultural experience, and community service. In addition to classroom instruction, agricultural teachers become a vital component in the lives of their students.

FFA Alumni members love what they are doing. These volunteers are caring and sharing people. They possess a deep feeling of satisfaction when local FFA members perform well in judging contests, speaking contests, leadership activities and when they receive scholarships and other recognition. As they watch these young people achieve and grow in self esteem, they realize that their time and efforts have been well spent.

Your help is needed in recruiting parents of FFA members and others to join the FFA Alumni so that our programs remain strong. *Together We Can* make a difference in the lives of young people – our most precious resource.

Annual and Life Dues for 1993

The National FFA Alumni Council recommends to the 1992 convention delegates that life membership dues be increased to \$150.00 and national annual dues be reduced from \$8.00 to \$7.00 for 1993. The annual dues for 1993 were raised by the 1991 convention delegates to \$8.00. The \$100.00 life membership dues were not changed.

Life membership dues are invested and because of lower interest rates are generating less income than in the past. Each FFA Alumni life member, as a benefit, may receive a free subscription to the FFA *New Horizons* magazine. This is an expense to the FFA Alumni Association. Also, the national annually returns \$2.00 to each state for each of their life members.

Life memberships represent 36 percent of our national membership. With present interest rates and the benefits listed above, the \$100.00 life membership is providing less than \$1.00 to the national budget to support national programs. Annual dues are presently providing over five times this amount for national programs.

Raising annual dues from \$6.00 to \$8.00 in 1993, which is a 33 percent increase, does not seem to solve our problem. States and annual members have expressed concern that annual membership dues should not be increased to cover a budget problem caused by not increasing life membership dues. Life membership dues in the FFA Alumni Association have not changed since their creation in 1972. The National FFA Alumni Council recommends that delegates study this important issue prior to the national convention in November.

National Council Nominations

The central and western region positions on the National FFA Alumni Council will be elected at this year's convention. Virgil Martinson and June Dean have served in these positions for the past three years. State nominations for these three-year elected positions are due in the national office by June 1. If you are interested in serving on the National FFA Alumni Council, contact your state FFA Alumni officers or the national office for an application. Applications must be approved by the state FFA Alumni president or state council.

Help FFA Alumni Auction Grow

The FFA Alumni annual auction will be held Wednesday, November 11, in the Bartle Convention Center, north complex, during the national FFA and FFA Alumni conventions in Kansas City, Missouri. Monies raised from the auction will be used for scholarships for FFA members.

A Chevrolet 4-wheel drive special FFA blue and gold pickup truck and two round-trip tickets from Continental and American Airlines, good for travel in the United States, have already been donated.

The Michigan FFA Alumni will coordinate this year's auction with Vic Verchereau as coordinator. Last year they raised over \$30,000.00. Please call Vic Verchereau at 517-673-4155 or the national office at 703-360-3901 if you have an item to donate, can assist with securing an item, or you are interested in purchasing the truck, airline tickets or other auction items. We encourage all contributors to contact us before July 1 so more publicity can be provided. Your help in securing auction items will be appreciated.

FFA Foundation Raises Over 4.4 Million Dollars for Agricultural Education

The 1991 campaign of the National FFA Foundation generated \$4,424,958.49, a five percent increase over 1990. In addition, \$400,374.00 was earned from interest and other income, and over \$50,000.00 was added to the FFA endowment for scholarships.

The FFA Alumni Association received support from several sponsors as special projects of the National FFA Foundation. They included Philip Morris U.S.A. who supported the FFA Alumni State Leaders' Conference, and the Rhône-Poulenc Ag Company and Chrysler Motors Corporation—Dodge Trucks sponsored the FFA Alumni newsletter. Foundation sponsors for the FFA Alumni auction included Chevrolet Motor Division—Trucks with a pickup truck, TSC Stores with a Huskee riding mower, PATZ Sales Incorporated with a conveyor, Snap-On Tools Corporation with a tool chest and roll cab, Dr. Jim Wand's hypnotist show, and Na-Churs Plant Food Company with 500 gallons of liquid fertilizer. The leadership workshops held in Kansas City were sponsored by Land O'Lakes, Incorporated, and the FFA Alumni membership awards were sponsored by the Ace Bolt and Nut Company, Incorporated. The FFA Alumni Association also receives a percentage of all FFA Foundation executive sponsor contributions.

The 1991 chairman of the National FFA Foundation was Robert W. Reynolds of the Monsanto Agricultural Company, and the 1992 campaign is under the direction of Neil Christenson of Deere and Company.

Alumni Salutes Executive Sponsors

Since our winter 1992 newsletter, the following have contributed \$100.00 or more as Executive Sponsors of the FFA. The number of years of contributions is listed in parentheses. All alumni are encouraged to become executive sponsors. For information, contact the national FFA Alumni office.

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Tom Munter (6)
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Stewart Bloodworth (1)
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Charles Conrad (9)
James Robertson (4)
Kevin Vasquez (2)
James A. Williams (2)

Nebraska

B. E. Gingery (14)
Ted D. Ward (14)

New Hampshire

Wentworth Hubbard (13)

New York

Alfred H. Krebs (23)
Wilbur Townsend (18)

Oklahoma

Harold Hamilton (3)
Phyllis Sokolosky (15)

Pennsylvania

Donald E. Bissing (1)
William Kirk Jr. (1)
Earl M. Morgan (1)

South Carolina

Duane Nielsen (12)
J. F. Wyse (5)

Texas

William Donwen (2)
Howard Morrison (15)

Virginia

John Hillison (7)
Neville Hunsicker (16)
Oakley M. Ray (5)
Robert Seefeldt (2)
Bernie L. Staller (15)

West Virginia

Robert Maxwell (15)
W. H. Wayman (14)
Homer J. Yokum (4)

Wisconsin

Arnold B. Cordes (14)
Floyd/Betty Doering (15)
Kim A. Havens (11)
Kevin A. Keith (9)
William D. Knox (12)
Charles/Aralda Larson (15)
Gene Pressnall (11)
Victor V. Voigt (15)

FFA Alumni State Leaders' Conference

The FFA Alumni State Leaders' Conference is scheduled for Tuesday through Saturday, July 28–August 1, in the Washington, DC, area, and is sponsored by Philip Morris U.S.A., as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. The conference will be held the same week as the FFA State Presidents' Conference and two FFA Washington Conference Programs. Some conference activities will be held together. Highlights include speakers, workshops, banquets, sightseeing of the Washington, DC, area, and a VIP tour of the Philip Morris tobacco headquarters and factory in Richmond, Virginia.

All FFA Alumni members are invited to attend the conference which will be held at the Crystal City Marriott Hotel. State FFA Alumni presidents, or one state representative, are invited to attend at a reduced registration fee and free lodging. The conference expenses of \$422.00 before May 15 or \$457.00 after May 15 which includes most meals and lodging are tax deductible for FFA Alumni leaders officially representing their affiliate or state at this educational meeting.

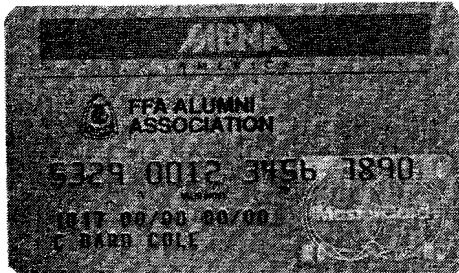
For more information, contact Gary Maricle, conference director, at 816-871-1820 or East Magnet High School, 1924 Van Brunt Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri, 64127 or the national FFA Alumni office at 703-360-3901.

1991 Outstanding FFA Alumni Affiliate Activities

The following activities were accomplished by our eight 1991 gold affiliates. These are only examples of the hundreds of proven support activities that can be conducted by local affiliates. These affiliates' memberships ranged from 71 to 402 members. We hope your affiliate is growing in support of agricultural education.

1. Hosted a spaghetti dinner during National FFA Week.
2. Alumni hosted fall back-to-school cookout for FFA members and families.
3. Alumni assisted agricultural instructor in developing new course outlines for agricultural education program.
4. Alumni donated \$7,500.00 to purchase a greenhouse and many hours of labor in its construction.
5. Six Dale Carnegie Course scholarships were arranged for FFA members by the FFA Alumni affiliate.
6. Sponsored a nut and bolt sale that raised \$3,649.00.
7. Alumni sponsored a 64 variety corn test plot for the agricultural education department to use in checking plant population, weed, disease, and insect control, and yield and harvesting losses.
8. Alumni coordinated the placing of seven students on a year-round supervised agricultural experience program.
9. Organized and provided funding for curriculum for first year eighth grade agricultural education program.
10. Alumni coordinated the hosting of two FFA members from an FFA chapter in another state.
11. Alumni hosted chapter banquet that included providing all the meat served.
12. Provided animals for several FFA members to raise as part of their SAE programs.
13. Sponsored FFA and FFA Alumni family picnic that included an agricultural olympics.
14. Presented \$4,000.00 in scholarships to senior FFA members.
15. Sponsored a middle school Agribusiness Career Day that included 14 booths from agribusinesses.
16. Alumni provided substitutes when the agricultural instructors are out of the classroom.
17. Alumni provided a one-day farm safety forum.
18. Alumni helped obtain a 350-gallon bulk tank for starting an aquaculture program.
19. Paid one-half the cost of the first FFA jacket of all FFA members.
20. Sponsored all senior FFA members to the FFA banquet.
21. Alumni donated \$2,450.00 toward the purchase of two copying machines for FFA chapters in their community.
22. FFA Alumni members helped completion of the FFA chapter darkroom.
23. Alumni donated money to the annual arbor day to purchase 400 trees.
24. Organized and planned a new \$300,000.00 agricultural education complex which includes a new classroom, animal science lab, greenhouse, and agricultural shop.
25. Purchased and maintained FFA van for transportation for FFA members.

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FFA Update

FFA continues to grow and change to meet the needs of FFA members, instructors, and other FFA partners at the local level. To keep FFA Alumni informed, we will include news briefs in each newsletter. Did you know???

- A new teacher publication will be published by the National FFA Organization. The periodical, "Making A Difference", will start in May.
- Aquaculture inservice plans continue for a nationwide workshop on the newly developed aquaculture curriculum on August 11-16 in Raleigh, North Carolina.
- Thirty-six FFA Made For Excellence conferences have been held in 1991-92 in 32 states with more than 5,500 participants.
- FFA members attending Made For Excellence conferences donated a total of \$1,500.00 as a special FFA contribution to the United States Olympic Team.
- Nominations of proficiency and star selection judges will be accepted until May 15. Selection committees will meet at the National FFA Convention on Thursday, November 12, in Kansas City, Missouri. Please send names, titles, addresses, and qualifications of FFA Alumni members who would be able to serve as judges to Bob Seefeldt, National FFA Center, P.O. Box 15160, Alexandria, VA 22309.
- National FFA Parliamentary Procedure Contest will be held at the National FFA Convention for the first time if sponsor is located by August 15.
- Mark Timm, 1990-91 National FFA President, has been invited by President George Bush to serve as a White House intern this summer.

FFA International Positions Are Available

The Student Services Team is currently offering two new exciting employment opportunities for past international participants. They will be offering a full-time intern position, effective June 1, 1992. The internship is for an individual interested in working with international participants who come to the United States to gain agricultural experience. This is a full-time position at the FFA Center for one year. Good clerical and phone skills are required.

The FFA will also be pilot testing field representative positions in Indiana, Iowa and Wisconsin. These newly hired field representatives, one from each state, will be on a part-time basis and will help in the promotion of all FFA international programs. These individuals will have direct contact with host families, school administrators and potential participants.

If you are interested in the intern position at the FFA Center and/or would like further information, please contact Diane Crow at 703-360-3600 ext. 319.

Carry An FFA Alumni MasterCard

The FFA Alumni Association affinity MasterCard with the MBNA Bank has proven to provide the FFA Alumni Association with an average of \$10.00 per year per card issued and gives every cardholder great benefits. This superior program that was started four years ago benefits each cardholder with up to a \$5,000 line of credit, up to \$300,000 common carrier travel accident insurance, auto rental collision deductible insurance, lost checked luggage protection, free lost card registration, a free additional card, and 24-hour toll-free customer satisfaction. The annual fee is free the first year and \$20.00 for each year following. The FFA Alumni receives a donation from MBNA Bank based on \$1.00 per card the first year, \$3.00 for renewals, and half (.5) percent of all charges made on each card issued. For securing an FFA Alumni affinity MasterCard or information call 1-800-847-7378 and tell the service representative you are a member of the Future Farmers of America Alumni (FFAA).

Educational Tour Sponsored by Alumni

In January, twenty-one Scott County FFA and FFA Alumni members visited the National FFA Center. The group participated in a special leadership workshop and toured the FFA Center. The group also toured Washington, DC, and visited the offices of Congressman Larry Hopkins, Senator Wendell Ford, and Senator Mitch McConnell.



An added feature of the trip was snow skiing at Blue Knob, Pennsylvania, with Woody Cox, executive director of the National FFA Alumni and Andy Markwart, editor of the FFA *New Horizons* magazine. To assist the FFA members with financing their trip, the Scott County FFA Alumni conducted a chili supper. Scott County FFA is the first Kentucky chapter to plan an educational tour of Washington, DC, and the FFA Center in the past twenty years.

Welcome New Life Members

Since the winter newsletter, our prestigious list of Life members has grown by 345 and has reached a total of 12,395. A life member receives the FFA magazine and may designate that upon their death their \$100.00 be presented as a memorial scholarship to a FFA member in a chapter or state, or may be designated to support some area of agriculture and/or agricultural education, or may remain permanently in the national FFA Alumni trust fund.

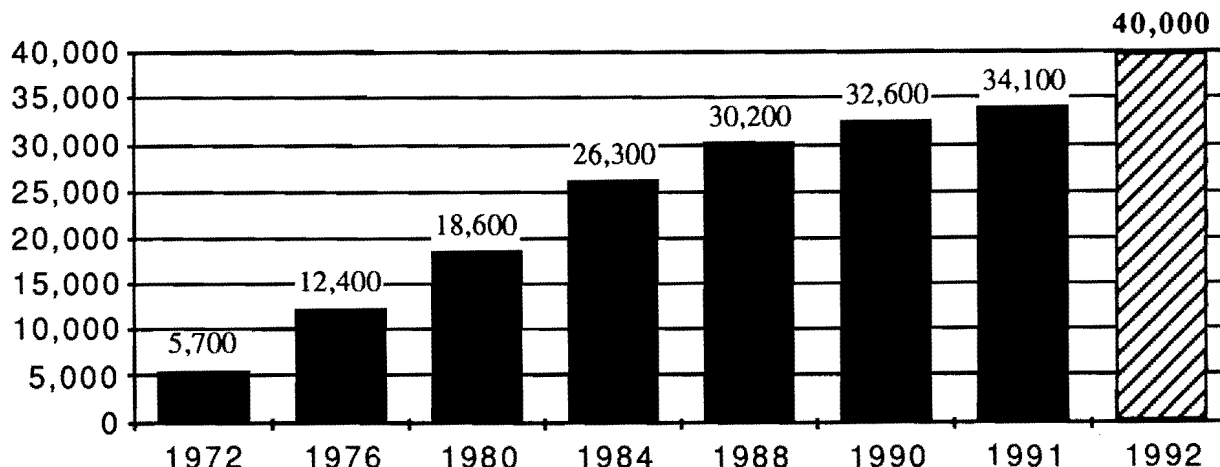
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Richard Countryman	Marge Pape	John Culek Jr.	Frederic Stillwagen	Laura J. Halfman	Audrey Miller	Lorraine Shefchek
Richard Kennedy	Jay Runner	Emily Drozd	South Carolina	Mary Halfman	Harold Morrison	Cheryl Sinkula
Gene H. Schmitz	George Stulz	Tara Eurek	William R. Carter	Jeff Handschke	Mark Mroczenski	Ervin Sinkula Jr.
Arkansas	Indiana	Bryce Halstead	Christine Harris	Olie Hanthorn	Peter Mueller	Dan Skalitzy
Kenneth Davis	Gayle G. Osborn	Duane Hoelsing	R. Theo Harris	Lloyd Hardy	Clarence Natzke	Terry Slotty
Tom L. Jumper Jr.	Iowa	Leon Janovy	Luther L. Lewis	Rick Hartel	Janice Natzke	Brenda Sosnovske
Don Mills	Lee Paris	Max Jenny	John H. Rodgers	Theresa Hasel	Ken Nodolf	Marty Sosnovske
Steven Mitchell	Roger Griffin	Wilma Jenny	South Dakota	Crystal Hasheider	Jeff Notstad	Donald Southworth
David Nelson	W. Mark Hilton	Brad Jensen	Larry G. Nelson	Paul Hasheider	John Oelhafen	Wayne J. Stanek
Brian Peters	Elizabeth Hoelscher	Blake Johnson	West Virginia	Janet Haugen	Michelle Olson	Edwin Stelter
Jessmy Robertson	Sheryl L. Janko	Chris Kalkowski	Vanessa R. Sowers	Gerald Heil	Robert Olson	Wilbert Stewart
Toby Stephens	Sam Lee	Dennis Kinnemann	Wisconsin	Bill Holig	Craig Paulson	Jeff Styczynski
Colorado	Ardeth Maas	Brian Kubik	William Agnew	Joan Holig	Diane K. Paulson	Alan Tank
Robert A. Bicek	Gene Maas	Jarrod Nielson	Al Baranczyk	Dayton Hougaard	Amber Pischer	Mark Taylor
Connecticut	Perry Mogler	Jon Panning	Lloyd J. Baumann	Erik Huschitt	Karl Plinke	Donald Turba
Lorraine M. King	Mike Rupert	Patricia Perry	Larry Jerrett	Larry Jerrett	Dolores Powers	Karen Tyler
Edward Moyrihan	Nancy Selness	Jim Robinson	Lori Jerrett	Kevin Kammes	Susan Prien	Dean Ullmann
Milton Natusch	Dale Spencer	Marvin Sierks	Kevin Kammes	Arthur Kautza	Gary Princl	Mark Ullmann
Patricia Natusch	Glenn A. Sterk	Dorothy Thummel	Richard Bockhop	Arthur Kautza	Sara Rader	Paul Van Handel
Megan Thompson	Alan R. Tubbs	D. A. Toalson	John B. Bowditch	Eugene Kegler	Kathy Rear	Lee Van Wychen
Banham Thompson Jr.	George Zeck	Lori A. Walla	Dennis Brattlie	Nick Kippley	John Reed	Steve VanDyenPlas
Georgia	Kansas	Amber Wilke	Linda J. Burton	Fred Kohnle	Gerald Riedl	Jerry Vesperman
Paul Adams	Jerry Marmie	Todd Wilke	Steve Cameron	Jeff Kosharek	Kevin Riley	Brandon Vickers
Carol Barckley	Lois M. Schneider	Duane Wollenburg	Dale Carlson	Brett Krause	Leo Riley	Cindy Viste
Norma W. Cheek	Kentucky	Nevada	Mike Colle	Paul Krause	Dave Rizzardi	Don Viste
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Danny Hadsock	Greg Beavin	Jim Sustacha	Christopher Lausted	Janice Lefeber	Fem Rowe	Larry Wathke
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nes A. Hayes	Steve Beavin	Lowell K. Bunker	Richard C. Cooley	Randy Lins	Dennis Rusch	Wayne Weiland
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Ted Perfect	Joe R. Wright	Mitchel Overcash	Gerald Gardner	Diane Genke	Joyce Schultz	Jeff Wnuk
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Foster Rhodes	Maryland	Terry Sifford	Joan Genke	David Gertsch	DuWayne Schulz	Lorlane Wolf
L. David Skinner	Philip Lawrence	Jeff Taylor	David Gertsch	Jim Good	James Schutz	Donna Wolfe
Felix Smith	Ann B. Vogt	Cyrus Vernon	Jim Good	Dennis Gratz	DeWayne Schwartzlow	Jack Yearwood
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Sara G. Tabor	Jason Abbot	William Vernon	Bert Grochowski	Eugene Mess	Richard Seebecker	Clinton Zettle
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H. A. Talton	Chad Bellville	Robert O. Black				
Willie J. Tyson	Heather Combs	Stephen W. Black				
Melanie Walker	Harmon Cropsey	William Bowersock				
T. Lavelle Webb	Troy Crowe	Mark E. Hardesty				
Keith White	Casey Kuchar	Carolyn Holbrook				
Remus P. Williams	Kenneth McCoy	Gerald Koverman				
Frank Wooten	Mary Alice McCoy	Andrew Lacy				
Illinois	Melissa Memmer	Kayla Luzadder				
Lowell E. Akers	Sara A. Paulsen	Francis Maag				
Tom Bieri	Sara Persons	Thomas McClure Sr.				
Ron Biondo	Eric Salsbury	Rick Mead				
Blair Blaser	Ken Chapman	William Mooney				
Brad C. Blaser	Kelly Jo Siemen	Daniel E. Needs				
Richard Bridge	Mike Smego	Ron Osterholt				
Jeff Bryan	Carl F. Sparks	Jessica L. Sayre				
Tom Carlson	Lyle Springsteen	Herman Seffemick				
ndy DeSutter	Amy Stroven	Thomas D. Shafer				
R. Gochee	Nebraska	Kyle Sharp				
Robert Gochee	David Bashaw	Deane Wagner				
Kent E. Johnson	Candice Bemdt	James Zumbrink				

Blue Blazer Awarded to State Presidents If State Membership Grows

If membership is increased by 50 or more members this year, your state FFA Alumni president, or their designee, will receive an official FFA Alumni blue blazer. The Ace Bolt and Nut Company, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, has sponsored these beautiful blazers since this award was created seven years ago. We hope your state will have an FFA Alumni member receive this special blue blazer membership award this year.

1992 Membership Goal

Merle Richter, chairperson for membership, has set a goal of 40,000 FFA Alumni members for this year. This is possible if every member promotes membership. As you can see from the chart below, the National FFA Alumni has grown steadily since its beginning in 1972. Last year we had a seven percent increase. This year's goal is a 17 percent increase. Help us continue to grow in our support of agricultural education and the FFA. We can reach our goal if you sign up one or more new members this year.



State Grants Awarded

A \$500.00 grant is given to four states annually to allow state FFA Alumni associations to develop new support activities. The four states selected this year are: Missouri, North Carolina, Texas and Wisconsin. The following gives a brief description of each state's proposal. For additional information on these projects, contact the national office.

The **Missouri FFA Alumni** will develop and implement a program that will systematically provide information on the aims and purposes of the FFA Alumni. They will develop an attractive brochure describing programs and activities. Their plans also call for a mobile display booth showing FFA Alumni activities.

The **North Carolina FFA Alumni** will select ten teachers to participate in a workshop emphasizing the organization and establishment of new FFA Alumni affiliates. The grant will cover workshop expenses. The state's goal is to start seven new affiliates.

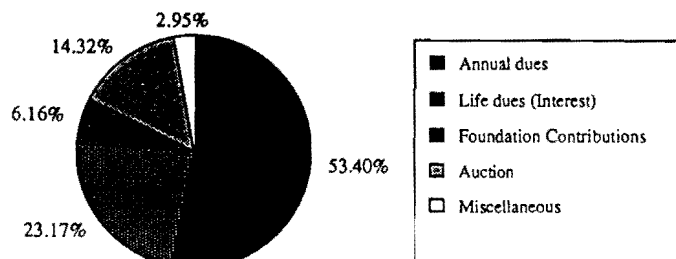
The **Texas FFA Alumni** grant will be used to develop a customized brochure for local schools to use for their Agricultural Science/FFA program. This will be accomplished by providing a generic format or shell of a brochure for local use. They also plan to print 10,000 brochures for use on a statewide basis.

The **Wisconsin FFA Alumni** grant will be used to help fund the revision of the FFA Alumni tabletop display, to develop a slide or video program on FFA Alumni values, and to create radio public service announcements promoting the FFA Alumni.

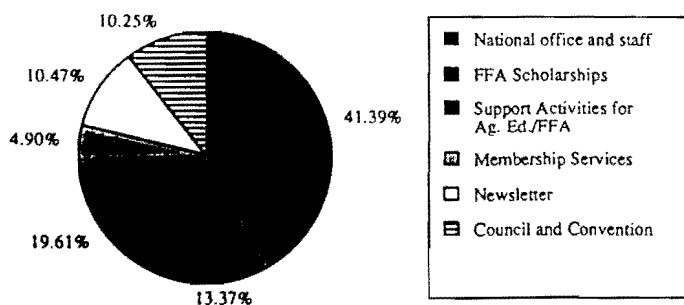
Review of Alumni Income and Expenses

Pictured below is a pie chart review of the 1991 income and expenses. All 1991 convention delegates received an audit report of income and expenses of the FFA Alumni Association. Copies are available upon request to any FFA Alumni member.

Income



Expenses



National FFA Alumni Convention

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the national FFA and FFA Alumni conventions in Kansas City, Missouri, on November 11-14. Hotel reservations should be made as early as possible. FFA Alumni convention sessions and annual auction will be held on Wednesday.

Presidential Classroom Scholarship Available to FFA Member

The National FFA Alumni is supporting one FFA scholar to attend the 1992 Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in Washington, DC, during June 13-20 or June 20-27. The \$725.00 scholarship pays the full cost for enrollment, but the member must pay for their own transportation. Presidential Classroom is for high school juniors or seniors who maintain at least a "B" average and are involved in their communities. The week in Washington is heavily concentrated on formal sessions with national leaders in politics, government and business. Interested members should call 1-800-441-6533 and request an application brochure. Applicants need to write on top of the application that they are applying for the FFA scholarship. The deadline is May 1.

Membership Promotion Awards

The National FFA Alumni will be awarding the following at the convention in November, 1992. Merle Richter of Wisconsin, chairperson of the membership development committee challenges you and your state to be included on this year's list of recipients.

1. The Legion of Merit Award is presented to any individual signing up fifteen or more new or renewal members, or five life members, or five executive sponsors. Applications must be received in the national office by October 1.
2. Scholarships, valued at \$350.00 each, will be presented for the 1993 FFA Washington Conference Program. States will receive one scholarship for every 500 members. States with less than 500 members will receive scholarships based on 50 cents per active member. Local affiliates will receive one scholarship for every 250 active alumni members or 100 life members.
3. Plaques, indicating growth percentage, will be given to states increasing their 1992 membership.
4. Plaques will be awarded to states where FFA Alumni membership reaches 25%, 50%, 75%, or 100% of FFA membership. At the time FFA Alumni membership equals 100 percent, a check for \$1.00 per member will be presented to the state.
5. Plaques will be presented for the most life members in a state, most life member affiliates in a state, most life members in a local affiliate, and most FFA Alumni members in an affiliate.

Leadership Development

(lēad 'ēr·ship di·vel'óp - ment)

n. 1. To grow the qualities of a leader.

[see *Washington Conference Program*]

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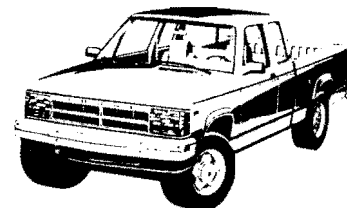
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- May 15 – Alumni State Leaders' Conference
Advance Registration Due
- June 1 – Outstanding Achievement Awards Appl. Due
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- July 1 – State Resolutions and Constitutional
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- July 15–20 National Council Meeting
- July 28–
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