

56ih National FFA Convention/Kansas City, Missouri / November 12, 1983





56th NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS

The 1983 National FFA Convention—so much packed into so short a time...on stage, so many awards presented, winners named, words spoken, history made; behind the scenes, so many deadlines met, schedules adjusted, props arranged, encouragement given and EVERYWHERE surrounding the convention center, so many hands shook, photos snapped, names exchanged, memories made.

And so, the energy of the convention spreads across the nation, influencing the lives of the nearly half-million FFA members and countless individuals of rural and urban communities.

This, the 56th National FFA Convention Proceedings records and salutes everyone involved in this convention, and since a photo speaks with a thousand words, the following cover essay speaks of a portion of











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National FFA Band Sponsored by Carnation Company.



The National FFA Band, featuring 96 musicians, was under the direction of Roger Heath, Pocatello, Idaho. The band arrived during the early part of the week to practice. This practice let them add to the air of pageantry and spirit of the convention with their numerous and varied band selec-

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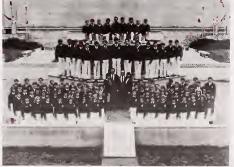
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National FFA Chorus Sponsored by Hallmark Cards, Incorporated and the FFA Foundation General Fund.



Saturday, November 12, 1983

The National FFA Chorus, under the direction of Stan Kingma, Vineland, New Jersey, presented musical toasts, entertainment and atmosphere to this year's convention.

land; Susie Petelish, Ashland; Gayle Hankin West Pönit; Christopher Carson, Washburn Thomas Gallup, Sparland, Todd Harper, Chrisman; Timothy Sandrock, Prophels-town; IN: Connie Caldwell, Forest; Fraces Jones, Hope; Susan Sarrazine, New Haven; Jones, Hope; Susan Sarrazine, New Haven, Scott Deno, Brook, Charles Johnson, Evansville, Herschel Richie, Rensselaer: IA: Bridget Bieber, Anamosa, Heidi Fatchett, OeWitt, Todd Abeling, Monticello; Bryon Ewing, What Cheer, Todd Hanson, Northwood; Owane Koch, West Linon; Rod Middleton, Clarnon; KY: Oavid Kalb, Maysville; 126. Allen Roussard Morse Mit Larno Ad. deton, Cairon, KY. Oavid Kab, Magyolic, LA: Aller Brossand, Morse, Mt. Larry Ad-ams II, Valenville David, Morse, Mt. Larry Ad-ams II, Valenville David, Worthington, Cann-MY. Tamann Hobeck, Worthington, Cann-MY. Tamann Hobeck, Worthington, Cann-Michael Musley, Kasson, David Kval, David Michael Musley, Kasson, David Kval, David Hobert, Marchael March, Aller Barry, Cannellon, London, Lardy Mandon, Karlon, Cheloris, Morrison, Licking, Loura Sandidp, Fortus, Opinita Brog, Cameron, Surie Hensen, Nerdad, Brog, McChaeld, Alon, Debris Morrison, Licking, Loura Sandidp, Fortus, Opinita Thompson, Month Venno, Sandra Yabet,

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ENERGY CHALLENGE



The final Energy Challenge award as presented to the West Dubuque FFA Chapter of Epworth, Iowa. Adviser Alan Carlson's students sponsored a school and community energy-saving contest, a corn grower's conservation

tillage contest, and a solar and windpower display at their high school's career day, to capture this award. The chapter also was involved in a local media campaign on conservation and built a model alcohol still.

VIP Citations

The VIP Citation recognizes individuals w continually and faithfully serve the FFA. To year the six recipients were:

C.M. Brewer of Jackson, Mississippi, dedi-C.M. Brewer of Jackson, Mississippi, dedicated 37 years of logisl service as a vocational teacher, FFA Camp director, FFA Executive Secretary and State Supervisor of Agriculture Education. He organized the Mississippi State Education. He organized the Mississippi State FA Board of Directors, is a past member of National FFA Board of Directors and the National FFA Board of Directors and the National FFA Board of Timustees. Brewer is a lite matter of the Mational FFA Admirm Association of the Mational FFA Admirm Association of the Mational Mississippi Mi Farmer Degree

Julian Campbell of Rockville, Virginia, spent 24-years as Virginia's Associate Director of Agricultural Education, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education and State FFA Advisor. Campbell served as National FFA Treasurer and FFA Foundation Treasurer for 22-years. A lite member of the National FFA Alumni As-reception. Campbell, but been availed the ille member of the National FFA Aummi As-sociation, Campbell, has been awarded the Honorary State Farmer, Honorary American Farmer and the Distinguished Service Awards by the Virginia State Association and the Na-tional FFA Organizations.

Amold B. Cordes of Madison, Wisconsin, is retining after 41 years of service to vocational agricultural and the FFA. Cordes retired this July after serving as State FFA Association Executive Secretary for 16-years. He has served on the National FFA Board of Trustees and implemented such FFA programs as Creed Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure white Executive Secretary. Speaking and Palliamentary Processive White Executive Secretary Cordes served as Su-perintendent of the National FFA Dairy Cattle Judging Contest (12-years) and has received both the Honorary State and American Farmer Degrees.

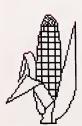
Don Erickson of Makoti, North Dakota, retired North Dakota State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture, has served the FFA well and still continues to do so. He is currently rewriting dent Handbook and Advisor's Hand the Student Handbook and Advisors Hand-book. He is serving on the 1984 National SOE Committee after working on the 1982 National SDE Workshop committee. Erickson is as Di-rector of the National FFA Talent progam and has conducted radio programs on the FFA for over 20 years. He has received both the Hon-orary State and American Farmer Degrees.

Edward J. Hawkins of Alexandria, Virginia, spent 20 years as Manager of the National FFA Supply Service and 11 years as the Administrative Director of the National FFA Organization until his retirement in 1982. His fiscal awareness kept the FFA in sound financial conawareness kept me FFA in sound unancial con-dition. Hawkins was also instrumental in the development of the National FFA Center build-ings and property from the original plywood "barracks" to the beautiful complex known today as the National FFA Center.

Senior Vice President (retired). Agricultural Division of Brisloan (retired), Agricultural Division of Brisloan Company. Kansas City Missouri, has made outstanding contributions to the FFA for many years. He has been instrumental in the Butler Breakfast for American Farmers and National Award Winners, been active on the Kansas Other FFA Advisory Council, coordinated the National FFA Officer Tour visits to Kansas City and been of assistance on many occasions to the National FFA Foundation in the Kansas City Area, Jensen received the Honorary American Farmer Dergree in 1973

NEW COMPUTERS IN GRICULTURE

Award Program



Sponsored by AgriData Resources, Inc. The convention introduction audio-visual was sponsored by Harris Technical System.

The new Computers in Apriculture award proine new Computers in Agriculture award pro-gram was introduced at the 56th convention and materials were distributed following the convention to chapters nationwide with the FFA TIMES newspaper. The major objective of the new award program is to recognize FFA members who have made

the greatest progress in utilizing computers in agriculture and agribusiness.

Chapter advisors may select a chapter member to receive the award on the local level. Chapter to receive the award on the local level. Chapter winners then may apply for the state award. The state winner will then aftend a National FFA Seminar on Computers in Agriculture in Alexandria, Virginia dunng August of 1984.

1983-84 FFA Theme

The theme audio-visual is sponsored by The Wrangler Brand and the National FFA Week theme materials were

developed. designed and promoted through the sponsorship of Estech, Inc.

AMERICA

The new theme introduced during the 56th convention will be used until the next convention to promote and support vocational agriculture and the FFA

The theme audio-visual shown during the con-vention is available for chapters to use at their chapter banquets. The show is also ideal for showing at other community activities to gain support for the total program.

Numerous items are available to promote the Numerous terms are available to promote the new theme during National FFA Week, Feb-ruary 18-25, 1984. All oil the items are avail-able through the National FFA Supply Service tor use throughout the year.

Distinguished **Service Citations**

This citation recognizes those organizations which exceptionally serve the FFA by contrib-uting time, money and personnel. This year the following three organizations were shown our appreciation:

The American Angus Association, St. Joseph The American Angus Association, St. Joseph, Missouri, represented by Exercise the Vice President Richard L. Spader, was recognized for their support of the FA Celebrating their 100th anniversary, this National FA FA Foundation General Fund sponsor has provided awards, teaching materials, audio-visual materials, technical information to vo-ag teachers and strutents.

Butler Manufacturing Company, Kans Butler Manufacturing Company, Kansas City, Missouri, represented by Werner R. Eugster, President, Agri-Products Division, was recognized for their years of sponsoring FFA activities and support of the FFA. For 35 years Butler has sponsored the National Convention annual award winners breaktast. This breakfast is traditionally attended by over 1,000 American Earners and other award swopens. American Farmers and other award winners American Farmers and other award winners. This breaklast also recognizes and introduces the eight Stars (American Farmers and Amer-ican Agribusinessmen) for their outstanding accomplishments for 34 years Butler has continuously contributed to the FFA making them a Gold sponsor.

Creswell, Munsell, Fultz, & Zirbel, Cedar Rap-Creavell, Munsell, Fultz, & Zivelle, Clear Hagus, Lows, represented by Executive Vice President. William Munsell, was recognized for their variety support of the FFA. They have provided contacts for numerous agritustration of their FFA foundation, personally make presentations to cleans for FFA support, provider recreative work to the FFA foundation and provided representatives to the FFA foundation and provided representatives to the FFA foundation and provided representatives to the FFA foundation showers. Alwayor Board. They also sponsor five FFA Washington Continence Program (WCP) Exchanging Con

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National Officers Retire



"KEEP THE FIRE"

Jan Eberly, National Preside

There is only darkness - deepest

Then, through the black, we see a

The glow rises e'er the river higher, Day's begun - with the rise of fire! 'There's a river in the evenion ember

And you're wishing you coold see how far it flows.

Rolling on to an endless sea You'd be well on your way if you could only set sail.

But dreams can drift away and sails can fill with doub! Where's your vision if the embers

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So KEEP THE FIRE!

On a dark stormy day over a year ago I sat on a rock on a mountain and pondered those words, "Keep the Fire". It had been months since I'd brown out the Barne from this candle on another stage and concluded a wonderful year as sattle president. Now I sat on a windy mountain wondering what lay alead I lowered only head, closed my year, and asked — not necessarily to know what the future held, but for the elements of that fire. I prayed for a region younge, for a burning determination and for a radiant warmth of love. When I raised my bead again, I left a warmth on my back that could only be what my eyes confirmed it was, through the clouds had burned the greatest fire we know — the glowing sun. That scene vicinity in one a few weeks later. year as state president. Now I sat on a windy

That scene yields to one a few weeks later, where I began to discover those elements I'd requested. On the stage where this candle now requested. On the stage where this candle now bursts, there began a year stationed by the rising som — a year filled with fire. That fire burned on cloudy days and dark nights, through the burned on cloudy days and dark nights, through buffact summer and leading fail, from east to west, north to south — because I found it wherever I found a blue jacket and those who before in the meaning of the letters, FFA. I find the fire fire security.

The fiery courage I saw in those who overcame lear. Fear of failure, fear of rejection, fear of reficule — they fought it and they won!

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ner or courage, a beacon or nope. Several times this year! I spoke to you of the works of Ahraham Lincoln that have inspired me fair years. "I am not bound to win, but I am bound to by I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to five up to the light that I late." "Your light, your freey courage, dares you to by — to segre to reach the golds you have sail. Hold abid your fiery courage, my frents, and sail forth.

The sailing though, is not always smooth and The salung, crough, is not aways smooth and there exists within you another element of fire — a burning determination — that keeps you to your course though sloes are stormy and the waters rough. We we never been promised a simple success; at times it would be safer and easier to just blow with the wayward wind and abandon our goals. At times like these there springs from the embers a glow of per-severance — a flame that refuses to go out!

Your determination burns with such intensity that it glows like any heated fire — with a colored flame: a liame of blue and gold. "I) believe, I believe, I believe, I believe, we say over a district of the color and any of time — Anna Pavlova She never miscid-aperformance, not lori litiness not from indi-iment weather. She shared only warmth and found far too much happness to leave room for complaint. Her last scheduled appearance, though, was the most memorable of all. It was to be at the Apollo Theatre in London, in the rolls esh hand hard lamous, the Dying Swan. The atmosphere was of particular ex-trement as the cortestra began, the curtain westi up, the spotlights fished and the au-ditinent cost to their text. They shoot through out the entire performance, their eyes gazing after that wandering pool of light. When it was finished, a thundering ovation of joy went forth and the audience cheered on and on. But they and the audience cheered on and on. But mey cheered an empty stage, for throughout the evening they had watched only the light of the spottights — just imagining that the great ballerina was performing. Anna Pavlova had died two days earlier, but she didn't miss that last performance because her audience BELIEVED Friends, your dreams live on as well, if you wilf but believe and hold to your voyage, you quest, through high seas and rushing winds The embers of that burning determination lie within you — just stir them into fiery flame! Your courage and determination brought forth Your courage and determination prought from to me a special glow I'll always cherish — a radiant warmth of love I found from coast to coast and everywhere in between. Your friend-ship proved beyond doubt that the rising sun snip proved beyond doubt that the rising sun on all of our jackets truly does represent "the glonous sunlight of brotherhood and coop-eration." You warmed my days with a concern and caning that I treasure among my most valued memories. I found it with fine folks in valued memories. I found it with fine folks in Colorado who welcomed me not only as "frend" but as "tamily". I felt the warmth of 100 degree Puerto Rican spring and the special warmth of Puerfo Rican friendship as students refrained from laughing at my faultering Spanish and then labored together to read me a thank you note. In English, I discovered the beauty of Tennessee's Great Smoky Mountains in springtime and also the beauty of Tennessee friends at convention time. Love burned even brighter than the spotlights in my eyes after the infamous "Great Fall" in Virninia. There are so many warm memories of

ginia. There are so many warm memones of wonderful people, each remembrance is as wonderful people, each remembrance is as unique as the very selectal individuals who inspire them. All eadership conference in inspire them. All eadership conference in the lessive gualify that makes FFA'es so exceptional— and simply fabeled it "the glow." That glow is found in those who give so exceptional in those who give how the selection of t With those three - courage, determination With those three — courage, determination and flow—my prayer was answered. I found not and flow—my prayer was answered. I found not a fire that contained all three. But there was something extra—something on which I hadn't counted. I also found a light to guide me, one counted. I also found a light to guide me, one citting year. I had only to think of it and my citting year. I had only to think of it and my citting year. I had only to think of it and my citting year. I had only to think of it and my citting year. I had solly to the soll with the soll when years were given me soll with the special place of the total three me soll would be spotly lights please be directed to our guide?

lights please be directed to our guide? My friends, your fire has been my guiding light — a lamp to my feet and a beacon in the night. As a navigator sets his course by the North Star, so I set my course by you, and you've guided me through a fruity excep-tional year. You, though, are far more than stars—yes, more than stars! You but his high tear and stronger than any star in the night sky, Your billiance is akin to that gold on every spe-cial star, the one that warms our earth, grows our groups and briften so ut as: You've shone cal star, the one that warms our earth, grows our crops and brightens our days. You've shone fike the sun! The FFA thrives and grows in the light of that sun, it revolves around you! You give the FFA its energy, its vibrance, its glow! I have thrilled to serve that radiance for 365 I have thrilled to serve mat radiance to so-wonderful days. This, though, is number 365, but that doesn't mean the fire goes out! The sun keeps on burning — even at night — and you'll keep on burning long after [and my fellow officers are gone.

Your fire bightens a darkness that is older than all of us. In the patriotic play, "1776" George Washington is said to have asked three questions at Valley Forge. In ufter despair he questions at valley proge. In unter despair ne asked, "is anybody there? is anybody ister-ing? Does anybody care?" If in his camplire he had seen the fire that I see burning in you — the fire that I asked for on that codd windy mountain a year ago — the answers to his questions would have been clear: "Yes! We're here, we're listening and we care!"

As long as you spark each other, passing your

flame of enthusiasm along like an Olympic Torch, you are never alone in your quest; you never face despair alone in the dark or cold. You have the courage to try, the determination You have the courage to try, the determination to succeed and love to share; just look around you for that spark of enthusiasm! I look around now and thank you with all the roy in my heart for the burning brightness and warmth you have shared with me. Farewell has never been my favorite word, so instead I'll simply asl

Hold tight to each other --- your flame burning bright Together, like the sun, giving

warmth, love, and light Keen the faith, keep the glow, keep dreams you desire

But my friends, more than anything - pray, keep the fire!



"From Mud **Puddles to Magic** Mirrors"

Cara Doyle, National Vice President Central Region

Life is a gift, wrapped up with ribbons and woven with dreams.

Today, as I stand before you, the value of that gift has never seemed clearer, nor has the imited time we are given to experience it Indeed, my term as a national officer is almos over. The year has flown quickly — a maze of people and places, thousands and thou of people and places, thousands and mou-sands of miles ... memories of an FFA jour-ney. And now they say my time as a national ofticer is nearly over. Just look in your pro-grams. It's listed night there as clear as day. (RETIRING ADDRESS: Cara Doyle, National Vice President, Central Region, "From Mud Puddles to Magic Mirrors").

Puddles of Magic Mirros'').

Holde eeryfnight 'Mhal's the idea you guys?

Do I look so old? I always thought of returnment more along the lines of gray hair or dethures, quet evening strolls or maybe a condominium somewhere warm. Cart you see? My hair is as uncontrollable as ever! My tetch are alright—a few exwites cannot post by warrant a rocking châir, I still like to wear baggy sweat pants, go barefoot and blast my stereo from time to time.

Retirement? I must protest! But, you may say Heterement? I must protest! But, you may say, that is what has always been done. National officers are elected each November, they return the following. November and they ALWAYS give a retiring address. It is tradition! All right then. I realize now that tradition can be very difficult to change. Today! will close with my retiring address, but if I alter the idea a bit, other forms and the processing address. please forgive me. It's my age you under stand

So then, with that agreement, I ask you now So then, with that agreement, I ask you now to journey just one last time with me — not in quite the same way we have traveled this year visiting chapters, banquets and conferences. Instead please travel with me through the fields of the imagination. A journey to the chamber of light . , from mud puddles to madic mirrors

ficent structure of stairsteps Picture a magn pillars and turrets gleaming in the affemoon pulars and turrets gleaming in the affemoon sunshine. There stands a castle — a little crooked maybe, but what do you expect? A plastc pail and shovet can only do so much with the warm sand on the beach. But to the children splashing in the sally waves nearby, it is indeed a castle, magnificent as any ever

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Move quickly now to a gigantic canopy of rich green. The sounds of rustling, shreiks and green. The sounds of risiting, shrekes and giggles drift from above. As you strain your neck to see through the dense feaves of the tree, a head suddenly appears with a freckled face and a big toothless grin. Now, that branch may not seem very high to you, but to that little boy in those ragged denim overalls, if was a climb of skill and daing; it was an achievement as great as that of any mountain climber in the world.

Welcome to our first stop — the magical kal-Welcome to our first stop — the magical kal-eidescope world of youth. Whether it is the magnificent kingdom of a sand castle or the climb to branches on a huge oak tree, children truly shine with their watching and wondering, giggling and growing. No I have not lorgotten gigging and growing. Not make not torgotten skinned knees and kids who teased, eating spinach or sneaking extra cookies for which we usually got caught. That is all part of being kids, but what a special time when the world is new and any dream is possible.

Time, however, soon moves on. There is nothing we can do to alter that fact. The years pass quickly and the realibes of our world become evident. Face it Cara. It's a real world out there. It can be cold and cruel some might out there. It can be cold and cruel some might say. I'll not deny that. Each day muclear war threatens, people starve and drugs kill. There are rapes and robbenes, muggings and mur-ders. No one who reads the paper or hears the news can deny the facts. But what of those the news can deny the facts. But what of those mud puddle memories? Have we put them away to dust and rust in some comer of the past? Why, as maturity and reality set in must all of the bright and shiny dreams be set aside? A story of reality was told to me in Austria that I will never forget. There were five of us sifting in the warm kitchen of an old-fashioned saming in the warm Acciter to all order-assimpled farmhouse, as a plump elderly grandmother told her story. She reminisced about her life as a young girl in the days of war. Her family had fled the area earlier and she had been to the market that particular day. She returned from town to find all the farm animals gone and everything in the house stolen by the Rus-sian enemy. That was the same war which killed her father and fiance... Then the grandfather began to tell us his story of the ylanicated begain to tend us in story or the horrors of his three years spent in a Russian prison camp. Next, the frail old gentleman string beside me began to speak softly, telling of the American prison camp where he had been held prisoner. None of the stories were pretty ones, but very definitely reality. Wart. pretty ones, but very definitely reality. Wall, though, for even in those stories there is a glistening dream. Don't you see? As we sat at that worn wooden table — an old Austrian woman, a man who fought with us and a man who fought against us and two young Americans — we talked freely in warmth, peace and total Irendship. That to me is the dream of the world.

You, too, have taught me about the re hot, not lave sugar the about one tear wron, whether it was losing the election for chapter office, fighting the fire in your barn, struggling for life against cancer or hearing your best friend commit suicide over the phone. Reality? Yes, not just stones, but real experiences faced by FFA members that I met this year — as by rrA members that I met uns year — as icy and crystal cut as can be. So why the optimism? Because despite all of the happen-ings in this very real world, so many of you have won. You, my special friends, have done it anyway!

Now can you follow my travels? You see, mud puddles are all that have been and magic mir-rors are all that can be. This is your bine in FFA, mine is nearly up.

But, oh, how f reme

From that first sample of moldy cottage ch to the coconut pie thrown in my face, from the bull they brought in for me to milk in the parlor, to falling in the manure pile (the first time).

time). Or maybe it was this year as a national officer ... getting very wet in North Carolina, a super lime in 100-k, and bimes in 10 C., nobs, sobs, sets of numbers or a green caches from Massachusetts to Akrona. I don't name seriar? But you see, to most of you i shouldn't Leath are special moments shared in the travels of are special moments shared in the travels of the present shared in the strength of the special shared in the strength of the special shortes, the usique moments and the secret understandings that I had the chance to share with you. That to me is a wide of the special spec bional office. Those are the memories I will always cherish as I move on to new roads. Unbl now, I have spoken of mud puddles and magic mirrors as a journey in time from what was to what will be. I ask you to remember was to what will be. I ask you to terrifind that as we part, so that somewhere in the chamber of light within you those special dreams can be stored until someday . . . and not lost in reality.

Finally, I would like to apply those magic mirrors and mud puddles to you — from who you are to what you may be. If you will accept these tew last words from this old bat at thripe old age of twenty-one, then I will leav you these

First, dare! Dare to dream as far and wide as you can dream. It it means climbing to the top of a snow capped mountain, only to find that there are higher mountains to climb, take

that chance. Dare to be different and brave enough to go beyond the area in which you live. There is so much to see, so many people to know and so many new ways to look at the world. Dare to live life!

Next Jaught Yes I said Jaugh Have fun! Life Next, laugh! Yes, I said laugh. Have funt Life is too short to be worried all the time. There is a poem I like to read that was written by an old woman. She said that if she had her life to live over again, she'd go baretoot earlier in the spring and later in the tall. She'd eat less beans and more ice cream. You only get one chance here and your laughter will make anyone's smile brighter. A special friend taught me that lesson and it has indeed made my life

And finally, be yourself I don't know what you are atraid of!

you are special. I know! Do you think! would spend seven years of my lite wearing the same clothes as one-half million other people unless I thought they were special? You have thoughts, feelings and dreams that are limitless, but you have to believe If you don't believe in yourself, how on earth can you expect anyone else to? As I go now, I will carry with me all that you AS 1 go now, I will carry with me all that you have so generously shared. You have shown me agnoutlure's wonders and the life they provide. You have helped me to learn who I am and what I can be.

You have given me a better understanding of the world and my place in it.

My thanks to each one of you now Life is a gift, wrapped up in ribbons and wover

with dreams along a lighted journey from mud puddles to magic myrrors.

Travel happy my friends, travel far



"A Series of Choices"

Bruce Kettler, National Vice President Eastern Region

Today in the midst of the electricity, pageantry Today in the misot on the electricity, pageanly and excrement of this convention, it becomes difficult for me to share my retining thoughts with you. I have so many fond memones of this organization that I can't begin to put them into sentences. I have met a large number of fantastic people and made so many new frends that time does not permit me to tell about that time does not permit me to tell about them. I have been so fortunate to be able to see the beauty of this world that trying to put it into words would only ruin the real effect. That puts me to the point where I think the best thing I can do is to leave a challenge with

each of you.

When I think of all the challenges that I ca When I think of all the challenges that I came up against during the past say sexs, I realize that none were more difficult than the choices. That or make about myself, my lie and what I should do in the future. Should I go along with the crowd even though I don't believe the same way they do? Do I want to excel or be satisfied with average? Could I really be of service to others and still gain self-satisfaction. from it?

As I look back fondly over my years in the Future Farmers of America, I realize now these years were filled with a senes of choices that I had to make. But the decisions that I had to make as an FFA member are probably not much different than those you have made or will have to make

with have to make. Freezelly read, "a felia dosen't last iong on what he has done, he has to leep delivering." I related this to be true after competing my first contest in the FFA. It was the crede speaking contest. After winning the county against seven other individuals. Little did I readize them that if took practice and preparation to do well in a contest like this. Even is that cold Jauruan griph in 1978 when I placed fourth, I vowed that I wast good to the templet. I related them that I not ret to last long I had to keep on delivering. Lades and gentlemen, you can't slide upful!

ung I nad to keep on delivering. Lades and gentlemen, you can't slide uphill! You can't slide uphill! You can't slide downhill either if you set some goals in life and are willing to work to achieve them. The best choice I have made is the choice to challenger myself to be a winner. It was the best choice because it has allowed me to meet so many people, like each of you, who are winners.

Over the last several years the best les



shared with me. Someone once told me, "If you can't have the best of everything, make the best of everything, make the best of everything. To me that is why we challenge ourselves to reach new heights. That is when we look at what we have and are willing to make the best of it.

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Earlier this summer, I hit is still of us were anuniversal memory to the still of us were anuniversal memory to the still of the still of us were anuniversal memory to the still of the still o

Then my thoughts turned to how I had the choice of helping others to realize dreams that they had. I asked myself a queston that Tim going to ask you to ask yourself, "am I committed to helping others so that they may have the opportunities I didn't have?"

ome opportunities I out I raive?

Sometimes we have to make that choice. Many people these days would rather look out for themselves. If they have time after their personal interests to help others, then they may help out. Too many people have a live and tell view attitude. Maybe if each of us decides not ligitst leve and tell twe, but rather to lives and help live, we will find more people returning the favor.

People who are willing to help certainly are not rare in the Future Farmers of America. I have found that we are quite fortunate to have many people who are committed to making our futures brighter.

From young to old alke I have been able to work with and become affiliated with people who give much more of themselves than they receive in return. But interestingly enough these are the satisfaction comes in these are the satisfaction comes in helping others and seeing other people do well. There have been many times when people have asset me for advice or help.

I was flattered when asked but at the same time I really found that I caught myself feeling much better after helping out. Friends, those are the times when I realized that committing myself to what I believed in was another wise choice that came about because of this grand organization.

I have seen myself change over the past is wars because of my involvement in the FTA. The opportunities to travel, learn, meet new frences and challenge myself to attain new heights have changed this once sly resimina to a person who has the ulmost respect for anyone who is willing to change themselves anyone who is willing to change themselves better than our explosed to the property of the pro

dong magnificent things. Lean intermether how several years ago, after attending this convention, I was more excited than ever about the thought of someting waiting across this stage to receive my American Fairmer degree. I was not aware that there were so many than the stage to receive my American Fairmer degree. But I was not aware that there were so many tasks that went into such an honor. It was then that I realized that true greatness connects the stage of the sta

A real friend is one who helps us to think our noblest thoughts, put torth our best efforts and be our best

Life really is made up of a series of chooses. Sometimes we time for selections and become unaware of what is really being offered to us. The FFA has given me a great deal. But I can truly say that I finough this organization. I have been given a writee which I hope will benefit you as much as if has me. That writee is belief. Beleving that my God-given talents were forward. If Lused them Beleving in myself.

To accomplish great things We must not only act, but also dream.

Not only plan but also believe.

accomplish what you want. Until about four years ago, I did not have the attitude that, "Whatever is worth doing at al, is worth doing well." I soon flound out that putting a lot of effort into any task, great or small, was quite revarding, Not not have at quite revarding, but it built my self-confidence there to the point where I smally began to chailenges now can be quite fruit and exching compared to have I none vewed them.

The strength of your belief in yourself will determine your successes. But remember that whether you win, loose, or draw you will always be a better person for trying.

ways or a deter legant in trying. It has been an honor to serve you and the Future Farmers of America. I can only thank you and the Good Lord for the opportunity and strength to do so. That is why I am going to ask the National FFA Chorus to sing a benediction as my wish to each of you faced with a "Series of Choices."

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.

Lift up your eyes and see His face. And His grace forever. May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keen you forever

keep you forever.

May you accomplish all that is worthy to you, be humble in your actions, help others and

may you accomplish as that is worthly to you be humble in your actions, help others an above all, believe in you!! Thank you for a great year and may God bless



"This is My Quest"

Marty Coates, National Secretary

"Impossible!" It seems almost impossible that a year has gone by and I have realized a dream come true. Now it seems even more impossible that here I am today, on stage before 23,000 FFA members sharing my linal address. What would I say as a thoute to my fellow members, family, Irends and God?

A few months ago as the summer season often to a close, I realized that Nevember and the convention were near, it seemed almost me possible to avoid houghts of this last address to you. At that time, I began to re-evaluate my year as National FA Secretary, a year of tremendous and varied opportunities and occupientes, which seemed vast and never ending—a year enterin Newardships began and the properties, which seemed vast and never ending—a year entering houghts began seemed to be seen the properties of the pro

As I pondered these thoughts fisal down and penned the words to this address, which I will share with you today.

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In 1907, when Orville and Wilbur Wright pul man in flight one windy day at Krity Hawk, North Carolina, another impossible dream came

Their flight sparked the imagination of millions of Americans exploring the possibilities of this

invention. The quest to improve man's use of air has developed into a fascinating mode of transportation, which can take us around the world, to the moon and other points in the universe. Impossible?

It seemed impossible to millions of Americans in 1980 that the hostages in tran would ever return home. Negotiations failed An attempted rescue failed. Even prayers seemed useless in this situation. However, it did not seem so impossible when the hostages returned home, alive and well.

For years, there was only a slight possibility that NASA could ever design, build and put into operation a space shuffle that could transport men and women into outer space on a regular base.

The doubt diminished, however, on Palm Sunday 1981 when the space shuttle, Columbia was launched into orbit. That flight has been repeated many times now — a promising opportunity for science.

portunity for science. Many things have presented themselves as impossibilities over the course of history. However, these impossibilities to were the course of history possibilities, when many possive people found proposed themselves, when many possive people for people, determined to accomplish their task, acknowledged success when they said, "This is my dancet this is my dancet things the foreign of the many sold. I am determined to realize this dream, no matter how impossible it seems.

Last fall as I prepared for the interviews I would undergo here in Kansas City, I often lound myself unsure as to the actual success of this, another dream in the FFA - the dream to become a national offerer. One day affer classes at college, I returned home, checked my mailbox and found a letter from a friend. Within the letter, I found a poem which seemed to inspire me to confine un quest of my dreams. The words of Rod Stewart share an important message:

"If there's doubt and you're cold, Don't you worry what the future holds We gotta have heroes,

To teach us all To never give up on a dream. Tame the road, Tame the toad, Torch the sun No force on earth could stop your run When your heart, Bursts like the sun, Never, never give up on a dream.

Shadows fall, Deal the dice Ya feel ya never got a place you can

run. Search forever, For a finish line

For a finish line But never give up on a dream. Raging oceans

Filf your head You gofta break all records sel Push yourself Until the end, But don't you give up on a dream.

Now listen to me. . . . You don't need restrictions, You can't live on sympathy, You just need to go the distance That's all you need to be free.

Aspiring on, To never lose It'll take a long, long time

Till they can fill your shoes, It'll take somebody whose a tot like you Who will never give up on a dream

YDU MUST NEVER GIVE UP ON A DREAM."

I found in that poem just enough to keep me going.

This year we have traversed this country visting with you. I have been inspired as you have shared your many dreams with me. Barry late nights were spent in homes. Jams, yards and trucks sharing with you about how impossibilities can become realities if you dare to go the limit. Friends, successful members in this organization and successful people in life are much file that symbol of our organinities.



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zation's scope and unity -- the eagle

The sagle and you are always soaring higher and higher news stablished to stay on the ground, but the sagle must reach far beyond its own limit to affain peaks yet uninhabited. Such have been the attitudes of the many thousands of you I've visited with this year. Often times this year I have found myself down, because they are I have found myself down, because they are I have found myself down, because they are the are they are the are the are they are they

This year generation not only a year in which a drawn cann frove, but if represents an oporfunity to share with others. Just four years ago this dreim became a goal as I attended the National FFA Convention. I heard a man the law of terrors can make it set demans come timely. This goal of becoming a national officient dively. This goal of becoming a national officient seemed impossible to an imister's soft, who four years ago had a work project which was externely limited. My visit to his this convention in 1979 began my journey of explored the second of the property of the project which was externely limited. My visit to his this convention in 1979 began my journey of explored control of the project which was successed as found as I could see and map a course toward affaining my goal clin say, local, but in yeldys in the FFA have been challenging but revariating, tough but control clin say, local, but in yeldys in the FFA have been challenging but revariating, tough but the which seem illimites and have offered moments of grafification as success was compensed. One success was concessed in the properienced. One successify year and career in concession of a Successive year and career in concession of a Successive year and career in

In this gratification I must share my thanks with some folks who have helped me in my numerous quests in the FFA.

numerous quests in the FPA.

To my family, I say thanks for the constant inspiration each of you has always given me so that I might see that together everyone achieves more. The spirit of teamwork and love from you have secured me in this mo-

To my advisors and chapter, I can never say enough thanks for allowing me to explore the various avenues of the FFA with you. Your support has been invaluable over the year. I say thanks to you for your challenging, so profive and lowing comradery that you have shared with me this year. The true quest of oriming a team to work toward the betterment of FFA is conquered in this moment and I share it with you.

To each of you, my fellow FFA members, though I don't know each of you by name. I thank you for what you represent and mean to me. You represent the todays and tomorrows You represent new dreams, new goals and challenging quests.

A state officer in Alabama last year said, "when began this year, I though that I was feaving home and beginning a journey. Well, I realize today that I've been at home all the while and today i begin the journey." This officer best summarizes my houghts today, but before I leave on this journey of ore quests, let me organization in this country, the Challenge of Infiding brighter tomorrows in the field of agriculture.

In closing, my final quest in the FFA is to share with you in the words of a song, my hope that each of you will continue to tackle the quest of reaching your dreams.

"The Impossible Dream" I love you all, God Bless.



"It's All Up to You" Wendell Jellreys, National Vice President Western Region

Western negron:

It's been over seven years since I sat in that small vo ag classroom for the first time—
and even then, I knew I had met a very special friend that would be a part of my life for many years to come. But what I didn't know, was this new found companion would literally includue me I or housands of people, take me to places I never dreamed of going, utimately change file way I wewed file and would be one of the-minst unselfish givers that I have ever known.

Who is this unbelieveable friend that I'm speaking of? Well, you could say I'm looking

at a part of that friend right now, as I look at you. Because, you see, this friend is beta nown as the future Pamers of America and within the next day and a ball a young and that has grown to love and chesist this organization will be forced to late of this ball and gold picked for the first time. Although, and gold picked for the first time Although, it is because of having had the coporturity to it of the properties of the properties of the a cytotic feeting the properties of the contraction of the properties of the properties of and have a deoper approximation for my follow man.

Serving as a national officer this year has truly opened my eyes for the need to five life to its fullest — for if we don't, it will surely pass us by without even a second glance.

I've also learned this year that to get the most out of life you must be willing to use all of your God-given talents and potential.

your God-grien talents and potential. As I've traveled sorso this country to entrus, conferences and conventions. I've been amagine time after time by pools who have shown me the great potential that likes within every human been. The potential to go forth and accomplish thimsy that many pools think are samply about people with unheard of 1.0.5 and proposable. For groundally think it is about people with unheard of 1.0.5 and proposable and the proposable time about people with unheard of 1.0.5 and proposable proposable principles people — just file; you and my people — just file; you and my.

people — just like you and me. I saw God-given talent and potential used to overcome what was said to be impossible, as I watched Bruce, a young FFA member who had been physically handicapped since bink. But that didn't stop Bruce, for today he's one of the main leadors in his chapter and fheir parliamentary procedure train.

I witnessed the impossible conquered, as I watched Wes, a former FFA member, who as a Greenhand was sent home by his teacher because of a speech defect so bad that because his period of the classroom. Today, Wes debates issues as a U.S. Concressman.

Now I'm not saying that handicapped people are the only ones who can muet a challenge and overcome if — but I am saying that each of us has the ability to do something great with our life, if we'll only make the decision to get to work and do it.

to get to work and do st. Even God's word feels us that we should be constantly reaching forth to a new and unawwerd challenge. Paul spoke of this in Phil. maxwerd challenge. Paul spoke of this in Phil. for the praz of the high calling of Eod." The constantly searching for opportunities to build constantly searching for opportunities to build the firest—that will be the are served to many of the problems the word to the those power in a prolination and all other feels, that are striving forward with God's feels, thus, that reach there utheres goals for firest.

Many of you will remember the impossible being challenged in 1978. It was disrupted being challenged in 1978. It was disrupted to August 11th, an a clower field in Practuce 16th, Manie, if at three Abbuquartee bail-loonets littled upward into the sky and stateth or clower of the property of the proper

to offer. That, my friends, applies to you whoever you are, whatever you do and wherever you for, L can assure you there will be these who will doubt you, telling you it can't be done—and even you, yourself, will become a non-believer at times. But it's during fitnee limes of failure and disappointment, late whe got to remember all the good timings that have come our way in file.

I've dreamed many dreams that never

came true
I've seen them vanish at dawn,
But I've realized enough of my
dreams, thank God

To make me want in dream on.

I've trusted many a friend that lailed,

And left me to meen alone.

And left me to weep alone, But I've found enough of my triends true blue

To make me keep trusting on.
I've sown many seeds that lell by the
way

For the birds to feed upon
But I've held enough golden sheaves



in my hand To make me keen sowing on. I've drained the cup of disappointment and pain I've gone many days without song. But I've sipped enough nectar from

the roses of life To make me want to live on.

Yes my friends, indeed I do want to keep living on, because I want you to know that there's a life before us today and tomorrow that's worth living It's worth making the most of each and every day.

Sure, I'll agree the nexspapers and television screens across this land paint a might in properties for a person wanting to succeed in this day and age. But this country has overcome problems in the past — and it will in the future, mainly because in the past this country has overcome problems in the past — and or future, mainly because in the past this country has considered in the past this country has country to a succeeding the past the country to a succeeding the past the country to what the properties of viwhether this country that or prospered, only the route past but for the generations that will follow us in this country and in this or-annealion. Sure. I'll agree the newspapers and telev nzation

I've learned this year that no matter how I've learned this year that no matter now much we give of ourselves, our time, our labor and our love, we will always receive more in return. There's no limit to the feeling of joy when you see a friend reap the rewards of success that you helped make possible.

Today as Americans and as members of this organization, we have to remember that this country and this membership will only last as long as we help make that possible. It's going to require that we have a few roads and build ne new bridges

The following poem by Will Allen Oromgoole expresses this feeling

An old man traveting a lone highway Came at the evening cold and gray, To a chasm vast, deep and wide Through which was flowing a sutlen-

The old man crossed in the twilight dim.

The sullen stream held no tears for But he turned when safe on the other

And built a bridge to span the tide

"Old man," cried a fellow nilarim You're wasting your time in building

here Your journey will end with the closing

You never again will pass this way You have crossed the chasm deep

Why build you this bridge at the even-tide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head:

"Good friend, in the path I have come." he said. There followeth after me today A youth whose feet must pass this

This stream which has been as a naught to me,

To that fair-haired youth it may pitful He too, must cross in the twilight dim

Good friend, I am building this bridge for him."

Fellow FFA members, the six of us have ex perienced a year that was made possible be-cause of members who built bridges — so that we could cross life's many chasms and that we could cross life s many chastins and it we have done anything during our year of service, I pray that we also have constructed a few bridges for young men and women to cross upon in the years to come.

At a moment like this, when someone has given you so much, it's very hard not to be a little sad, but we will not be sad, for we

a little sad, but we will not be sad, for we know that with every ending there's a new beginning. A beginning that will lead us to heavy more challenges in our lite and in the lives of those around us. This morning, as I look around this audrio-num, I see that my old frend has changed during the last seen years. My old frend has now grown into someone who must also face many new challenges— and that someone is each of you.

As we leave, I hope you will join us in a very simple challenge that we'll carry from this day on, It's a challenge of decision, the decision to not only make the most of the life God has given you, but to also help others make the most of their lives

The great poet, Edgar Quest tells it best.

"You are the fellow who has to

Whether you'll do it or toss it aside. You are the one who makes up your Whether you'll lead or linger behind.

Whether you'll try for the goal that's Or be content to stay where you are.

Take it or leave it, here's something to do Just think it over, It's all up to you.

Today, if you'll meet this challenge, what a tremendous difference it could make for you, for this country and for this organization. Yes friends, there is something to do and IT'S ALL

 those blue jackets as instructors, state staff, sponsors, friends and others who have been sponsors, mends and others who have been instrumental in my success because of their support. Of course family is special to each of us. It is with their concern, etfort and care that we are able to dream some of those dreams that someday become realized achievements. I thank my family for allowing me that privi-

An extended family of trve others, this year, has given much of itself. Each member has has given much of itself. Each member has provided a unique perspective and together we have epitomized the word "team". All of you will lorever be a part of me. The great lesson has made me see that each of these groups of individuals is ditterent, thankfully. Each is desenving of respect and equal con-sideration. Each must appreciate others and

The great lesson has taught that all people are The great lesson has faught that all people are uniquely beautiful, and that for any desires we lave, for any goals we want to acheive, for any dreams we possess, the best people to share it with, bear it with, and care with are those around you.

those around you. These three modules are all a part of a great lesson. A lesson I have learned as a member of the future farmers of America. It has been greatly internstitied and magnited this year. The greatest lesson is learning to love yourself. Simply lowing yourself is realizing that with your life and subesquently those sorond you, you and God can accomplish anything if you'll see that now is the best firm; here is the best place and the best place and the best place around you.

lesson I would love to experience and learn

again and again. A tesson learned well need only to be acquired once and then reviewed only to be acquired once and then revrewed from time to Imme Thanks to you, I have learned the greatest, simple lesson well. I promise to review it each day I think and breathe, and hopefully afterwards. Giffs ot concern, mem-ories, and love of and from you will make future successes easier.

future successes easier. In return for all that you have given me, I share the knowledge of the lesson and challenge you to adopt the three parts of the lesson in your life. I wish you too, will learn to "Love Yourself." Thanks much and God will bless.

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It seems a very long time ago, and then not so long ago, that I was just beginning my tenure as an FFA member. That excitement and extreme interest level that has carried me through much and brought me to today, has through much and brought me to today, has all stemmed from one thought that filled my entire being with anticipation. As I sat in the small classroom with a handful of other tenth grade students, I listened to a lecture given by a gentleman, who had taught all of my seven brothers, and the thought of the great lesson I was to learn captivated my mind.

lesson I was to learn capitvated my mind. I and no idea that the lesson was to last until today and follow me hopefully. Through a life-time. I had no idea that this grarel tesson would have more than one or two teachers, but III-really hundreds of thousands. I had no idea that the great lesson would encompass much dismay, disgust and disappointment away disgust and disappointment away as a treasure chest filled with happiness, excitement and accomplishment

I am sure that you are asking yourselves nam some man you are asking yourselves what is this great lesson that I have referred to so frequently. The lesson that has transformed a self-doubling, withdrawn, bitter teenager into an aspiring, trusting, capable, understanding young man.

This lesson is quite simple and is composed of three major parts. These three modules have been disclosed to me very well, especially this year. The three parts to this lesson are time, place and people. Three nouns that at first glance are very denotative but to me, in my tenure as a member of the greatest youth organization, have taken on a more full, more clear connotation.

Time for us is a most valuable commodity. Because of the rarriy and elemental qualities of this measure of duration, most of us have come to feel that we are subject to it. We feel come to tee that we are subject to it. We lead that it dictates our lasks for each day. The great lesson I learned while investing time traveling over three hundred days this year, investing time at home with family and sharing conversation with the many members I met, is that time is ours to do with what we please Is that limit's but is do with with a we please. The great lesson teaches us that we cannot destroy time but, if not used properly, we can insure our own destruction. The great lesson has taught, for any desires we have, for any goals we want to achieve, for any dreams we possess, that now is the best time to begin to work at them

Certainly this year has been filled with places.
I have seen the majestic sites of our great country and of other countries. I have er country and of other countries. I have enjoyed the beauty and comfort of many homes of FFA members and friends. I have learned much from the many projects I have seen and read about. All of these places have opened my eyes to many things I never knew existed. The yes full any fillings in reversione waster. The readest lesson has revealed that of all the incturesque scenes, of all the historically rich reas, of all the places one could wishfully iream to be, there is no place like the place ou are at the moment. The greal lesson has aught, for any desires we have, for any goals we want to achieve, for any dreams we pos-sess, the best place to start is here

sess, the dest propole in each per-son's file. In my life there are many special people. Each young person who zips a be-lacket and decides to accomplish something is special to me. Also, there are many special people all across this country who support

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There are 22 different proficiency award areas. They vary from production agriculture and outdoor recreation to sales/service and processing. Of the applications received, 4 regional winners in each award area compete for the national title in their area. Each national winner receives a cash award, a plaque, and an all expense paid European travel seminar.

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Western-Ion Thompson Milburn Okla-

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Western-Robert Arndt, Buffalo, Wyoming

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First Piece Team—Atlanta, Georgia: Allen Darden, Lisa Neidert, John Hatfield High Individual—Jane Praska, Crasco, Iowa

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Nominating Committee, have given careful and deliberate consideration to all applicants running for National Office. The Committee nominates the following slate of candidates to the delegates of the 56th National Convention to serve as National Officers for the year 1983-84:

SIGNAL CONVENTION TO SerVer as Vacional Officers for it President—Rom Whelinger, Marion, Kanadaa Secretary—Bill Carrawy, Croris, New Mexico Vere President, Carral Rejous—Honder M. & Chock Gerbon, Looso Creak, Miscon Carral Marion, Carral Marion, Carral Marion, Carral Marion, Professor Vice President, Southern Rejous—Audio, Lawan, Peorica, Mariana, Florida Vice President, Wastern Rejous—Mexico, Lawan, Peorica, Mariana, Florida National Treasure—David Miller, Baltimore, Mariyami Mallocal Executive Secretary—C. Coleman Harris, Washington, D.C. Acting National Advisor—Thairin McCombb., D.C. Carry Faller, Malloc, Lockaman, D.C. (April Maria Maria), D.C. (April Maria Ma

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Prepared Public Speaking Contest

Sponsored by FMC Foundation.

Each contestant in the prepared public speak-ing contest spoke six to eight minutes about an agricultural subject and then answered questions from the judges for five minutes.

Rob Thurmond, Jr., 18, from the Smith Mountain Virginia FFA Chapter in Moneta, Virginia, won the 1983 National FFA Public Speaking Contest with his speech entitle

"Is Our Future Eroding?"
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dent at the University of Virginia, said chose his topic because "this will effe everybody because agriculture affe everybody.

och was as follows:



A lot of ettention has been given to pro-tecting our air and water resources. And rightfully so, for these are the cor-nerations for all life. Without air we would die in minutes. Because of this it seems die In minutes. Because of this it seems the most urgont and is receiving the most Föderal control legislation et this time. Föderal control legislation et this time. Are you eware of the fact that excoording to calculations, the last cubic foot of completely pura air diseppeared in the early 1997's? It's frightening to resitte that there is nowhers on earth where man breathes pure eir. So air pollution is a big problem and deserves all the attention it is tention in the control of the control of

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Agricultural Career Show

The National Agricultural Career Show is an exposition of careers in agriculture and agribusiness. It is a place where FFA members business. It is a place where HA members and advisors can visit on a one-to-one basis with representatives from industry, government, professional associations and educational institutions. It's this personal conversation with a professional that may make an FFA member select a certain career or explore more opportunities in the many and diversified career helds in agriculture

Career Show exhibitors are encouraged to Career Shiw exhibitors are encouraged to demonstrate, answer questions, and display those things of interest to people with a keen interest in agnouthure. Things such as, education and experience required for careers, job opportunities, educational malerials for use in agnouthural education, new products, and new agricultural technologies being de-

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level. These can be used in state newsletters to promote calendar sales

10. Stress the calendar program et Washington Conference Progr washington Conterence Program and State Presidents Conterence. The Na-tional FFA Calendar Committee would like to congratulate Jack Pitzer and his staff for their continued efforts toward the growth of the calendar program.

Respectfully submitted, National FFA Calendar Committee Bryan Hill, South Carolina, co-chairman Carol Callaway, Texas, co-chairman Jeffrey Werner, Alaska Janell Carlson, Alaska Lisa Conway, Delaware Lance E. Walker, Michigan

Saturday, November 12, 1983

Externoraneous Public Speaking Contest Sponsored by American Farm Bureau Foundation.

In the externograneous public speaking con-In the extemporaneous public speaking con-test, FFA members draw two calegories con-cerning production agriculture, agribusiness and leadership. Then they draw not be piper from each of the two categories and choose one from which they wish to bould their speech. Each contestant a given 30 minutes to prepart the bour to six minutes speech. After the pres-ertation to the convention audience, each com-testant answerd the judges' quostions for five testant answerd the judges' quostions for five

Tony Edmond of Dublin, Georgia, won the National FFA Extemporaneous Speaking Contest talking about "The Role of Exports in the Structure of American Agricultural Marketa."



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become a part of the American farmers' responsibility, in other words, I feel he should be able to export as he needs to Export and sell directly to foreign markets. Because it is important that we have to and hold when we have to. Therefore, we figure in expenses, figure in our effort and back out of it it we have to.

in our effort and back out of it it we have to because we are not just in this to survive. We want to make a profit. Farming is a business just like any other business. Being an agriculturalist is just like being employed by any other business in the United States of America. Therefore, I feel that the United States of hearing her a fabil to like and the survive survive survive survive survive to the survive survive survive survive to the survive survive survive survive to the survive survive survive survive to the survive survive to the survive survive survive to the survive to the survive survive to the survive Therefore, I feel that the United States of America has e debit to its farmers. Therefore, we should allow the farmer to be able to self his exports as he neede to. Now it is more than just equestion of how important these exports are. There is the question of who has control of them) and who is going to structure the markets for the American farmer.

for the American farmer.
The markets are structured now in a no win situation, in my opinion. The farmers must sell in order to get revenues. But, on the other hand the revenues are not enough to supply the farmer with his expense money and the profit for his time and labor.

increase money and the just like for the farmer is just like for the farmer is just like for anybody else, it costs. It costs to farmer to labor abort and it costs the farmer to labor liabor and it costs the farmer to labor liabor. So, I feel that as we work in the

fields of market to get the product of our toil, I believe that the export markets are

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So, I feel that the farmer himself should have the option of deciding how he is going to market his crops, how he is going to market his crops, how he is going to market his avpleane and how he is going to market his wheat in order that we can get the price we need in order to survive

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We, the 1983 National FFA Calendar We, the 1963 National FFA Calendar Committee, would like to thank the 1,200 FFA chapters that have taken ad-vantage of the FFA calendar program as a means to promote the FFA organization. We wish to submit recom-mendations so that the popularity and success of the FFA calendar program

NATIONAL FFA CALENDAR

will continue. The recommendations Oistribute a questionnaire to agriculture teachers as a means of determining why more chapters do not make use of the FFA calendar program.

2. Place advertisements in The Na tional FUTURE FARMER magazine almed at the potential sponsors of the calendar program.

3. Distribute a newsletter containing testimoniale from chapters who have

successfully implemented the FFA calendar program as a public relations

Educate teachers to use calendars and till out order forms, with emphasis on new teachers in the early fall.

Reconsider distributing samples of calendars offered.

Oevise unique, innovative gim-micks to increase calendar sales.

Consider operating through direct sales rather than by mall. Emphasis should be on contacting students

8. Consider distributing unsold calendars at state leadership conferences and camping programs

Provide ads targeted at potential sponsors for the calendars on the local



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adership Conferences for Stete Officers progrems. Alumni representatives should be included for discuttion and questions. 6. The FFA alumni should

publicize the FFA Alumnf Legion of Morit We also encourage each state officer

team to: 1. Make themselves available to

FFA Alumni at state functions.

2. Include FFA Alumni public rela-

Include FFA Alumni public rela-tions during chapter visits.
 Become lifetime members of the FFA Alumni so as to work closer with both orgenizations.

Mike Barrett, Nebraska chairman Bruce A. Buck, Maine co-chairman Donald Westerman, Arkansas M. Wayne Wootten, Alabama Alan Axton, Colorado Kurt Rahe, Illinois Ramon E. Reyes Jr., New York

NATIONAL PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

We, the members of the 1983 National Program of Activities Committee realize the significance of our role in serving on one of the constitutional

have carefully examined the 1983-1984 national program of activities end have found it to be complete and fully explained. The format for printing was

found to be very functional. Affer a complete analysis of the 1983-1984 program of activities, we make the follow-

g recommendations:

1. The national FFA Board of Directors implement a policy whereby en adequate amount of time be provided to Inform sponsors, state associations and membership for their reactions before final National FFA Board action is taken that will affect a majority of the FFA membership.

2. Continue promotion of the 100 Percent Plus Chapter Program and the 10-Plus program.

stantiv strive to improve end increase FFA membership through the

use of all evallable resources. Action should be taken to curtail
the flow of counterfeit items to the FFA members. This adversely affects our FFA members by taking away from the supply service.

5. We recommend that special em-phasis be put on the development and growth of the National Alumni Associa-

Develop a new official FFA wall calendar with file pockets.
 Contest should be modernized

with the essistance from industry spon-

sors when necessary.

8. We propose that the National FFA organization creed speaking conte

More emphasis should be put on BOAC, Netional Chapter Award and

A greater effort be made on the

part of the national organization to nform members of national activities. We commend the 11.

orgenization tor effectively developing end implementing the national media

campaign.

12. Encourage state essociations to participate in both the inbound and out-bound programs of the WEA.

13. Encourage all chapters to become familiar with and expand local com-

14. The National FUTURE FARMER

magazine should rotate the cover story from region to region with each Issue. 15. The cover story topics should be

rotated with every issue so that all espects of agriculture will be covered.

16. The national orgenization should use the magazine es medium for informing the membership of current issues within the organization.

17. Highly encourage the possibility of establishment of a national toll-free number to the aupply service for phone orders.

18. Encourage the supply service to supply and advertise commomorative convention items for sale at the con-

19 Adopt one standard official tie We suggest that the ebove recom-mendations be carefully exemined and taken into consideration by the netional

roganization.
Respectfully submitted by the 1983 Progrem of Activities Committee, Dale Beaty, Wisconsin, chairman Hayne Feary, Alabame, co-cheir Melanie Cook, New York, secretary Paul Schweigert, Aleske Elizabeth Graham, Messachusetts Scott Bourn, West Virginie Johnny Corder, Mississippi Carolyn Wilmer, Pennsylvania

INTERNATIONAL

We, the International Progrems Com-mittee of the 56th National Convention of the Future Farmers of Americe, in hopes of promoting and expanding par-ticipation in the WEA international pro-gram, submit the following suggestions and recommendations:

 Have erticles about inbound end outbound WEA participants in The Na-tionel Future Farmer magazine et leest once a year, in eddition to the erticles on travel seminars

2. Have the national officers and/or International Department representatives spend at least one hour speak-ing about inbound WEA programs et the Netional Leadership Conferences

3. Continue using Puerto Rico as a cultural learning stop-over for out-bound students going to Spanishspeaking countries.

4. Have the International Department

send promotional paraphernalia for booths, exhibits or presentations to state conventions.

Mail WEA Intermation to Washington Conference Program par-ticipants toward the latter part of November and egain on the first of

6 Have the International Departm send pre-written articles to state FFA
offices for use in their respective state

7. Have state associations and local chapters use past WEA participants as personal contacts between members, state officers, possible host families and other people interested in the WEA program.

Have state officers promote the WEA program while on chapter visits and while speaking at various func-

9. Have all state associations end local chapters involve students in their activities.

10. Use and develop United States

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11. Make pre-recorded radio tapes available, explaining both the inbound and outbound programs.

12. Have the FFA continue to cooperate with agriculture organizations to better promote the WEA prosess between bullet will be compared to the promote the WEA prosess between bullet will be considered.

grem through their publications.

13. in addition to national recognition.

13. In addition to national recognition, have states give special recognition to their host families.

14. Include information perteining to National WEA Scholarships in Interna-

National WEA Scholarships in interna-tional program materials.

15. Continue support of President's Internetional Youth Exchange.
We, the International Committee, wish to extend our sincere thanks and

appreciation to Rich Kimble, FFA Inter-national Department Staff member. Respectfully submitted, Jan Maahs, Nebraska, cheirman Linda Orlovski, Coloredo, secretary John Houston, Tennessee Brad Temple, Illinois

Janice Johnson, New Jersey Gary Larrowe, Virginia Tony Hodges, Louisiana Rick Kimble, FFA Internetion Department staff member

COLLEGIATE AG ED DEVELOPMENT

We the members of the 1983 Col-legiate Agriculture Education Developregiate Agriculus Euscalus that the development of collegiate agriculture education would develop the Ideals, philosophies of agriculture as well as encourage leadership, citizenship, character and improvement. Realizing illowing recommendations: Define Collegiate FFA by getting

the national organization to encompass the many different names each univer-sity has for their own agricultural

education organization.

2. Have each state agricultural university submit a basic, concise nauniversity submit a basic, concise na-tional report on what they (the universi-ty) are teaching in regard to FFA to their college students. The report forms would be compiled and standardized by the national center

3. Contests are an intregal part of the FFA since most college students do not have a SOE program they miss one part of the FFA. With no contests or leadership skills test they miss another part.
We feel that contests, speaking, leadership, judging and etc... are beneficial so that the college students are getting at least two parts of the FFA program. So, we the committee sug-gest that the National Center setup competitive contests between collegiate organizations who have paid the

4 Resources of time and money should be allocated for state and na-tional staff to help the collegiate chapter in that state while setting guidelines for the chapter. Meetings guidelines for the chapter. Meetings should be held with national steps members to evaluate and determine the purposes of Collegiate FFA or Agricultural Education Organization.

Agricultural Education Organization.
In summary, we the members of the
Collegiate Agricultural Education
Development Committee strongly urge
the board of directors to show some ne board of unectors to show some positive evidence that our four basic recommendations are considered because we teel Collegiate Agricultrual Education Development should be made a high priority. Respectfully submitted.

Rick Mailr, Kansas, chairmen
T.D. Hostikka, Washington, cocheirman Jeannette Ruhlman, South Dakota Cheryl Shininger, Ohio Surette Bazen, Texas Lance Riddle, Missouri

Anthony Maillio, Rhode Island

NATIONAL FFA SUPPLY SERVICE

We the members of the 1983 National FFA Supply Service Committee, offer the following recommendations: The supply service broaden the line of convention momentos such as

pre-screened t-shirts and caps with the convention dates and Kansas City printed on them. supply service send out

2. The supply service sorial out notices in pre-convention registration and also have announcements featured in the FFA Times and THE NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER magazine. Members should patronize the supply service booth rather than the souvenir shops the street and in bell stables. on the streets and in hotel lobbles et the National FFA Convention.

3. The committee strongly recom mends that the supply ser mends that the supply service delete telephone service charges in order to continue a "service" to FFA members and encourage business to the supply

4. The supply service keep the program catalog and the supply service

catalog and the supply service catalog as two separate publications.

5. The supply service add the following items to the supply service catalog:

a. video-tapes of extem-poraneous and prepared public speaking contests.

baseball and football lersevs.

6. The supply service discontinue the standard light blue tie and that it be removed from the catalog as part of the lal dress.

7. The supply service readjust the let-tering on the girls scarf so it can be seen when tied.

The supply service use photographs rether than artwork for lilustrating all items in the catalog.

lustrating all items in the catalog.

10. The supply service study the feasibility of using nettonal foundation monies for the development of bilingual literature, such as Spanish, due

to possible necessity.

11. The National FFA Board of Directors submit an ennuel report of the action taken on these end all other committees recommendellons to future defegates of the National FFA Conven-

We would like to both thenk and comwe would like to both their and com-mend Harry Andrews, director, and the National FFA Supply Service staff for holding true to the objectives on which the supply service was founded in 1948. Respecifully submitted, Merk Beemer, Iowa, co-chairman

We, the delegates serving as the Na-tional FFA Convention, wish to express our thanks to Robert Cox, Harold Lineberry, Eldon Witt, James Ertl, Greg Schafer, Milton Natush, and Wayr Nattress for the time spent in workin

with us. We feel that a strong FFA Alumni is of vital importance to the development and continued growth of past and present members and other friends of the Future Farmers of America. We therefore suggest the following actions to be taken by the Na-tional FFA Alumni and the National FFA Organization.
1. Continue to develop all areas of

governmental support so as to keep the FFA and vocational agricultural education on the minds of all

overnment leaders.

2. Distribute alumni intermation to American Farmer Degree reci-plents. This Information should fn-

clude the following:
a. National FFA Alumni Associa-

tion handbook. b. Other Information concern-

b. Other information concern-ing the Alumni. c. Congratulatory letter. This information should also be made available to alf state officers who desire it.

who desire it.

3. Alumni representatives should be made available to attend eppropriate state functions and give a report or workshop to vo-ag Instruc-

4. The National FFA Alumni should inform Collegiate FFA members of the importance of the alumni and encourage collegiete members to become alumni

members.
5. FFA elumni presentations should be expanded in National



CONTESTS

We, the National Contests Commit-tee of the 56th National Convention, in hopes of Improving national contests, submit the following recommenda

We believe that instruction in a particular area of vocationel agriculture should be available to the entire class et the high school level. The national contests should be a reflection of the curriculum of the local vo-ag class, and we strongly suggest that emphasis be placed on total instruction, rather than the preparetion of a team in anticination of competition. The success of a team should retlect on the quality of classroom instruction at the level of the local chapters.

The Netional FFA Board of Oirectors has eliminated the dairy cattle and milk quality and dairy foods contests, but have demonstrated an interest in replacing these with two similar con-

We strongly suggest the revised contasts he a follows:

1. A dairy cattle contest that would stress the production aspects of the dairy industry. In addition to judging, we believe the contest should test the contestants' abilities in other areas of production including breeding, feeding, records, marketing and seleced on records

We anticipate that this expanded program would greatly enhance the quality of the contest and its completion.

 We strongly recommend a contest to replace milk quality and dairy foods that would encompass the skills of the milk processing and marketing. We suggest a means of testing the members skills in recognizing quality, type and uses of milk products. In addi-tion, we would like to test the marketing skills of the processor

It is our intention to provide the situ tions that will be best in determining which FFA members are most knowledgable in the fields of produc-

tion and processing.
The National FFA Board of Directors has eliminated the poultry contest as if currently exists, but we recommend that the poultry contest be revised in elignment with industry standards. We believe a revised contest should test the competitors' skills as they relate to the modern industry. Members who prove themselves most proficient in the poultry area should demonstrate the ebilities necessary to successfully tunction in the poultry industry. Skills necessary to compete in this contest should be implemented as a part of the local curriculum

Recognizing the Importance of the forestry, industry end its contribution to the egriculture economy, we com-mend the National FFA Board of Oirectors for the institution of the National FFA Forestry Contest. This contest should reflect the ebilities taught et the local level. Members should be able demonstrate skills necessary to succeed in the forestry Industry.

In view of the modernization of egriculture and society, we commend

DELEGATE BUSINESS

Convention delegates pessed the motion that they go on record as showing a considerable amount of support for the updating and

reinstitution of the Poultry Judging and Milk Quality and Dairy Foods Contests. The motion was made by the Pennsylvania association and

seconded by the Virginia association. The amendment on membership to the National FFA Constitution was

alled by convention delegates The amendment, which was proposed by the Missouri associetion would have required FFA members to would nave required rrx interiors to be enrolled in et leest one vocationel agricultural course of study during the school year and follow a plenned course of study for an agricultural occupation which includes a rvised Occupational Experience

the National FFA Board of Cirectors for the Institution of the computers in agricultural projects. We recognize the trends of the computer age and see the necessity of having FFA membesr adant to these trends

We recommend that a contest be established as e result of the local curriculum and test the members' skills in performing basic computer functions.

Parliamentary procedure allows FFA members to develop many of those skills that our organization is wellknown for. Performing under pressure es part of a team effort enhances the personal development of each and member involved. We recom mend that the National FFA Board of Directors establish some guidelines toward developing a netional parliamentary procedure contest. We feel that the board should adopt e set of rules which cover parliamentary procedure skills necessary for conducting

These rules should be developed as soon as possible so the student associations may begin conforming to these standerds. We recommend the implementation of the national contest in 1987

We stress that rules and guidelines be established well in advance so that the upcoming members can be trained by national rules. We feel that implementation of this contest would greatly enhance quality of our organiza

Event for these recommendations nd the na centable and thank the National FFA ceptable and mark the National FFA Board of Cirectors, staff and con-sultants for their service to our organization. We reemphasize the need for a local curriculum that involves study in these areas. The success of any group in competition at the national level should be a reflection of the quality of the local curriculum. We feel thet programs should begin as classroom instruction and then progress to the contest le

Respectfully submitted, Steve Meredith, Kentucky Chairman Thomas Plerson, Minnesota co-

William Johnson, Arkansas Rick Lehman, North Carolina Brad Bass, Texas Ruth Higgins, Connecticut Laura Rayner, Arizona Craig Moyer, New Hampshire

NATIONAL **LEADERSHIP** CONFERENCES

We, the members of the Netional Leedership Conference Committee, have reviewed and evelueted ell espects of the Weshington Conference Program and State Presidents' Con-ference for summer, 1984, and do hereby submit the following recom-

1. Continue to use the netional officers et the Washington Confere Progrem, heving one present during conterence session.

 Encourage participation in the promotion of the Washington Conference Program by:

a. recommending that en application and article be published in at least two spring issues of The Na-tional FUTURE FARMER megazine. tion sent to all chapter presidents

by March 31. having copies of the applica tion sent to all chapter edvisers by

February 28.
d. having copies of the epplica-tion distributed to all state officers at ell National Leadership Con-ferences for State Officers

e. having information on becom-ing e Washington conference ing e Washington conference staff member included in the following information sources: The National FUTURE FARMER magezine, BETWEEN ISSUES, UPOATE and

nailings to state staffs.

f. participants encouraging chool administrators to attend

g. developing a promotional slide show and encouraging its use at Netional FFA Convention, stete, district and chapter activities, or a report from a Washington con-ference representative to service clubs such es Lions. Alumni Rotary, etc.

h. cooperating with FFA Calendar Progrem to promote and inform members of the conference dates and registration deadlines. We recommend that these dates be

highlighted on the calendars. 3. In promotion of the advisers pro-gram of the Washington Conference Progrem, we recommend a schedule of activities be available to advisers and

4. Help alleviate the cost of the hington Conference Progrem by:

a. providing the chepters with various fund-raising ideas and encouraging them to seek spon-sorships for their delegates to the

b. having the national essociation seek discounted travel retes for state associetions.

c. having more information reedi-ly available to chapters to use while seeking sponsors and promoting

 Encourage the continuation of present progrems in Washington, Q.C. State Presidents' Conference

 We recommend that the 1984 conference staff use the same formet es that used in the summer of 1983.

2. We recommend that the Washington Conference Program par-ticinants, although they may follow the same activities, do not attend the same schedule of events as state officers in the State Presidents' Conference. This will evoid any minor conflicts which We recommend that along with

regular conference progrem ectivities, more state officer training end leadership development be incorporated in

4. We recommend that state essociations take care of eli congressional cor-respondence and that they be instructed in emple time to contect eli congressmen in their respective

5. We recommend that the cor we recommend that the con-ference statt organize the schedule of Congressional visits, consolidating ep-pointments for visits in order to increase convenience and efficiency of

6. We recommend the following oblectives for the Stete Presidents' Con-

rence:
a. heve the objectives of the State Presidents' Conference directed more toward the development of American leadershilp, citizenship,

and co-operation. b. Increase the emphasis on the exchange of views and methods of operation between states, and fur-ther develop the spirit of unity and eration, rather than emp ing National FFA Convention issues

 We recommend that counselors on
the conference staff be encouraged to practice positive motivational leader-

To follow up the 1983 National Leadership Conference, we recommend following resolutions go on record at te

56th National FFA Conventi-1. Be it resolved that the Nationa Leadership Committee at the National FFA Convention be provided evalua tions of the Washington Conference Program and the State Presidents'

Conference by the national staff. Be it resolved the National FFA
Organization sincerely appreciates the

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efforts and co-operation of the following who helped make an effective conerence in 1983:

President Ronald Reagan and etatt

*Secretary of Agriculture John Block and staff

*The Twin Bridges end Key
Bridge Marriott Hotels

*The FFA Alumni Association

*The 3rd Infentry, United States

 Bus drivers Virgii Cline, Bob Cantrell, Bill Johnson, end J.O. Motely

eneral Motors Corporation for their sponsorship

Sicily Tyson
 All national officers, national

staff and ell Conference counselor •The Lazy Susan Dinner Theatre Fred McClure Senator Wes Watkins

 All Congressmen and staffs
 All other individuals who worked hard to make the conferences e

success. Respectfully submitted: Todd Sorenson, Utah (chairmen)
Jess Orummond, Alabama (co-

chairman) Patrick Jinks, Louislana (secretary) Holly Parker, Nevada nie Cleyton, Arkansas Sutheriend, Missouri

Mike Sutherlend, Missouri Peter H. Mercer, Washington Tony Edmond, Georgia

NATIONAL **LEADERSHIP** CONFERENCES FOR STATE OFFICERS

mbers of the 1983 Natio Leadership Conference for State Of-ficers Committee, realize the primary purpose is to produce a mora refleble and qualified state officer to better work as a team and service their respec-tive associations. While striving for that

primary purpose the committee sub-mits the following ways and means:

1. To develop one's individual skills so that one may better serve their team, association, and organization es

2. To develop e state officer's ability to motivate members, chapter officers advisers and members of the commun

3. To promote the development of the state officers communication skills.

4. To provide an opportunity for states to exchange ideas and programs

by intermingling room assignme activities and an informal discuss ments

5. To supply state officers and add one staff members with resource materials and information on current issues for the future development of

6. To instruct and promote the state officers utilization of the resource system and the State Officers Hand-7. To supply edequete publicity for

NLSCO participants.

8. To inform end involve key governnt leaders and educational personnel for the betterment of the organiza-

9. To utilize key leaders in business and industry to achieve the objectives of the leadership conferences through

training programs, keynote speakers and leadership sessions. 10. To prepare state officers and staff FFA members of portunities and programs.

To schedule impromptu and extemporaneous public speaking events as a high priority to be covered on the agenda of all conferences.

agenda of all conferences.

12. To develop a program that expresses the importance of SOE programs and the various fields evallated to students enrolled in the FFA.
This committee aupports the general format of previous conferences. The conferences should be held at feest

three days and three nights in duration with et least two national officers, a national statt person and a board member in attendance at each conference. The

emphasis will be that of national in-stead of regional conferences. Forty dollars per person in reacurce materials will be implemented to achieve maximum leadership develop-ment. All funding will be handled through the National FFA Foundation

The committee supports the objec-tives with the following recommenda-

1. Continue training for netional officers for the National Leadership Con-ference for State Officers (NLCSO).

Encourage all states to perticipate in this leadership program by: a. Encouraging rotation of the location if the tocation is edquate end is agreed upon by ell of the states in their respected region.

b. Withholding allocated funds for

this particular NLCSO for states not in ettendence in order to encourage all states to come. 3. Stress interstate fellowship by:

 a. Encouraging time ellowances for states to compile and then share a list of motivational ectivities, eyeopeners and other informetion. b. Providing e more relaxed, fn

formal etmosphera, yet meintaining

ormal eurospiera, yet meintaining a professional image.

4. Allowing adequate time for teams to set officer team goals and priorities.

5. Having any material, euch as eudio-visuals, focus on presentations at the chapter level.

6. Putting more emphasis on externeous end public speaking and g perticipants present a speech having per during NLCSO program.

a. Use constructive critiquing by peers and other NLCSO members.

Encouraging stendarization of all NI CSOs to an extent that all have ac-

resources. Encoureging all state associations to send thank you notes to sponsors.

to send thank you notes to sponsors.

9. Requiring a summary of individual evaluations of the NLCSO's to be sufficient wide to next year's NLSOO committee to ensure that the recommendations are being followed.

10. Lengthening the conference.

allow more time for all activities.

We the members of the NLCSO committee trust that the future participants will take into the consideration the goals and recommendations that we heve set forth. This committee would like to express our thanks to those who out in their effort and dedication into

Respectfully submitted, Rick Nagel, Indiana Bob Arntd, Wyoming Debi Bateman, fdah Bobby Creeden, De Johnna Bostdorff, Ohlo Graham Boyd, North Carolina Nancy Bragdon, New Hempshire Gina Harraman, Oklahoma

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

We, the members of the Membership Development Committee, believe thet each student of vocationel agriculture should be en active member of the FFA because of the valuable experience he mey gain through FFA membership.

The 1983 committee would like to ex-press our appreciation to C. Coleman Harris, Kenneth Mitchell, end Raymond O. Hegan for their assistance and edvice in helping us develop the following recommendations:

recommendations:

1. Reaffirm the 1982 committee report concerning 10-Plus, 10-Percent, 100-Percent programs for membership development with the following recom-

a. place promotional material concerning 10-Plus, 10-Percent, and 100-Percent programs in The Na-tional FUTURE FARMER magazine

and Between Issues;
b. Include Informational materia
in the National up-date package
sent to state associations;



Encourage the state officers to promote 10-Plus, 10-Percent, and 100-Percent programs during contacts with

Percent programs only contacts with local chapters.

3. Encourage state officers to Incorporate 10-Plus, 10-Percent, and 100-Percent programs in their leadership workshop for chapter officers.

4. Reaftirm that the Netlonel Officers

prepare a program on membership development for National Leadership Conterences for State Officers Weshington Conterence Programs, end the State Presidents' Conterence, to the State Presidents Conterence, to inform perticipants of existing member-ship development programs and of in-noveting means of implementing them. 5. Encourage state essociations to

give recognition to 10-Pius, 10-Percent, and 100-Percent programs.
6. Encourage state associetions to continue to support the Public Service Announcements (PSAs) and encourage the national organization to continue to develop new, high quality PSAs in the future.

7. Encourage the state associations to set up membership goals for their

 Encourage the national organiza-tion to turther develop the 100-Percent program by presenting awards on a gredueted scale, consisting of 80 percent membership - bronze, 90 percent membership - silver, end 100 percent membership - gold.

 Recommend that state associations encourage local chapters to retain members who graduete and to develop activities for those members participation in local, stete, end na-

tional activities.

In conclusion, we believe thet for e

membership development program to be successful, these recommendstions must be incorporated and carried out to their fullest extent.

Respectfully submitted, Kevin Cottman, Missouri, chairman Kevin Schoonhoven, California, co-Brian Speck, Maryland Buster Smith, FlorIda
Jodi E. Dawson, Montana
Terri Nintemann, Minnesoa
Anthony Strong, Kentucky Figueroa Rodriguez, Puerto

NATIONAL INFORMATION SFRVICES

We, the members of the 1983 Netional information Services Committee, make the tollowing recommendations to Im-prove and further develop informational services on the nationel, regional, state

We recommend:

1. A new emphasis be placed on state officer visits to discuss end explain how valuable this resource system is. Chapter members be encouraged to use this resource system on en in-

Condensing the resource system intensity information:

a, to ensure exposure to

reenhands
b. to provide e step-by-step promotional style to get FFA members involved in the tirst year of educational knowledge

tionel knowledge
c, to provide e student handbook
for every greenhend es e beginning
study program et the chepter level,
or on a librery system so that
students can check out meteriels

d. to encourage chapter advisers to supply adequate quantities of resource system materials.

3. Combining the supply and progrem

catalogs when they ere revised.
4. Using the impact of e state officer's visit es an ideal time tor presenting and discussing the resource

 Providing e period of time during the National Leadership Conferences for State Officers to be instructed on tor State Officers to be instructed on the correct presentation of meterials trom the system to members. En-couraging the state, whenever finen-cially possible, to provide these materials to the stete officers.

 E. Encouragement on the college level of prospective vocationel egriculture instructors to use the resource system and other materials prior to beginning a teaching and edvis-ing position, by giving students the op-portunity to present these materials in actual classroom situations.

7. Encourage use of the FFA Week packet by state officers for chapter visit discussion materieis, and encourage officers to assist chapters in prepara-tion for FFA Week ectivities on the local

8. Chapters show an Interest In and Chapters snow an interest in ano support for the new public service an-nouncements, end encourage local network involvement with all activities on the local, state and national levels.

State end chapter officers, as well es chapter members, work in conjunc-tion with school faculty and administra-

tion with school raculty and administra-tion to promote vocational agriculture and FFA within a given district. 10. Encourage state officers to write letters asking for funding of this com-mittee by the National Board of Direc-

We would like to commend Ca Dubes tor a job well done with the in-formation services department.

We also submit these recommenda tions after careful evaluation of the prent national information services



Adding to the highlights of the conwould be the injinging so the convention were speeches given by
several well-known individuals.
Friday's keynote speeker William
Scott, weather reporter for NBC's TODAY SHOW, broadcasted four live
weather reports from the convention
stope to 20 mills on leavers. stage to 20 million viewers.

Bob Moawad, president of United Learning Institute, spoke convention-goers on Saturday.

Both Zig Zigiar, motivational speaker, and the honorable Terrel Bell, secretary of education, addressed the convention Thursday

Respectfully submitted, Deb McAmis, Wyoming, chairman Michael Dillerd, Pennsylvania,

Kevin L. Dyes, Texas Craig M. Hagen, North Dakota Maro Guey, Vermont Deborah McCandless, Utah

NATIONAL AWARDS **PROGRAMS**

We, the members of the 1983 Netionel Awards Committee, believe that in order to best utilize our programs, the following recommendations should be following recommenda accepted and initiated.

accepted and initiated.

1. A motivational slide presentation
be developed to acquaint FFA
members with the total ewards prograoftered by the national organization,
along with supplemental teaching
materials to ensure members' participation. State officers will use this ticipation. State officers will use this side show and materials set soots to work in local chepters. These sildes end interiest will be presented to state officers at the 1984 Netional Leadership Conferences for State Officers (NLCSOs) end netional Supervised Occupational Experience workshops.

2. Develop recovers metalicia to be

2. Develop resource materiale to be evailable to teecher education institu-tions for pre-service and in-service activities concerning the netional ewards

program.
3. The 1983-84 student program catalog be reviewed and simplified meking it more usable by FFA advisers end members at the chapter level, end a program be conducted et NLSCOs on how to use the student program catalog by chapter and state officers.

4. Continue the Food For America 4. Continue the Food For America program and develop a second program of the targeted for seventh through twelfth-grade students. This could be used in conjunction with the egriculture in the classroom program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Articulture.

5. Review Food For America meterials for kindergarten through third

grades. We would like to express our sincere thanks to the following individuels for their counsel and guldance: Ron Crawford, Richard Katt and Glen Luedke. Respectfully submitted,

Rick Valencia, Arizona, chairma Kelth Fowler, Tennessee, co-chair Steve Mertin, Floride Shannon Runyon, New Mexico Kathi Mangan, Connecticut

AUDITING

We, the auditing committee of the 56th National FFA Convention, recom-mend to the National FFA organization:

mend to the National FFA organization:

1. The euditing report of Stoy, Melone
and Company tound satisfactory and
meeting the requirements of Public
Law 740 for the tiscal year of September
1, 1983 to August 31, 1983 be accepted.

The tinancial report again be distributed to each official delegate. distributed to each ordical deregate. However, we recommend a condensed report be presented next year which would include: balance sheets of sasets end liabilities, statement of revenue, expenses end changes in fund balances es taken trom the

auditors' report.

3. A tull auditors' report be available pon request from the National FFA

Center.

4. The FFA membership dues be ex-

4. The FFA membership dues be expended only in divisions which are of definite benefit to the organization. We would like to welcome David Miller, the new national FFA treasurer, into the FFA organization. We would like to thank David Miller end Wilson Carnes for their help and guidance in our committee meeting. Respectfully submitted, 1983 Auditing Committee Chris Novak, Iowa, chairman Danny Hunter, Texas, co-chair Allen Stephens Barry Brinkman, Kansas

Steven P. Gruenberg, New Jersey Rhonda McDaris, Oklahoma

NATIONAL CONVENTION

We, the members of the 1983
National FFA Convention Committee,
on behalt of the delegate body, after
evaluation of the 56th Netional FFA
Convention wish to extend our
sincerest thanks to those who made

sincerest trianks to those who made this convention a success:

1. Our Netional Officers—Jan Eberly, Marty Coates, Bruce Kettler, Cara Doyle, Bryan Stamps and Wendell Jeffreys

2. Our acting National Advisor Mr.
Thaine McCormick, National Treasur David Miller, and National Executive David Miller, and National Executive Secretary Coleman Harris 3. Byron Rawis who retired in August 1983 as National Advisor affer

four years of service 4. Scott Neasham for the opening

5. The Honorable Ricahrd L. Berkley, Mayor of Kansas City for his warm welcome to the FFA

Mr. Zig Ziglar tor his inspirational and motivational speech
 The Honorable Terrel Bell, U.S.

Secretary of Education, for his

6. The Netional FFA Band directed by Mr. Roger Heath end the Netiona Chorus directed by Mr. Stan Kingme throughout this convention

 Convention organist Coby Shorter
 Convention newsroom staft and
the staft of the FFA Times 11 Mr. Don Frickson for his coordination of the National FFA

Talent Contest 12. The National FFA Alumni tor the leedership conterneces which they

13. All official judges and

timekeepers

14. Mr. Robert M. Book for his leadership with the FFA Foundation
15. Our special thanks to all of the sponsors of the 56th National FFA

Convention
16. Mr. Bob Moawad ot the United
Learning institute for his remarks
17. Mr. Charley Pride for providing
entertainment for FFA Day at the
American Royal
16. Mr. Willard Scott of NBC's

TODAY Show 19. All exhibitors in the 1983 National Agricultural Career Show 20. Mr. Bill Stagg, audio-visual specialist for the FFA

specialist for the FFA
21. The members and advisors of the
National Convention Courtesy Corps
22. Mr. Kenneth Seering, National
President of the FFA Alumni
23, Tony D1 Pardo Orchester for
providing entertainment for the
Firestone Show
24. Mr. Dale Butcher, National
Agriculture Teacher's Associetion
(NVATA)

(NVATA) We also submit the following items

as suggestions for possible improvements in tuture National Conventions:

1. We recommend that en orderly icture-taking process be devel to prevent confusion backstage as well as in front ot stage when key speakers are addressing the convention.

 We recommend that the newly elected National FFA Officers have e remendous year. We would also like to thenk

consultant for this committee. Mr Willison Dannenbauer. And finally, would like to thank the 23,000 FFA members and guests who have made this 56th National FFA Convention a tremendous success. Respectfully submitted Kent Burrow, Chairman Kelly Horton, Co-Chairman Kim Lineburg, Secretary Valencia Aivarado Laura Albaugh Miltord Jenkin Helenna Fountain Dale Minyo

FARMER MAGAZINE **NATIONAL FUTURE**

We, the members of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine Commit-tee, on behalt of the membership of the National FFA Organization, wish to ex-National FFA Organization, wish to ex-press our sincera thanks to The Na-tional PUTURE FARMER magazine staff and commend them one job well done. We feel the magazine has mede great strides over the years, establishing credibility and variety which appeals not only to members, but to all in-terested in the agricultural industry. Again, thenks to Wilson Carnes, editor-in-chief: Mike Wilson, managing editorin-chies, whice wison, managing entior, Jeck Pitzer, senior editor; and all those essociated with the publication of the megazine, for their outstanding work end dedication. After careful con-sideration, we submit the following recommendations:

 Provide Inspirational end motiva-tional material to the readers on a regular besis.

2. Requeet and encourage state staft

Hequest and encourage state start, state reporters and members to submit stories and Ideas to The National FUTURE FARMER magazine.
 Use Between Issues to inform and encourage advisers to do the following:

a. Send rosters to the Nettonal FFA Center by October 31 to ensura members of receiving the December-January Issue of The Netonal FUTURE FARMER magazine. b, Order bulk copies of the megazine to give to incoming treshman

c. Distribute the megazine throughout communities es com-pliments of local chapters.

4. Include study guides in Between issues for usage in classroom instruc-tion which corresponds with articles in the upcoming issues. 5 Conduct a readership survey at the

discretion of the magazine staff to determine readers' interests.

6. Give a presentation on the work-ings of the FFA magazine to the members at the State President's Con-ference in Washington, D.C. 7. Send biographical sheets to states to eld them in their correspondence with The Netional FUTURE FARMER

with the recent and a magazine.
6. Establish an annual "Graenhend Spotlight" in the February-March Issue specifically directed toward greenhend

Continue to publish erticles about tormer FFA members who have become famous or successful.

10. Make an effort to publish unique agriculture articles.

11. We recommend that a year-end report be made to this committee next year which entails the progress made

on the above stated recommendation Respectfully submitted, Johnny White, Mississippi, chairman Chris Voigt, Oregon, co-chairman Paula Hintz, Wisconsin

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