



# FFA Alumni Association

## NEWSLETTER

FALL - 1983

### TOTAL COMMITMENT OR A CONTRIBUTOR?

By Ken Seering, National FFA Alumni President

Old McDonald had a farm and on his farm he had chickens, hogs, cows, horses, sheep, goats, cats, dogs and rabbits.

Farmer McDonald got the summer flu one day and so one of the chickens had a great idea...why not serve Farmer McDonald breakfast in bed. So the chicken went to the hog for his opinion. Well, "what are we going to serve?" asked the hog. The chicken replied, "Why don't we serve ham and eggs."



The hog replied to this, "This breakfast idea is great, but, as I see it, you are only contributing whereas I must have total commitment."

Are we in the FFA Alumni like the chicken who is only a contributor for the cause or are we like the hog who gave total commitment for the cause? Our cause needs TOTAL COMMITMENT since we vow our 100 percent support for the nearly half-million members across this country.

Every person that joins the FFA Alumni should realize that it's his/her involvement that counts. No person should rely on "the other member" to do our share of the program of activities. If each FFA Alumni member is given the chance, they will live up to our motto, "Supporting Vocational Agriculture and the FFA." Make your total Alumni membership feel a part of the team instead of a few members constantly performing all the activities.

If every member constantly decided not to bother showing up for that fundraising or FFA Alumni related activity, that project probably would be a failure. All that would remain would be the THOUGHT of the good that could have been accomplished...the money that could have been raised to assist an FFA member with that livestock show project or travel money for the National FFA Convention or even for the completion of the FFA chapters park renovation BOAC project for the local community or the genuine enjoyment of an FFA/FFA Alumni picnic and cookout.

FORTUNATELY, the majority of the FFA Alumni members are 100 percent committed to our great organization. Our goal for 1983 is 25,000 members and you can assist in making this become reality. Why not ask someone today who would like to assist FFA youth and promote agriculture.

TOTAL COMMITMENT is essential from your National FFA Alumni Council right to the grassroot affiliate members. But, I emphasize, make each member feel part of the team in your FFA Alumni, this will keep them on the active roster yearly. BE TOTALLY COMMITTED, and continue to ADJUST ATTITUDES for 1983.

### PLAN TO ATTEND ALUMNI CONVENTION

You are invited to attend the National FFA Alumni annual meeting which will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, November 9 and 10, in the H. Roe Bartle Center in Kansas City, Missouri.

The FFA Alumni meeting will be coordinated as part of the FFA Convention. The FFA Convention, with an expected attendance of over 21,000 will be November 10-12.

### CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

The FFA Alumni Convention is held in Room 209 - H. Roe Bartle Center.

#### FIRST SESSION, Wed., Nov. 9

1:00 PRESENTATIONS  
p.m. Washington Conference  
Scholarships  
Outstanding Affiliate &  
Largest Affiliate Awards  
Outstanding Achievement  
Awards  
Legion of Merit Awards  
State Grants  
3:15 - RAP SESSIONS  
4:30 Chartering New Affiliates  
p.m. Local Activities, and Mem-  
bership Promotion  
State and National Activities  
4:45 - 7:00 p.m. Delegate Reception

#### SECOND SESSION, Thurs. Nov. 10

9:00 Business Session  
a.m. Committee on Government  
Summer Intern Program  
Report  
Membership Report  
Committee & Rap Session  
Reports  
Regional Workshop Reports  
Items of Business  
Election Report and Announce-  
ment of New Council  
Members  
Introduction of Vice President  
and President  
Challenge by New President

### ALUMNI TO HOST CONVENTION RECEPTIONS

A special reception for the 200 FFA Alumni Convention delegates has been scheduled for Wednesday from 4:45 - 7:00 p.m. This reception will be sponsored by the Kansas City Board of Trade.

A reception for all Honorary FFA American Farmer Degree recipients will be held on Thursday afternoon following the degree ceremony. This Alumni hosted reception is sponsored by the Ace Bolt and Nut Company.

The FFA Alumni will also host a reception for the retired agriculture teacher educators and a breakfast for the collegiate vocational agriculture education students (student teachers) attending the Convention.

### NATIONAL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

The National FFA Leadership Workshops conducted by the FFA Alumni will be a highlight of this year's National Convention. The five workshops co-sponsored by the Ace Bolt and Nut Company will be held in Room 209 - H. Roe Bartle Center. The schedule is as follows:

Thursday 1:00 p.m. - David Pearce

3:00 p.m. - David Thomas

Friday 11:00 a.m. - Mike Jackson

1:00 p.m. - Bruce Maloch

3:00 p.m. - Randy Hedge

Other special interest workshops will include a planned giving seminar for adults, a public relations workshop co-sponsored by the agriculture division of AVA, a safety workshop, and two Dale Carnegie Institute sessions.

## WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The prestigious roster of Life Members has reached 4,295. 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.

Emmett Barker	Chicago, IL (TN)	Marie Beranek	Kimball, NE	Karrie Harrod	Roff, OK	Frank Toohill	Leroy, IL
James P. Hall	Donelson, TN	Douglas Elrod	Kimball, NE	Gordon Clark	Tecumseh, OK	Don Wallace	Arrowsmith, IL
George Moore	Comersville, TN	Robert Kellner	Kimball, NE	K.O. Kippenberger	Thomas, OK	Miles Young	Down, IL
Martha Hicks	Portland, TN	Mary A. Lukassen	Kimball, NE	Jay C. Minton	Thomas, OK	Scott Harrold	Clinton, IL
James Henderson	Huntsville, AL (TN)	Wayne Lukassen	Kimball, NE	Gene Beach	Park Hill, OK	Dean Stevens	Wapella, IL
Susanne Hurt	Halls, TN	Jeff Nelson	Bushnell, NE	Cleo Dupey	Ardmore, OK	Marcus Maier	Forrest, IL
Bill Newsom	Friendship, TN	Ray Snyder	Kimball, NE	Eddy Finley	Stillwater, OK	Gene Meurer	Chatham, IL
Brad Douglas	Catlett, VA	Roger Swansen	Bushnell, NE	E.F. Foreman	Norman, OK	Ralph C. Jacobs	Springfield, IL
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Dr. Lucian Robinson	Blacksburg, VA	Don Lukassen	Kimball, NE	Milford Jenkins	Gage, OK	Wayne Bradley	Denmark, WI
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Jana Beckman	Elgin, NE	Brian Campbell	Checotah, OK	Fred Kagel	Leroy, IL		
Ann Acheson	Dix, NE	Chip Spann	Checotah, OK	Robert Kline	Leroy, IL		



Oklahoma Vocational Agriculture Staff have become Life Alumni members. Seated L-R: Ralph Dreessen, State Supervisor & FFA Advisor; Byrle Killian, Past State Supervisor; John Howell, Exec. Secretary FFA; Back Row: Raymond Cockrum, Dist. Supervisor & State Alumni Advisor; Joe Raunika, Tony Kennedy, Verlin Hart, and Bob Mitchell, all Dist. Supervisors. Not pictured is Eddie Smith, Dist. Supervisor; and Gene Hunderson & Lee Zuck, Young Farmer Coordinators.



Joining the FFA Alumni are all the staff of the Agriculture Education at Oklahoma State University. L-R: Dr. Robert Terry, Head of Agriculture Education; Dr. Jack Pritchard, and Dr. James Key. Back Row: Dr. Eddie Finley, Dr. Wes Holley, Dr. James White, and Dr. Robert Price.



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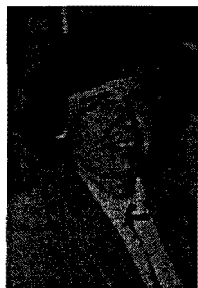
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VOTE AND RETURN  
BEFORE OCTOBER 28, 1983

## NATIONAL FFA ALUMNI COUNCIL

In accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the National FFA Alumni Association, members of the FFA Alumni Council shall be elected by mail vote of the membership. The Council members for the Western and Central Region positions will be elected in 1983 for a three-year term. The candidates listed on the Official Ballot were selected by the National Nominating Committee and approved by the National FFA Alumni Council. (All active Alumni members are entitled to vote for one candidate for each regional council position. Please place your vote in the box for the Western and Central candidate of your choice.)

### WESTERN REGION



#### SHIRLEY DAVIS - GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA

Shirley Davis of Guthrie, Oklahoma, is vice chairman of the Oklahoma FFA Alumni Association. She is a lifetime member of the Guthrie FFA Alumni, the Oklahoma FFA Alumni, and the National FFA Alumni. In 1979, Shirley received the Honorary Chapter Farmer degree from the Guthrie chapter, and in 1980, she was awarded the Honorary State Farmer degree. Shirley has attended the National FFA Alumni Convention as an Oklahoma delegate for the past two years and has served as a counselor at the State FFA Alumni camp for the past four years. Her husband, Ernest, is a farmer, rancher, and dairyman in the Guthrie area. They have three sons, Steve, Rick, and Kenny, who are all outstanding members of the Oklahoma FFA Association. Shirley was recently named Oklahoma's 1983 Mother of the Year. She is a member of the Harmony Community Church where she serves as church secretary and assistant Sunday School teacher. She is also a member of the Oklahoma State Historical Society and a charter member of the Oklahoma State University Agriculture Educational Scholarship program.



#### JOE A. KOKESH - SUNDANCE, WYOMING

Joe Kokesh of Sundance, Wyoming, owns and operates a cattle ranch. The ranch was homesteaded by his grandfather 100 years ago. Mr. Kokesh is a member of the Wyoming Farm Bureau, Wyoming Stock Growers, Farmer Rancher Cooperative, Crook County Wildlife Association, and Crook County Search and Rescue. He is a Life member of the FFA Alumni. He organized and has served as president of the Bearlodge FFA Alumni for the past five years. In 1981-82 he received the Wyoming Outstanding FFA Alumni Member Award. He is serving his second three-year term on the Wyoming FFA Alumni Council, served two terms as state FFA Alumni vice president, and is currently serving as vice president-treasurer. He served one year as ex-officio member of the Wyoming FFA Foundation. Mr. Kokesh has received the Legion of Merit Award. He is a Honorary Chapter Farmer and Honorary State Farmer. He has organized the donkey baseball game at the State Fair, Ag. Teachers vs. County Agents. Mr. Kokesh and his wife Joan have one son, and three daughters. They have all been very active in the local and state associations.

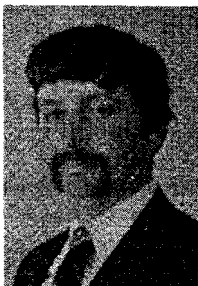
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### CENTRAL REGION



#### GARY L. MARICLE - COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA

Gary Maricle of Columbus, Nebraska, is the Vocational Agriculture Instructor/FFA Advisor at Lakeview High School. He has completed his Masters Degree at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in Agriculture Education. While previously teaching at East Butler Public School, he was the recipient of NVATA's Sound Off for Agriculture Award, the Central Region National Winner of the NVATA Agribusiness Career Exploration Award in 1980, and Nebraska's Outstanding Young NVATA Member in 1981. He was a charter member and served as president when East Butler was recognized as the National Outstanding Affiliate. He is also an FFA Alumni Life member, has received four Legion of Merit awards, served as delegate to four National FFA Alumni conventions, and was selected as 1980 Outstanding Nebraska FFA Alumni Member. Gary is presently serving in his second year as vice president of the Nebraska FFA Alumni. He is presently the Nebraska State Fair Market Beef Superintendent as well as treasurer of the Nebraska Vocational Agricultural Foundation. He spent the past two years working for Farmland Industries and The First National Bank of David City, Nebraska. Gary and his wife, Darlene, are members of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, and he is past president of the East Butler Education Association as well as a member of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee.



#### RANDALL J. MEYER - LOYAL, WISCONSIN

Randy Meyer of Loyal, Wisconsin, is a family dairy farmer with his wife, Pam, and seven children. He is a graduate of Loyal High School where he received the Outstanding Dairy Award, State Farmer and American Farmer degrees. Randy was charter president of the Loyal FFA Alumni and served as industry representative on the Wisconsin state council for eight years. He served as second vice president, first vice president, and as state FFA Alumni president in 1982-83. He has attended several National FFA Alumni conventions and was awarded the Wisconsin Outstanding Achievement Award in 1983. He is an FFA Alumni state and national Life member. Randy has also been active as a 4-H leader and served as president of County Livestock Community. He is a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church where he has served as church council president for four years.

## GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS REPORT

Federal vocational education appropriations for 1984 will be determined by October 1. The House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee made preliminary moves in late July to suggest a funding level with only a minor increase for vocational education. The Senate must finalize an appropriations bill for vocational education. If the House and Senate do not pass new appropriation bills by October, vocational education funding will be continued under a resolution for another year with no increase in funding.

The reauthorization of vocational education could take place this fall. As mentioned in the last newsletter, reauthorization has not occurred since 1963. The Senate Education, Arts and Humanities Subcommittee has scheduled October 18 and 25 hearings on rewriting the Vocational Education Act, which expires at the end of fiscal 1984. President Reagan proposes replacing categorical programs with a vocational and adult education block grant. The House Subcommittee on Elementary, Secondary and Vocational Education is expected to act first on vocational education reauthorization, perhaps by the end of this year. Subcommittee Chairman Carl Perkins (D-KY) is presently drafting legislation which is expected to be introduced in late September or early October. Senate Subcommittee Chairman Robert Stafford (R-VT) is also expected to draft a bill calling for categorical programs.

## NEW SCRAPBOOK CONTEST

The first FFA Alumni Scrapbook Contest will be held at this year's Convention. This contest is designed to encourage affiliates to develop and record historical background and improve local publicity of Alumni activities. This scrapbook contest is a totally new contest and should not be confused with the Outstanding Affiliate Award. For rules, please write to the national office or refer to your Spring 1983 Newsletter.



Senator Paul Trible (left) is pictured with Mike Rush, FFA Alumni instructor intern, following a visit about the importance of vocational agriculture education. Mike Rush, from Idaho and presently working towards a doctorate degree at Virginia Tech, spent the month of August visiting approximately forty persons who play a vital role in the future of vocational education. His expenses were sponsored from your membership dues. We feel that this is a great internship program and is an investment in the future of vocational agriculture-FFA.



## 1983 NATIONAL FFA ALUMNI COUNCIL



Front L-R: Eldon Witt, Al Sick, Ken Seering, LaVerne Nelson, Raymond Cockrum; Back L-R: Harold Lineberry, L.H. Newcomb, Jay Householder, Craig Wiget, Lamar Branch.

## ALUMNI COUNCIL REPORT

The National FFA Alumni Council held an excellent three-day meeting in late July. It was decided to repay the FFA \$100,000 at the January board meeting. The FFA Alumni in its first six years had borrowed \$185,000 from the FFA for operational budget expenditures. Since that date, a total of \$55,000 has been repaid which included a \$17,500 payment this July. The \$100,000 payment will come from the FFA Alumni investment fund. The Council requested legal verification of this and after careful study it has been found to be acceptable with our policies.

## STATE GRANTS AVAILABLE

The National FFA Alumni will award four (4) state grants a maximum of \$500 each to State FFA Alumni for use in initiating programs to benefit local Alumni affiliates and local FFA chapters. The states must send a definite guideline for grant monies including a budget. All proposals from states must be mailed to the national office by January 1, 1984.

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