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# SCIENCE FAIR \*

4201 Lake Otis Parkway, Anchorage, Alaska 99504

March 4, 1981

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Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Moss:

I have just read House Bill No. 234, an act increasing grants to agricultural and industrial fairs, particularly the phrase "provision shall be made for exhibits from boys' and girls' clubs." I have experience with the manner in which some fair directors handle such provisions. Unfortunately, student involvement often becomes so low a priority that outreach to them is totally ineffective.

I have an idea to remedy that situation. Couldn't funds be provided for existing fairs which are operated solely for students? Of course my SPECIAL interest is science fair. The application to industry and agriculture may be very obvious to you, but just in case it's not, let me point out that many former science fair students are actively working in our community and in our nation pursuing science and technical careers prompted and encouraged by volunteer science fair organizers. Did you know that the man who diffused the hydrogen bubble at Three-mile Island nuclear plant, invented the hydrogen auto for a science fair project in his senior year of high school? Did you know that a young lady in 1979 invented a natural fertilizing agent that [could] [might] someday save all the energy, natural gas, and petroleum now used to produce synthetic fertilizers--18 million dollars-worth is the worldwide estimate. She was a senior in high school who had been entering science fair competitions. Needless to say, she won that year and was promptly contacted by the President, the Pentagon, and the Department of Agriculture.

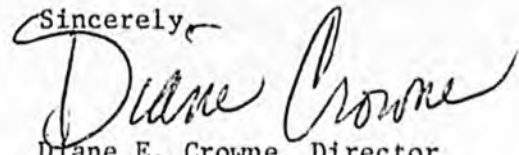
We are able to run the existing Alaska State science fair for less than three thousand dollars, and it is still drawing students from Adak, Bethel, Cordova, and Valdez. I have had calls from people in rural Alaska who simply cannot raise sufficient community support to participate. They ask for my help and all I can say is that our committee will house them if they can get transportation. For some, that is the end of their hope to enter science fair.

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Can you help us to help them? I have enclosed our current financial report. We only need \$3,110.00 to maintain the status quo. But if we could establish a budget with 3 to 10 thousand dollars more, we could help outlying communities run local fairs and send their winners to Anchorage.

I hope you will recognize the value of Science and Engineering Fairs and give us your support.

Sincerely,



Diane E. Crowne, Director  
Science and Engineering Fair, Inc.

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Enclosures

cc: Sam Cotten, Chairman Finance Committee  
Fred Zharoff, Co-Chairman Resources Committee  
Terry Gardiner, Co-Chairman Resources Committee

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 Alaska Oil and Gas Association  
 Alaska Pharmaceutical Association  
 Alaska Society of Civil Engineers  
 Alaska TestLab  
 Anchorage Cold Storage  
 Anchorage Education Association  
 Anchorage School District  
 ARCO Alaska, Inc.  
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 Lion's Club  
 Marathon Oil Company  
 National Bank of Alaska  
 Pepsi Cola Bottling Company  
 of Alaska  
 Shakey's Pizza Parlor  
 Sohio Petroleum Company  
 Stewart's Photo Shop  
 University of Alaska, AEIDC  
 University of Alaska, Anchorage  
 University of Alaska, Fairbanks  
 Van Waters & Rogers  
 Jim and Emma Walton  
 Yukon Office Supply, Inc.

## 1979-80 FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance brought forward . . . \$ 788.30

### Income (Donations and Cash Awards)

Alaska Bank of Commerce  
 Alaska Society of Civil Engineers  
 Exxon Company, USA  
 Alaska TestLab  
 ARCO Alaska, Inc.  
 Alaska Pharmaceutical Association  
 International Aircrossroads Lion's Club  
 Robert Brodie, DDS  
 Anchorage Education Association  
 Alaska Dental Association  
 Total . . . \$2,073.30

### Operating Expenses

Rules Handbooks	\$ 10.00	
Postage	15.00	
Science Serv. Awards	143.50	
Com. Directory	10.00	
B. Dalton Bookseller	156.20	
Micahelle Heintz	10.00	
Emma Walton	17.00	
Insurance	103.50	
Affiliation Fee	100.00	
Airfare	623.48	
Food and Lodging	<u>744.00</u>	
	\$1,968.63	...Balance...
		\$104.67

### 1980-81 Projected Cost

Operating Expense . . 522.00  
 Affiliation Fee . . . 100.00  
 Insurance . . . . . 130.00

### Finalist Expense

Airfare . . . . \$1,600.00  
 Food and Lodging . 708.00  
 Entry Fee . . . . 50.00  
 Total . . . \$3,110.00