



FFA Alumni Association

NEWSLETTER

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KISS A FROG TODAY

By Ken Seering, National FFA Alumni President

Have you kissed a frog today? Probably not. They're ugly and clammy, not very attractive creatures, and generally found on lily pads with no real goals in life.

Remember the Frog Prince story....when a wicked fairy changed a handsome Prince into a frog, and the only way he could come back as a handsome prince is if a beautiful Princess would kiss him.

Well, as the story goes, a beautiful young Princess was playing her favorite game, throwing her golden ball into the air and then catching it. As luck would have it, it landed in a pond where the frog was. He brought it back to the Princess and being so happy with the return of her golden ball she took him to the King's castle.

The frog was treated like royalty by the beautiful Princess and she eventually gave the frog a kiss, this broke the wicked fairy's spell and immediately turned him back into a handsome young Prince. They were married and lived happily ever after.

Well, what does this story have to do with the FFA Alumni and the FFA member?

When first year vocational agriculture students become familiar with the FFA organization, they learn of the great traditions, opportunities of leadership, award programs, and other related activities. At this time, they need the assistance of the vo-ag instructor, parents, and others. These young members set their sights on those highest of stars whether it be participating in an FFA creed contest or achieving the coveted American Farmer Degree.

There's an organization which can assist this FFA member who will be dedicating four or more years of his/her life for the FFA organization and their own personal growth. The FFA ALUMNI is this support group which has vowed its willingness to help FFA members on their journey to the stars.

The first year FFA member is the frog in the above story and you, the FFA ALUMNI member, is the Princess. The FFA ALUMNI has the opportunity to be that important link in making FFA members' goals become reality.

Why not KISS A FROG TODAY, and continually invite other concerned community people to do the same for the future of these youth in agriculture. It is up to each of us to "ADJUST ATTITUDES" for the betterment of the FFA/FFA Alumni in 1983.

GRANTON, WISCONSIN PUBLISHES AN ANNUAL PROGRAM OF WORK

Each year the Granton, Wisconsin FFA Alumni publishes a program of work and a schedule of Alumni activities. Some of their activities being planned for 1983 are: sponsoring a fire extinguisher clinic for FFA members, hosting a ladies home and hobby tour, donating \$300 to purchase FFA livestock at shows, sending a FFA president to the Washington Conference, and helping the FFA with the Food for America program. This Alumni affiliate has 116 Alumni members in a community of about 350. The Granton Alumni have just completed making by hand an Alumni banner which they proudly display at all Alumni activities.



YOUR INVITATION TO THE 1983 ALUMNI CONVENTION

You are invited to the 1983 National FFA Alumni Convention which will be held on November 9-10 in Kansas City, Missouri, in the Bartle Convention Complex. The Alumni sessions, conducted by the National FFA Alumni Council, will be Wednesday from 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. and Thursday from 9:00 - 12:00 noon. The FFA Convention held in the Convention Hall of the same complex starts Thursday morning and ends Saturday evening. FFA featured speakers include Zig Ziglar, Willard Scott, and Robert Moawad. Several other outstanding speakers have been invited and confirmation has yet to be finalized. The FFA and FFA Alumni conventions with over 22,000 persons attending have become one of our nation's largest conventions. Make your room reservations now and plan to celebrate an educational and motivational week at this year's conventions.

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.

LEBANON, CONNECTICUT SPONSORS BLOODMOBILE

Sixty FFA Alumni and twenty-one FFA members were involved in the winter bloodmobile. Seventy-nine donors from ten towns participated. The Lebanon group hosted a pig roast and square dance in June and their annual auction in May. The auction has grown into a six-hour event and a very successful money-raiser.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

The FFA Washington Conference Program started its 1983 program on June 13. A total of 1,500 FFA members will participate in seven conferences this summer. The National FFA Alumni will present 39 scholarships valued at \$10,725. The Conference provides further development of leadership skills and an appreciation of our nation's great heritage. Special emphasis is given to personal development and leadership skills to be used with their local FFA Chapter.



Pictured above are Scott Bollin of Iowa Falls, Iowa and Mike Burns of Springfield, Georgia being presented their FFA Alumni scholarship by Robert W. Cox, FFA Alumni Executive Director, during the first session of the Washington Conference.

PROGRESS REPORT ON NATIONAL STRUCTURE

Kenneth G. Seering, National FFA Alumni President, represented the FFA Alumni as an Ad-Hoc Committee member in Kansas City on April 19-21. The Committee developed a proposal for a new Structure of National Leadership for Vocational and Technical Education in Agriculture. The Committee recognized the need for keeping the instruction program in accordance with American agriculture and the need to aggressively serve all levels of instruction in agriculture. A systematic and nationwide approach to providing leadership is the goal of this committee. The next meeting of the Ad-Hoc Committee will be in September. If you are interested in a copy of the Ad-Hoc Steering Committee's report, contact the National FFA Alumni office.

WEA SCHOLARSHIP



Carolee Roberts was presented with \$117 Work Experience Abroad FFA Alumni Scholarship by Robert W. Cox, Executive Director of the National FFA Alumni. (Note that scholarship was given in one dollar bills.) Carolee is from Eldorado, Wisconsin, and is presently experiencing a great learning opportunity in Germany. The WEA scholarship is based on one dollar for each FFA Alumni member that is an active member of the special National WEA Alumni Affiliate.

RECEIVES FFA DEGREES IN REVERSE

Larry Augenstein, National FFA Officer in 1928, was awarded the Honorary California FFA Degree on May 8, 1983. He received his American Farmer Degree in 1928 when the FFA was organized and later received the Ohio FFA State Farmer Degree and local FFA chapter degrees. He also received the Honorary American Farmer Degree prior to the California Honorary State Degree. Mr. Augenstein is the only living person to receive his degrees in reverse order. Since his year as National FFA Alumni Vice President and Ohio FFA President, Mr. Augenstein has supported vocational agriculture in many ways. Since 1972 when the FFA Alumni was chartered, he has been one of our greatest supporters. He is presently an active member of the Poway FFA Alumni Affiliate.

ALUMNI WORKSHOP HELD AS PART OF VIRGINIA ALUMNI CONVENTION

The Virginia FFA Alumni held a two-hour workshop on local, state, and national activities, successful methods of chartering, and other topics which stimulate quality and growth of the FFA Alumni. Over sixty persons attended the session conducted by Robert W. Cox, National FFA Alumni Executive Director, following the FFA Alumni Convention which was chaired by Virginia Alumni President, Norman Grove. The National FFA Alumni Council is interested in sponsoring regional workshops (two or three states) or sponsoring state workshops where interest and numbers merit.

FFA ALUMNI TO SPONSOR NVATA RECEPTION

The FFA Alumni will sponsor a reception for the spouses of all agriculture teachers attending the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Convention in December in California. Please make sure as an Alumni member that you extend an invitation if the spouse of your local teacher of agriculture plans to attend. The FFA Alumni Association recognizes the value of outstanding teachers of agriculture and the support of their spouses. This reception sponsored for the second year is in recognition of our appreciation.

EDDIE ALBERT SPEAKS FOR AGRICULTURE



Eddie Albert, actor and conservationist, will be the spokesman for an FFA public service announcement campaign during 1984. A network of vocational agriculture instructors is being developed nationwide to act as media representatives to deliver the public service announcements to television stations in January 1984. FFA Alumni are encouraged to assist local FFA advisors in arranging for these special public service vocational agriculture-FFA announcements to be televised in your area.

LOCAL FFA ALUMNI DEVELOPS COOKBOOK

The Zillah, Washington affiliate has published an FFA Alumni cookbook. (They are for sale for \$5 from Nancy Traub, Rt. 2, Box 2864, Zillah, WA 98953.) Profits will be used for scholarships for local FFA members. In April, they held their third annual FFA Alumni flea market. This activity also includes an auction.

DID YOU KNOW?

The FFA Supply Service handles all the items for the FFA Alumni. All profits from items purchased go directly to the FFA Organization. If you are interested in special trophies, plaques, caps, or almost anything not already listed on the Alumni Supply Service catalog pages, please call Harry Andrews (703-360-3600). In many cases FFA catalog items can be modified by adding the Alumni logo at a very reasonable cost.

ALUMNI COLLEGIATE INTERNSHIP



Larry Svehla from Clarkson, Nebraska is pictured with Byron Rawls, National FFA Advisor. Larry is spending a ten-week internship this summer in the Washington, D.C. area meeting with key leaders in Congress, government, and agriculture and education associations. During this Alumni sponsored program, he will have the opportunity to share the values of the vocational agriculture-FFA program with many people who have never met an Alumni or received firsthand values of the vocational agriculture-FFA program. This program started in 1979 and Larry is the seventh FFA Alumni intern.

WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The prestigious roster of Life Members has reached 4,178. 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. For those Life Members who do not designate otherwise, their \$100 will automatically be designated to the permanent trust fund as a memorial to the Life Member upon his or her death. As a Life Member, you will receive a special Life Membership card, Life Membership certificate, and lifetime subscription to *The National FUTURE FARMER* magazine. The following have become Life Members since our last newsletter.

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FFA ALUMNI TO HOST INTERNATIONAL FARMERS

The FFA Alumni hosted a group of five Holland Young Farmers in early July. The Denmark FFA Alumni and the Black Hawk FFA Alumni affiliates in Wisconsin are making all the arrangements for two great educational weeks for our Holland visitors. Any males interested in visiting Holland on an exchange trip in 1984 and is between the ages of 25-35 should contact the National FFA Alumni office. A group of French farmers will be touring the United States in August. They will spend nights and visit FFA Alumni in Stuttgart, Arkansas and Evansville, Wisconsin.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION LEGISLATION EXPECTED THIS YEAR

The FFA Alumni, in its role of monitoring vocational agriculture legislation, will be keeping you informed in each newsletter on the progress Congress is making on the reauthorization of vocational education legislation as it pertains to vocational agriculture. The House of Representatives is expected to move with sub-committee activities this summer and fall. The present vocational education legislation became law in 1963 with the last amendments in 1976. This legislation will be very important to the future of vocational agriculture-FFA. Now is the time for local Alumni members and local Alumni affiliates to write their Congressman stating the values of vocational agriculture in their community.

VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE IS MODEL PROGRAM FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY

The vocational agriculture FFA program has been listed by the Southern Growth Policies Board as a model program for economic recovery in the South. Governor Bob Graham of Florida and Governor George Nigh of Oklahoma serve as chairman and chairman-elect of this Board. Excerpts from this report state that, "Vocational agriculture has a track record in increasing productivity which few other high school programs can match." "This combination of skills and knowledge is appropriate not just to operate a farm, but to operate any small business." "The traditional vocational agriculture program has been judged by many policymakers to be the epitome of irrelevant training, no longer justified by occupational demand. The Vocational Education Act of 1963 demanded that programs respond to labor market demand and, in particular, to new and emerging industries. In this drive to modernize vocational education and to focus on skills, however, educators may have thrown out the proverbial baby with the bath water and lost important characteristics of a vocational program which undoubtedly has contributed significantly to gains in agriculture productivity, leadership development, entrepreneurial training, and an emphasis on problem solving." This report was printed in the May 1983 Southern Growth Policies publication called *Foresight*. Dr. Stuart Rosenfeld, Director of Research for the Southern Growth Policies Board, wrote the articles. Copies of the report are available from your National FFA Alumni office.



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