



FFA Alumni Association

NEWSLETTER

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LOWER YOUR BUCKET

By Ken Seering, National FFA Alumni President

It's an old story—the one about the sailing ship, blown off course, lost, and in desperate need of fresh water. One day, when it seemed that the crew could hold out no longer, they sighted another ship.

"Water! Water!" they signaled frantically. "We are dying of thirst!"

"Lower your bucket where you are!" came back the surprising reply.

The bucket they lowered over the side of the ship came up filled with fresh, sweet water. They had been drifting in the current from the mouth of the mighty Amazon River, whose great flood of fresh water spreads far out of sight of land before it is conquered by the saltiness of the sea.

Our theme for the FFA Alumni is, "Supporting Vocational Agriculture and the FFA." What does the above story have to do with FFA Alumni?

Well, as I see it, the vocational agriculture instructor of today is hit daily with more responsibilities locally, more students, more reports due, more FFA awards and activity programs, and the list goes on. The important thing is that time becomes the ingredient which is the critical factor for the vo-ag instructor.

Well, why not LOWER YOUR BUCKET in your local community and establish a local FFA Alumni affiliate. Every community has a group of individuals who have time, talent, and expertise to assist the vo-ag instructor. The end result is that it will give the vo-ag students/FFA members more opportunities during their membership years. Opportunities which may never have been possible can now become a reality, because you have tapped a water vein which has been around you forever but you may never have thought about using. LOWER YOUR BUCKET today into this talent laden group.

As Francis Steiner (vo-ag instructor/FFA advisor) of Granton, Wisconsin, puts it, "I consider the FFA Alumni, a helping hand, and am sorry we didn't organize years ago. It has made our community aware and more interested in the FFA and provided more unity on a local basis. It reminds me of breaking bread together."

"1983 is the year to ADJUST ATTITUDES for Vocational Agriculture-FFA. Why not LOWER YOUR BUCKET today?" If you already have a strong FFA Alumni, encourage others to LOWER THEIR BUCKETS.

MAKE CONVENTION PLANS

The 1983 FFA Alumni Convention will be held on November 9-10 in Kansas City, Missouri. The first Alumni session will be on Wednesday from 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. and the second session on Thursday from 9:00 - 12:00 noon. The FFA Convention starts Thursday morning and ends Saturday evening. We hope you will make plans to attend.

FFA ALUMNI GRANTS AWARDED

The National FFA Alumni has awarded four grants of \$500 each, sponsored by The Ace Bolt and Nut Company, to North Carolina, Illinois, Nebraska, and Washington State FFA Alumni to initiate new projects. A total of 13 states submitted proposals for consideration.

The proposal from North Carolina is designed as an incentive-recognition system to encourage membership development in local affiliates. Gold, silver, and bronze plaques will be presented for affiliates with a minimum of 75, 50, and 25 members. North Carolina will also develop new Legion of Merit certificates for persons enrolling five new members.

The Illinois Alumni will use the \$500 grant to develop a traveling exhibit consisting of panels explaining the Star Farmer and Star Agribusiness programs, BOAC, Cooperative Activities, the Heritage Program, Safety Program, Program of Activities, and the FFA Alumni.

The Nebraska Alumni will develop spot public service announcements for use in at least 25 radio stations. The announcements will publicize vocational agriculture, the FFA, and the FFA Alumni. They also will develop an FFA Alumni membership packet and two new state awards for Alumni membership development.

The Washington Alumni proposal calls for training Alumni personnel to conduct seminars/workshops at state vo-ag teachers meetings, all eight district vocational agriculture conferences, and local meetings. The proposal also calls for mailings of publicity sheets on the FFA Alumni to all teachers.

State grant proposals for 1984 should be developed and mailed to the National Office by January 1, 1984.

STRUCTURE OF NATIONAL LEADERSHIP FOR VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE

A meeting of vocational leaders including Mr. Kenneth Seering, our National President, will be held on April 19 in Kansas City, Missouri, to develop a structure of national leadership for Vocational Agriculture Education. Since 1963, we have seen our national Vocational Agriculture staff reduced from thirteen to two persons and federal recognition of the importance of the national agriculture education program decline. Because of this recognized problem of our present delivery system, Mr. Byron Rawls, Program Specialist and head of Vocational Agriculture Education with the Department of Education, has called this meeting. He has presented a proposal designed to bring together all facets of the vocational agriculture profession to provide the program with leadership and direction. We hope to report on results of this very important meeting in our Summer newsletter.

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next National FFA Alumni Council meeting will be held July 17-19. If you or your affiliate have any suggestions of national concern, send them to either the National Office or contact any member of the National FFA Alumni Council.

NATIONAL COUNCIL ELECTION

The Western and Central Regional Council Representatives will be elected by mail ballot as part of the Fall newsletter. If you have nominations from these regions, please submit them to your state Alumni president immediately. States must nominate their candidates on or before July 1.



NEW SCRAPBOOK CONTEST

At the 1983 Convention, the first FFA Alumni Scrapbook Contest will be held. 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. Fairness to all Alumni affiliates, small and large, is always a consideration of the National FFA Alumni. In an effort to fulfill this objective and for uniformity in judging, the National FFA Alumni has required that the official FFA scrapbook be used for entry in this contest.

Contest rules are as follows:

1. Scrapbook is to cover the time period of one National Convention to the next National Convention.
2. Scrapbook should be organized according to the major committees found in the affiliate's program of activities.
3. Pictures and articles of each activity can be included only once and under its most appropriate committee as identified in Number 2.
4. All entries are to be brought to the National Convention and delivered to an assigned location prior to the opening session of the National FFA Alumni Convention and to be reclaimed at the close of the last Alumni convention session.
5. The official FFA scrapbook, 12 1/2" by 17" (1" or 2" binder), imprinted with the FFA Alumni affiliate's name, and available from the National FFA Supply Service, is required for entry.
6. Suggested items to include in the scrapbook:
 - a. Pictures of affiliate members in their local settings
 - b. Pictures of affiliate members in FFA Alumni activities
 - c. News stories about affiliate activities and members
 - d. Affiliate's program of activities
 - e. Other material that completes the affiliate's activities
7. Only one scrapbook may be used; therefore, be selective.
8. Judges will be appointed by the National FFA Alumni Council President.
9. Factors to consider in evaluation:
 - a. Organization
 - b. Neatness
 - c. Pictures (quality)
 - d. Identification of pictures, clippings, etc.
 - e. Quality of projects
 - f. Applicable material
 - g. Completeness
10. Present framed certificates to the national winner and participation certificates to all entries.
11. Scrapbooks will be on display during the National Convention. Each entry must have an affiliate member present during the time scrapbooks are on display.
12. All precautions will be taken, but the National FFA Alumni is not responsible for any scrapbook while on display.

1983 FFA ALUMNI INTERNS FROM NEBRASKA AND IDAHO

During the 1983 summer, the FFA Alumni will have two individuals serving as interns in the area of governmental affairs. The collegiate intern for this summer will be Larry Svehla from Clarkson, Nebraska. He will finish his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Nebraska this year. Larry was the Nebraska FFA President in 1979-80 and National Agri-Marketing Association Account Executive for the N.A.M.A. Marketing Campaign in 1982 and 1983. He participated on an International Agri-Marketing Tour to Japan in 1982 and was a summer intern with Farmland Industries in 1980.

The ten-week collegiate internship is designed to provide an educational experience for the intern, provide vocational agriculture information to individuals involved in the Federal Vocational Education Legislation, and to develop resource materials and information for use by the FFA Alumni Association. The FFA Alumni collegiate intern has the opportunity to serve as a United States congressional intern through a cooperative agreement with the Congressional Rural Caucus. The Rural Caucus is chaired by U.S. Congressman Wes Watkins from Oklahoma who was a former State FFA President.

The instructor internship was awarded to Mike Rush. Mike was a vocational agriculture teacher from 1977-80 in Buhl, Idaho. He is presently instructing and working on his doctorate degree in Agriculture Education at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He served as Executive Secretary of the Idaho FFA Leadership Conference in 1982, as Manager of the FFA Western Extemporaneous Speaking Contest in 1981, and placed first in the Idaho Jay Cee Speak-up Competition in 1980. Mike will serve in a four-week internship. The instructor internship has similar purposes as the collegiate program.

ALUMNI AWARDS OVER \$10,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

The National FFA Alumni will award over \$10,000 in scholarships to the FFA Washington Conference Program. A total of 39 scholarships, valued at \$27 each which is the full conference registration fee, are given to FFA Alumni state associations and local affiliates for their selection and awarding to FFA members. A state association receives one scholarship for every 500 active Alumni members, and local affiliates receive a scholarship for every 100 Life members or 250 active members. The following FFA Alumni state associations and local affiliates will be receiving scholarships in 1983:

States	Local Affiliates
Wisconsin -12	Ozark, Missouri - 2
Oklahoma - 6	Denmark, Wisconsin - 2
Ohio - 3	Owasso, Oklahoma - 1
Nebraska - 2	New Lexington, Ohio - 1
Missouri - 2	
Illinois - 2	
Iowa - 1	
Kansas - 1	
Minnesota - 1	
Tennessee - 1	
Virginia - 1	
Washington - 1	

DALE CARNEGIE SCHOLARSHIPS

The FFA Alumni has been informed that scholarships are available to FFA members. If your FFA Alumni Affiliate is interested in seeing that one or two FFA members have the opportunity to attend a Dale Carnegie course, the Alumni Affiliate should contact the nearest Dale Carnegie instructor for details of the scholarships. A scholarship covers the full registration fee for one Dale Carnegie course.

1983 NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS



From left, seated: Jan Eberly, President—Fallbrook, California; Marty Coates, Secretary—Clarkton, North Carolina. From left, standing: Wendell Jeffreys, Western V.P.—Bokchito, Oklahoma; Bryan Stamps, Southern V.P.—Edwards, Mississippi; Bruce Kettler, Eastern V.P.—Anna, Ohio; Cara Doyle, Central V.P.—Green Bay, Wisconsin.

ALUMNI SUPPORTS YOUNG FARMERS

The National Young Farmer Educational Association will hold their annual institute on November 27 to December 1 in Richmond, Virginia. The FFA Alumni Association, in our role of supporting vocational agriculture, will contribute \$200 to this group to provide publicity and photos during this excellent educational meeting.

DID YOU KNOW?

Stationery is available with the Alumni emblem and local affiliate or state association name and address. The price, as of April 1, is \$75 for 1,000 sheets. Envelopes with the Alumni emblem and the words FFA Alumni Association are available for \$12.50 per box of 500. Please note that the envelopes cannot be printed to include the local affiliate or state association name and address. Shipping and handling charges are included in the above prices.

WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The prestigious roster of Life Members has reached 3,874. 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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EDUCATIONAL TRIPS FOR FFA ALUMNI

The FFA Alumni is working in cooperation with the French-American Foundation and the Carl Duisberg Society in selecting 20 persons to participate in a two-week trip to France and Germany. Each participant will pay only \$850 with the other costs being sponsored. For more information, call the French-American Foundation at 212-308-5520.

The Holland Young Farmers and the FFA Alumni have developed an exchange program for two weeks for persons interested in the dairy industry. This trip will cost you only airfare to and from Holland and approximately \$150. All lodgings and meals in Holland will be provided by the Holland Young Farmers. If you are interested in this trip, contact the National FFA Alumni office before May 1.

The FFA is planning an educational trip to China. Final plans for this trip are being completed. If interested in this great opportunity, contact the FFA International Department immediately.

ALUMNI SUPPORTS VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TEACHERS

The FFA Alumni Association will provide \$100 to be used in sponsoring a reception at each of the six NVATA Regional meetings. The National FFA Alumni Council has asked the NVATA Regional Vice Presidents, in charge of each meeting, to select a local FFA Alumni affiliate to serve as host. We know that outstanding vocational agriculture teachers are vital to quality vocational agriculture-FFA programs. We hope this new activity will show our support of these important individuals.

FFA ALUMNI SPONSORS NPASO AWARDS

The Public Speaking and Extemporaneous Speaking Contest Awards for the National Postsecondary Agriculture Student Organization were presented by the National FFA Alumni. This group of vocational agriculture students held their national meeting in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on March 20-22.

FFA ALUMNI SALUTES THE 1983 EXECUTIVE SPONSORS

The following have contributed \$100 or more in 1983 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. Persons listed below have become Executive Sponsors since our Winter Newsletter. 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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