

FFA Alumni Association

NEWSLETTER

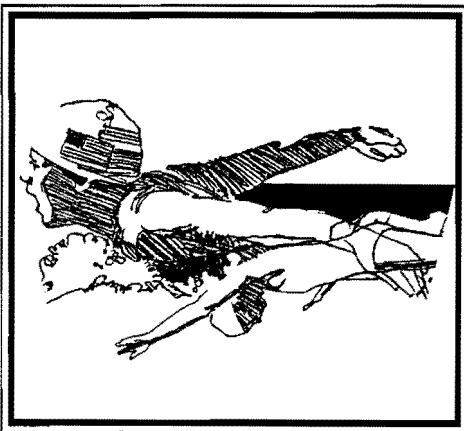
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"SINK OR SWIM"

by GARY MARICLE, NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Summer is here, and for most of us that means hot weather, long days, family reunions, picnics, camping, vacation, and hopefully, a cool dip now and then in a pool or lake. Whether you "Sink or Swim" is entirely up to how you have prepared yourself for the task.



This same preparation is necessary in your local FFA Alumni Affiliate. Whether your Alumni will sink or swim is entirely up to the leadership, organization, and enthusiasm on the part of all Alumni members. With summer FFA activities already under way, I'm sure your Alumni is being helpful and dedicated to the local youth. We need to involve all Alumni members, and be sure that everyone knows he/she is an important and vital part of the success and support for the local vocational agriculture/FFA program.

Now is also the time to be sure that your local membership drive is being completed. The more members at the local level, the more support that can be given locally. This carries on directly to the state and national levels. Be sure to check out the new, expanded Membership Development Program that was listed in

the last issue of the "FFA Alumni Newsletter". There are areas of this program that will benefit all local affiliates and state associations. The more members nationally, the more the national organization can do for the locals and states. I challenge each of you to ask one other person to join your FFA Alumni Affiliate. If everyone would do that, think of the mushrooming effect through the state and national levels, as well as the increase in support at all levels.

So, are you going to be a strong swimmer for your FFA Alumni by being active, enthusiastic, and supportive? Are you going to help with membership promotion and become a stronger affiliate? Or, are you going to let everyone else worry about those things, while you sit by and sink into the water?

"Sink or Swim" -- I plan to do some pretty fancy swimming. -- What about YOU??

1986 FFA ALUMNI CONVENTION

The National FFA Alumni Convention will be November 12 and the FFA Convention November 13-15 in Kansas City, Missouri. You will find many activities in Kansas City during these four days. Alumni activities will include the convention session from 12:00-5:00 PM on Wednesday, a special auction Wednesday afternoon, the Alumni banquet Wednesday evening, and workshops and tours on Thursday. FFA Convention sessions will include many outstanding speakers Thursday through Saturday and the American Royal Livestock and Horse Show on Saturday. Over 22,000 are expected to register for the two conventions. For more information on lodging and activities, write to the National FFA Alumni office.

EASTERN OFFERS GREAT SAVINGS ON CONVENTION TRAVEL

Eastern Airlines will provide 65% off normal coach fares on all flights to Kansas City providing you use the special convention access number EZ11P27. You can reserve your ticket at this special savings by calling this toll free number 1-800-468-7022 or tickets can be purchased by travel agents using the convention access number. There are no restrictions on this special savings. The National FFA Alumni Association will receive one free ticket for every 50 sold. Eastern has more flights to Kansas City than any other airlines.

CONVENTION AUCTION

The National FFA Alumni Council is planning an auction as part of the National FFA and FFA Alumni Conventions in November. In the next newsletter, we plan to list all items to be auctioned and their contributors. Items such as two Eastern airline tickets good for round trips anywhere in the United States have already been donated. If you can help us secure items for the auction, contact Robert Cox at 703-360-3600 as soon as possible. All items donated are tax deductible at their appraised value.

ALUMNI SUPPORTS YEAR AROUND PROGRAM

The FFA Alumni in Watertown, Wisconsin, went out and obtained over 365 farmer's signatures after the school board threatened to cancel the ag advisor's summer contract for budget cuts. These cuts would have eliminated the FFA summer program. However, these signatures were submitted to the school board and the outstanding FFA program was saved.

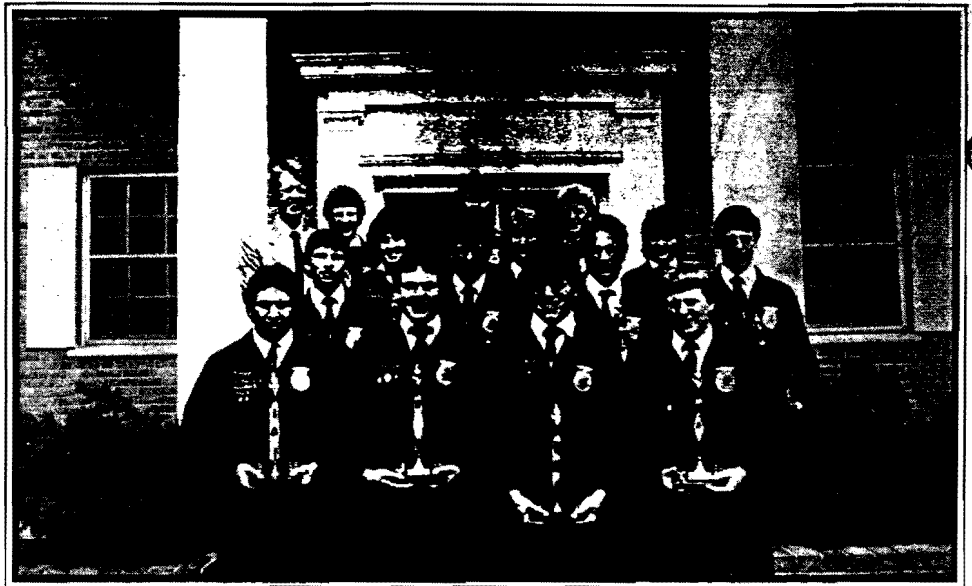
ALUMNI PRESENTS WASHINGTON CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

The National FFA Alumni is providing 47 Washington Conference Program scholarships this year totaling \$15,275.00. The \$325.00 scholarships are given on the basis of one for every 500 active state FFA Alumni members, or one for every 250 active local Alumni members, or one for every 100 Life members in a local affiliate.

Recipients this year are:

NAME	CHAPTER, STATE
Chris Cantrell	Gilmer County, Georgia
Natalie Mallie	Westmer, Illinois
Eric Toohill	LeRoy, Illinois
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Mark Nutsch	Washington, Kansas
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Julie Atkinson	Ozark, Missouri
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Dan Belohlavy	Raymond Central, Nebraska
Patti McDiffett	Lincoln Northeast, Nebraska
Oney Sandoval	Scottsbluff, Nebraska
Matt McClish	Miami Trace, Ohio
John Davis	Buckeye Valley, Ohio
Butch Vollmer	Talawanda, Ohio
Monica Flaming	Fairview, Oklahoma
Gina Chatfield	Owasso, Oklahoma
Charlie George, Jr.	Broken Arrow, OK
Keith Brooking	Tipton, Oklahoma
Joseph Ellis	Noble, Oklahoma
Kyle Smith	Tipton, Oklahoma
Mike Walters	Guthrie, Oklahoma
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Shawn Sheedy	Bay Port, Wisconsin
Amber Vickers	Black Hawk, Wisconsin
Sarah Christianson	Bonduel, Wisconsin
Carol Tessmann	Cambria-Friesland, WI
Jenny Nowak	Denmark, Wisconsin
Eric Eibergen	Granton, Wisconsin
Dan Siemers	Kiel, Wisconsin
Tim Heeg	Marshfield, Wisconsin
Jon Berndt	Mauston, Wisconsin
Jeff Rozum	Mishicot, Wisconsin
Jacki Pickart	New Holstein, Wisconsin
Chad Bembenek	Stevens Point, Wisconsin
Kendall Beushausen	Ozark, Missouri
Lendall Beushausen	Ozark, Missouri
Deanna Derricks	Denmark, Wisconsin
Amy Dobesh	Denmark, Wisconsin
Joe Henley	Owasso, Oklahoma
Jennifer Muncie	New Lexington, Ohio
Robert Richardson	Pomeroy, Washington

FFA member's names have not been received, at time of newsletter printing, for scholarships presented to: Minnesota, North Carolina, Virginia, Wisconsin (1), and Kingfisher, Oklahoma.



Washington Conference Participants Receiving Scholarships and Trophies During Week of June 23.

FFA ALUMNI SPONSORS PAS AWARDS



The National FFA Alumni provided a \$850.00 sponsorship for the Prepared and Impromptu Speakers for Agriculture contest at the National Postsecondary Agriculture Student Organization Convention in Bismarck, North Dakota, in March. Gary Maricle, National FFA Alumni President, is pictured above with Scott Seegmiller, Iowa (1st), Julie Olson, Illinois (2nd), and Robert Matthys, Minnesota (3rd) winners of the Prepared contest. Pictured below are Mark Kuest, Washington (1st), Craig Claver, California (2nd), and Mark Hagemeister, North Dakota (3rd) winners of the Impromptu contest.



NEBRASKA CONVENTION RAISES MONEY BY AUCTION

A benefit auction which raised \$672.00 was among the highlights of the 1986 Nebraska FFA Alumni Convention at North Platte. There were 125 persons in attendance. Part of the proceeds will be given to the Al Sick Memorial Scholarship Fund. Al Sick was instrumental in the formation of the Nebraska FFA Alumni Association in 1972, served as its state president from 1981-84, and was a member of the National FFA Alumni Council.

DR. JAMES WHITE SELECTED GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP

Dr. James White, teacher educator from Oklahoma State University, has been selected as the 1986 FFA Alumni Governmental Affairs Liaison. He is representing us in Washington, D.C., by making visits to congressional leaders, White House staff, the Department of Education and Department of Agriculture, and educational and agricultural associations during his four-week stay in July. Dr. White will not only share the importance of vocational education in agriculture but will learn more about how the governmental system works so that he can inform other Alumni and educators upon his return to Oklahoma.

FFA ALUMNI SALUTES THE EXECUTIVE SPONSORS

Since our Spring 1986 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. We encourage each FFA Alumni to become an Executive Sponsor or support by finding someone to become an Executive Sponsor. For more information, write the National FFA Alumni office.

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Deamark FFA Alumni (2) Denmark, WI
Floyd Betty Doering (9) Madison, WI

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Robt /Lorraine Wolfe (4) Brodhead, WI



WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The list of Life members has grown to 6,312. A Life member receives the FFA magazine free and may designate that upon death the \$100.00 be presented as a memorial scholarship to a FFA member in a chapter or state of their choice, or may be designated to support some area of agriculture and/or vocational agriculture education. We salute the following 206 individuals who have become Life members since our last newsletter.

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NEW ROAD SIGN



Denmark, Wisconsin was the first affiliate to purchase a new FFA Alumni road sign from the FFA Supply Service. The beautiful welcome to Denmark sign was a project of the FFA and the FFA Alumni. Pictured are Amy Dobesh, FFA President; Price Grisham, Congressional Liaison with U.S.D.A. in Washington, D.C.; and Bob Schumacher, FFA Alumni Pres.

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FIVE FFA ALUMNI SELECTED FOR HOLLAND EXCHANGE

Five FFA Alumni have been selected to visit Holland for two weeks in August as guests of the Holland Young Farmers. This is the sixth year for the exchange, and we look forward to hosting five Holland guests next summer. This year's participants are all from Wisconsin. They are: Lisa Ann Valenta, Maribel; Alan J. Mazna, Denmark; Brian A. Herr, Newton; Joseph L. Wedig, Darlington; and Paulette M. Kressin, Bloomer.

WEA ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

Karen Bloch of the Tri-County FFA in Wisconsin was selected to receive a \$200.00 scholarship from the National FFA Alumni to help finance her 1986 Work Experience Abroad trip to Switzerland. The FFA Alumni provides one scholarship annually to a student from the state with the most WEA participants the previous year.

ALUMNI PRESENTED CATTLE TRAILER



Members of the Coldwater FFA Alumni in Mississippi presented a cattle trailer to the Coldwater FFA officers and advisors. The Alumni organized a basketball tournament to raise funds. The trailer was built especially for the FFA by Hay Equipment Co. at a substantial discount in support of the FFA and FFA Alumni.



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