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## 57th NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION



Fifty-seven years.

Fifty-seven National FFA Conventions.

And perhaps, this was the biggest and best convention in the organization's history.

Definitely a convention to remember. 23,000 plus FFA members and guests in attendance, made it the largest youth convention in the world!

Pat Summerall, Eddie Albert, Art Linkletter, Secretary of Transportation Elizabeth Dole, Secretary of Agriculture John Block and Senator Robert Dole all addressed the 57th National FFA Convention.

Inspirational speeches delivered from the convention stage, to members demonstrating their vocational skills at the American Royal, all helped to make this convention a magnificent occasion.

And this, the convention PROCEEDINGS, records and salutes everyone involved in the 1984 National FFA Convention.

# 1984-85 National FFA Officers



President  
Steve Meredith

The 1984-85 National FFA President is Steve Meredith, from the West Hardin FFA Chapter in Glendale, Kentucky. Steve is 19 years old. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Meredith. Steve earned his American Farmer degree with a Supervised Occupational Experience Project which consisted of livestock, grain, hay and tobacco. Steve is studying agriculture at Elizabethtown Community College and plans to earn a degree in Agricultural Economics. Steve served in two chapter offices before being elected State President of the Kentucky Association. Steve Meredith, Route 1, Glendale, KY 42740.



Vice President  
Central Region  
Mike Barrett

The 1984-85 National Vice President from the Central Region is Mike Barrett, from the Mead Chapter in Mead, Nebraska. Mike is 19 years old. He is the son of Rena and Inez Barrett. Mike has raised market steers, corn, soybeans and sorghum. His top quality Supervised Occupational Experience Project enabled him to win the Star Chapter Farmer, District Star Farmer and the Oekalb Agricultural Achievement awards. Mike attends the University of Nebraska—Lincoln, where he is majoring in Agricultural Journalism. He has served as a chapter officer and State President in Nebraska. Mike Barrett, R.R. 1, Box 5, Mead, NE 68041.



Vice President  
Eastern Region  
Graham Boyd

The 1984-85 National Vice President from the Eastern Region is Graham Boyd, from the Bath FFA Chapter in Pineslow, North Carolina. Graham is 19 years old. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Halley E. Boyd. Graham managed his family's 16-acres of saw timber and owned a small fruit and vegetable production business. In addition, he also worked for a nearby farm, gaining experience in row crops. Graham is studying agricultural education at North Carolina University. He has served as a chapter officer, district president and state vice president in North Carolina. Graham Boyd, Route 1, Box 5, Pineslow, NC 27865.



Secretary  
Mike Gayaldo

The 1984-85 National FFA Secretary is Mike Gayaldo, from the Kelseyville chapter in Kelseyville, California. Mike is 20 years old. His parents are Frank and Jeanne Gayaldo. His Supervised Occupational Experience Project consists of many hours working on the family's pear farm. He has also raised out, hay and breeding and market swine. Mike has a sophomore standing at Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, with an agricultural marketing major. Mike has served as President of the California Association, as well as a chapter and regional officer. He has been involved in public speaking, parliamentary procedure and judging contests. Michael J. Gayaldo, P.O. Box 966, Kelseyville, CA 95451.



Vice President  
Southern Region  
Nanci Mason

The 1984-85 Vice President from the Southern Region is Nanci Mason, from the Collins chapter in Collins, Mississippi. Nanci is 20 years old. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Mason. Nanci has shown registered Santa Gertrudis cattle for nine years. She also works as a veterinary assistant. Nanci is majoring in pre-veterinary medicine/biochemistry at Mississippi State University. Nanci has held numerous offices in the FFA including three years as a state officer in Mississippi. Nanci is the eighth national officer Mississippi has given to the organization. Nanci Mason, P.O. Box 412, Collins, MS 39426.



Vice President  
Western Region  
Brad Bass

The 1984-85 National Vice President in the Western Region is Brad Bass, from the Mount Vernon FFA Chapter in Winnsboro, Texas. Brad is 20 years old. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Bass. Brad owns 33 Jersey dairy cows and has a partnership in the family dairy farm. Brad attends Texas Tech University where he is majoring in Agricultural Education and Accounting. Brad has served in three chapter offices, district office, area office and as State President in Texas. Brad Bass, Route 1, Box 116, Winnsboro, TX 75784.



## National Officer Candidates

Each of the following individuals were selected by their state associations to vie for National FFA Office. To be eligible to run for national office, each of the candidates must have received the American Farmer degree. Only six of these talented leaders were selected as a 1984-85 National FFA Officer by a Convention Nominating Committee made up of their peers.

**Alabama:** Robert W. Weaver, Hartselle; **Arkansas:** Leah Chene Chaudoin, Magnolia; **California:** Michael Joseph Gayaldo, Kelseyville; **Florida:** Teresa L. Lott, Seffner; **Illinois:** Karen Ann Chasse, Nokomis; **Indiana:** Rena Jo Ketter, Martinsville; **Iowa:** Mark A. Beecher, Webster City; **Kansas:** Mike Torrey, Wamego; **Kentucky:** Steve Meredith, Glendale; **Massachusetts:** Paul Jay Lazon, Worcester; **Mississippi:** Nanci Lee Mason, Collins; **Missouri:** Kurt Voss, Beaufort; **Montana:** Scott Allen Covey, Missoula; **Nebraska:** Michael S. Barrett, Mead; **Nevada:** David Snyder,

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## Distinguished Service Citations

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

Sunkist Growers, Inc., provided the FFA with national television coverage when they dedicated their 1984 Rose Bowl Parade float to the FFA. Sunkist Growers has been a financial supporter through the FFA Foundation for 15 years. Century Communications of Skokie, Illinois, developed the Agri Educator magazine which was distributed to vocational agriculture instructors. They provided public service announcements on the FFA and its Foundation and have served as unpaid consultants to FFA

Foundation advisory groups for many years. Associated Milk Producers, Inc., has often provided financial assistance to the FFA. The company has been the primary sponsor of the National FFA Dairy Cattle Judging Contest for many years.

## Special Meal Functions

Two special meal functions were held this year for the first time in the South. Hall of H. Roe Barile. These functions were both designed to provide an additional means of providing education and leadership training to the FFA members and advisors in attendance. The first was a Thursday luncheon for State Superior Chapters and featured

Eddie Albert as his speaker, sponsored by John Deere. The luncheon guests were treated to an inspirational speech by FFA's Public Service Announcement celebrity and were also introduced to new chapter leadership materials. The second new function was a special leadership dinner held Friday evening for chapter and state FFA officers. Patriotic speaker, Charlie Furbush addressed this group of leaders and offered inspiration.

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## New National FFA Advisor

### Larry D. Case

In twenty-four years Dr. Larry D. Case has gone from an FFA chapter president to the FFA's highest, non-member office—National FFA Advisor.

Case, 40, accepted the position on April 6, 1984 to fill the vacancy left by the August 31, 1983 retirement of Byron F. Rawls.

Case assumes the responsibilities of Senior Education Program Specialist for Agriculture, Agribusiness and Natural Resources Occupations in the U. S. Department of Education and National FFA Advisor. Case also oversees agriculture enrollment trends and the need to show the public how well vocational agriculture FFA programs are preparing students for agricultural careers as well as plans to study and act upon.

As National FFA Advisor, Case serves as chairman of the National FFA Board of Directors, president of the National FFA



Foundation Board of Trustees and will provide leadership to vocational agriculture students and professionals in the United States and its territories.

Raised on a farm in Stet, Missouri, Case graduated in 1961 from Stet High School, where he was an FFA member. He received a bachelor's in agricultural education in 1966 and a master's degree in vocational education in 1972 from the University of Missouri-Columbia, where he completed his doctorate work in education in 1983.

After serving as a vo-ag instructor for eight years at Northwest, Erick and Lexington High Schools in Missouri, Case was named director of vocational education at Lexington La-Ray Area Vocational School in 1974. In 1977 he was named executive treasurer of the Missouri FFA Association before promotion to state FFA advisor and director of ag education in July of 1978.

## VIP Citations



The VIP Citation recognizes individuals who continually and faithfully serve the FFA. This year the five recipients are:

Emerson P. Dettmann, a consultant in agricultural education with the Iowa Department of Public Instruction for more than 12 years. He served as Executive Secretary of the Iowa FFA Association for three years and was chairman of the National FFA Milk Quality and Dairy Foods Contest from 1976 to 1981.  
Raymond D. Hagan, the Missouri FFA Executive Secretary for the past 29 years. Following seven years of teaching vocational agriculture, he became Dis-

trict Supervisor of Agriculture Education for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. He directed 29 state FFA officer teams including 428 state officers. Hagan is listed in the "Who's Who in the Midwest" and is the author of "FFA at 50 in Missouri."

William C. Dudley, Supervisor of Agriculture Education in Virginia for 33 years. He retired in 1980 after 45 years of work in agricultural education. Dudley conducted state officer leadership training for 26 years. He was chosen as the Outstanding Citizen of Appomattox County.

Earl F. Kintner, Executive Secretary of the Ohio FFA Association for 21 years. Kintner spent a total of 34 years in education and was a vocational agriculture teacher and area supervisor. He is the Executive Director of the Ohio FFA Foundation, Inc. and past president of the National FFA Distinguished Service Award.

Earl H. Knebel, a professor of agricultural education at Texas A&M University. Knebel has been involved in education and leadership training at the high school and college level. He was honored by the Texas FFA Association as well as the Agricultural Extension Service and Phi Delta Kappa.

## Convention Speakers



On Thursday of the 57th convention, the audience was inspired by speeches from sports commentator Pat Summerall, sponsored by Gutter and Corner; actor and FFA PSA celebrity, Eddie Albert, sponsored by John Deere; and entertainer Art Linkletter, sponsored by International Mineral and Chemical Corporation.

Friday also brought several notable speakers to the Municipal Auditorium including the Honorable Elizabeth Dole, U. S. Secretary of Transportation, the Honorable John Block, U. S. Secretary of Agriculture, the Honorable Robert Dole, Senator from Kansas; and John Wain, a patriotic speaker.

Mamie McCullough, the "I Can Lady," sponsored by the American Bankers Association, addressed the convention on Saturday followed by remarks from Mickey Gilley, the American Royal's 1984 entertainer. Saturday evening the FFA members were inspired by Bart Conner, 1984 Olympic Gymnastics Medalist for his personal comeback story. Conner's appearance was sponsored by McDonald's Corporation, the National Sponsor of the United States Gymnastics Federation.



## FFA Achievers



Five individuals were inducted into the FFA National Hall of Achievement during the 57th National FFA Convention. Induction is the most prestigious honor the FFA can bestow on an individual. Nominees must be former vocational agriculture students and former FFA or New Farmers of America members. One person is selected every three years to represent each of the following areas: leadership, agricultural production, agribusiness, agricultural education and one chosen-at-large. This is the second group of FFA Achievers to be inducted. The new FFA Achievers are:

**Secretary of Agriculture.** John R. Block is the FFA Achiever in the leadership category. He encouraged the strengthening of vocational agriculture and the FFA by supporting projects and the nationwide study of agriculture in secondary education. He has addressed many FFA groups.

**Richard Waybright**, owner of Mason Oxon Farms in Gelysburg, is the FFA Achiever in the agricultural production category. He has many tours of his dairy farm to international groups and has spoken nationally about his innovative farming operation where he produces and sells methane gas. Waybright served the FFA as president of the National FFA Alumni Association and as a national officer.

**Clarke A. Nelson**, senior vice president of Carnation Company, is the FFA Achiever in the business category. Nelson served four years on the executive

committee of the National FFA Foundation. He personally funded projects of the FFA and hosted many FFA activities.

**William Paul Gray**, retired education secretary of the FFA, is the FFA Achiever in the agricultural education category. As executive secretary, he made an unprecedented record of accomplishments in FFA. During his tenure, the organization opened membership to females and black students and expanded activities to support more areas of agriculture. He is a retired vocational agriculture teacher, USDA program development leader and FFA advisor.

**Gus R. Douglas**, Vice Virginia commissioner of agriculture since 1964, is the FFA Achiever at-large. Douglas was the first National FFA Alumni chairman, is on the FFA Alumni National Committee on Government and is a past national FFA president.

## Official Delegates



Official delegates to the national convention are responsible for conducting the official business of the organization to see that it runs smoothly, efficiently and in the best interests of all members.

**Alabama:** Jack Brewer, III, Saraland; Norman Mason, Rogersville; Lamar White, Auburn; Alaska: Dan Greig, Homer; Jeff Wesner, Palmar; Arizona: Marlene Greer, Glendale; Richard Miller, Fort; Arkansas: Rex Martin, Camden; Garland Martin, Jonesboro; California: Darrin Court, Santa Paula; Wendy Roarty, Quartz Hill; Andrea Swartz, Grass Valley; Colorado: Lynn Kennedy, Pierce; Doug Viny, Woodbury; Connecticut: Wilson Korth, Falls Village; Wisconsin: Patricia Lynnelle Dallimore, Myakka City; Steve Kaufman, Sarasota; Georgia: Melanie Harrell, Nichols; William Hughes, Jr., Pembroke; Craig Padgett, Baxley; Hawaii: Peggy Puakela, Palala; Kris Wikstad, Hilo; Idaho: Todd Hammond, Meridian; David Harrington, Melba; Illinois: Tammy Bailey, Louisville; Jeffrey Gregory, Moweaqua; Jeff MacArthur, Marceline; Indiana: Bill McBee, Trafalgar; Jayne Young, Tratal-

lar; Iowa: Kevin Eskin, Creston; Dwight Mogler, Aurora; Kansas: Michelle Belmont, Mankato; Darryl Yarrow, Jay Center; Kentucky: Douglas Coyne, Macville; John Kappel, Owensboro; Louisiana: Lee Fletcher, Oak Grove; Todd Martin, Calvin; Maine: Mitchell Chandler, Presque Isle; Todd Winslow, Presque Isle; Maryland: Margaret Flanagan, Rocky Ridge; Karen Hamilton, Dakota; Massachusetts: Lisa Hesser, Brandon; Lori Trombly, Plainfield; Michigan: Bart Marshall, Allen; Tim Stein, Standish; Minnesota: Jeff Moon, Hayfield; Wanda Todd, LeCenter; Mississippi: Don Parker, Hattiesburg; Perry Whitaker, Jackson; Missouri: Max Allerton, Starford; Robert Frye, Leopold; James Humphrey, Mount City; Montana: Wanda Verson, Whitefish; Kendall Sunthorn, Fairview; Nebraska: Dean Folkers, Lincoln; Kevin Yost, Lincoln; Nevada: Neil McQuary, Ruby Valley; Tyler Sack, Elko; New Hampshire: Lisa Cluelier, Dover; Greg Messenger, Rochester;

## Computers in Agriculture Award

Sponsored by AgriData Resources, Inc.



The new Computers in Agriculture award program was introduced at the 56th National FFA Convention. The major objective of the new award program is to recognize FFA members who have made the greatest progress in using computers in agriculture and agribusiness.

The following state award winners attended the National Seminar on Computers in Agriculture in Washington, D.C. on August 14-18, 1994. Of these state award winners, five were chosen as national award finalists based on presentations at the National Seminar. The live national finalists were:

**National Winner**—Kevin E. Gingerich, Kokomo, Indiana  
**First Runner-Up**—Debra Dee Haack, Oakfield, Wisconsin  
**Second Runner-Up**—Duffy Behne, Sherburne, Minnesota  
**Third Runner-Up**—Barry Allen Hines, Owensboro, Kentucky  
**Fourth Runner-Up**—Lonne Webb, Lincoln, Arkansas

## FFA TIMES

Sponsored by the Jacques Seed Company

The 57th National FFA Convention was the fourth year for the official convention newspaper, the FFA TIMES. There were three regular issues of the newspaper which were distributed Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings of the

convention. A special registration issue was prepared for FFA Advisors. All of the issues of the FFA TIMES were prepared by university journalism students working in the convention newsroom under the direction of FFA information intern, Karen Coble.

## 1984-85 FFA Theme

Theme audio-visual Sponsored by The Wrangler Brand.

National FFA Theme Week materials Sponsored by Etesch, Inc.

Public Service Announcements Sponsored by John Deere.

The new theme introduced during the 57th convention will be used until the next convention to promote and support vocational agriculture and the FFA.

The theme audio-visual shown during the convention, "Be All You Can Dream," is available for chapters to use.

## 15, 25 & 35 Year Foundation Sponsors

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## State Finalists

**Alaska:** Robert Powells, Fairbanks; **Alabama:** David Michael Martin, Jr., Montevallo; **Arizona:** Kim Gray, Gilbert; **California:** Scott Eric Johnson, Platteville; **Connecticut:** Wilson Korth, Falls Village; **Florida:** Ronald Breen, Newberry; **Georgia:** Timothy D. Harrell, Whigham; **Iowa:** Brian J. Gosch, Webster City; **Idaho:** Vern H. Stoner, Bruneau; **Illinois:** Craig Peterson, Plover; **Ky:** Kansas: Max Schmidt, Gossett; **Louisiana:** Tamme Michele Miller, Iola; **Michigan:** Dean J. Tobey, Corunna; **Missouri:** Randall Lee Horne, Norborne; **Montana:** Thomas R. Lechner, Winifred; **Nebraska:** Ronald O. Gissman, Ravenna; **New Hampshire:** Eric Lavoe, Barrington; **New Jersey:** Bill Perez, May Land; **New Mexico:** Steve Stearns, Carrizozo; **Ohio:** John Robert Mude, Sandusky; **Oklahoma:** Wynn Richardson, Amber; **Oregon:** Scott M. Carlson, Boardman; **Pennsylvania:** Lynnwood E. Nester, Mechanicsburg; **South Carolina:** Charles E. Hill, Abbeville; **South Dakota:** Arlin Hobbe, Rlandrea; **Texas:** Paul Tames, League City; **Utah:** Laddell C. Sauer, Fillmore; **Virginia:** Randy Landies, Fort Defiance; **Vermont:** Fred W. Peet, Middlebury; **Washington:** Amanda Ann Brydon, Randle; **Wyoming:** Oscar Blake Gentry, Grizzly

at their chapter banquets. It is also an ideal recruitment tool for increasing vocational agriculture/FFA membership.

Numerous items are available to promote the new theme during National FFA Week, Friday 10-23, 1995. All of the items are available through the National FFA Supply Service for use throughout the year.

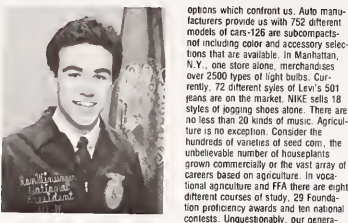
Public Service Announcements featuring Ade Albert were sent all across the nation in 1984 thanks to the efforts of over 250 vocational agriculture instructors who acted as FFA Media Representatives. Because of the success of the first PSA, Ade Albert assisted in producing another PSA for 1995. This PSA premiered at the 57th National FFA Convention.



November 8-10, 1984

57th National FFA Convention PROCEEDINGS

## National FFA Office Retiring Addresses



### "New Order"

Ron Wineinger  
1983-84 National FFA President

On this tenth day of November, 209 years ago in 1775 the Continental Congress of the 13 colonies founded what became the U.S. Marine Corps. In 1954 on this same day a great memorial was unveiled in Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C. to commemorate the birthday of the Corps. The memorial was a huge sculptured reproduction of six men raising the American flag at the summit of Mt. Suribachi during the climax of the Battle of Guadalcanal in World War II. As the flag went up on two Japs it was symbolic not only of the achievements of the marines or of the spirit of the United States, but it also symbolized the beginning of a new order to come—for people, for nations and for global affairs.

Over the course of the past 12 months you have given me the opportunity to view firsthand the diversity of America, the likenesses and differences among people, and the complicity of our world. In my final, fleeting moments of your humble servitude, I would like to share some of my observations with you.

FFA members, we live in a Baskin Robins world. Everywhere we turn there are decisions to be made because of the

love.  
**I believe that growth in love will be more and more as we force to establish the Kingdom of God on earth.**  
**To replace a social life in which division, falsehood, and violence are all powerful, with a new order in which humanity, truth, and brotherhood will reign.**

I learned to make a collage out of oracles on Kawai; viewed the use of specialized golf course equipment on Cape Cod; developed a taste for crawfish on the bayou; and witnessed a delicate harvest on quicksand-like soil near Lake Michigan. In the Rose Garden, I stood, awestruck, two feet from the President of the United States. In Williamsburg, I marveled at the intelligence of men and women from 15 nations gathered to discuss rural development in the Port of Macao, half a world away. I went inside the sight of poorly clothed children, undernourished and living in squalor, and in the Caucus Room on Capitol Hill I met more than 50 Congressmen and Senators attending a luncheon sponsored by one of the largest corporations in America.

My most vivid recollections, however, are not those of pomp, pageantry, or prestige, but they are visions of people I've met who are the new order. Remembrances of you who have been damaged while trying to get others involved, memories of you who are committed to achievement through hard work but who always have time for a friend, thoughts of you who have set your eyes on serving others, but been denied sometimes fearfully by an election, and mental pictures of you who while receiving that greenheart degree possessed that wild unrestrained love.

For those of you who feel when we know we are beginning one of the new chapters. You are the new order. Members who meet untold complexities and numerous choices with strong but simple beliefs and an ability to advance based on high ideals and principles. You are the new order who will reign with humanity, truth and brotherhood as your guides.

From very early on I knew there was something special about the members of this organization something uniquely dynamic and warmly human. It was just after Christmas break during my freshman year in high school. Like usual, I was having difficulty remembering the year had changed and had mistakenly written 1977 many times. The year Christmas, back to school mood was in the air and the thermometer had dipped to well below freezing even on the warmest of days. Our family was living, at that time, in a two-story house. Since the second floor was poorly insulated and extra fuel was an expense we did not need, we had decided that all of us would sleep downstairs for the winter. Unlucky pick-ups of wood cargo was a common chore and daily trips to the wood pile had become necessities. Set into a comfortable water routine and still thrilled with the aftermath of the holiday season, I was lazily enjoying what life was offering January 10, 1978 when it came.

It was the end of a seemingly normal day. No snow had fallen. Outside there was only biting cold and cutting wind—a good night for sleep, blankets and wood heat. Sometime after midnight it began. Originating on the second floor and spreading like a fire, a fire broke through our north wall and ran upward consuming the wood siding adjacent to the warm bricks. At Christmas we purchased and installed a smoke alarm which may have saved our lives. Long before any evidence of smoke or flame appeared in the lower story, the alarm sounded, its deafening scream waking everyone in the house. At first I remember thinking the alarm was a mistake probably triggered by the dying fire on the wood siding. Flashed around me by the sound of rapid footsteps than the blaring detector, I ran to the window and saw the ground clearly illuminated by the flames directly above me on the second floor.

What occurred in that next hour is now a tangled web of fearful happenings

Phone calls, removing valuables, water hoses, fire engines, being put into the truck and finally taken to a neighbors home, are the few clear events in my mind's eye.

After a restless few hours of sleep I went to school. Still reeling of smoke, I attended my classes acting as if nothing had happened. It was a lonely day even though I knew I had never received so much attention. In the halls, during classes, after school, it was easy to feel the stares of schoolmates and the uneasiness of conversation.

When my brother and sister and I were taken from the scene the house was still standing. Now after an eternal day we returned to the dark rubble and ash. A few pipes, piano parts, a broken marble slab from an antique dresser and a ceramic mouse were among the few items which remained. But we were alive, safe and unharmed and most of all together. Those things that count most in life truly cannot be counted.

It was after that frayed day that I began to discover the new order. Offers of aid and assistance came from everywhere. Gifts, dollars, cards, wishes and prayers arrived in droves. Local FFA members offered emotional and physical support. A statewide fund drive was initiated. Concerned advisors and FFA friends nationwide tried to help. What was a major-alastic disaster was also a personally heartwarming triumph.

Inaction and apathy would have been expected had you shared with me what I had. There were many other activities that they could have chosen to be a part of that second week in January. Life could have gone on for those involved whether they entered a hand or not. But not for people like you, FFA members. For what greater humanity is there than a willingness to graciously give of the fruits of your labors to those in need. What is more human than there than placing yourself in the position of another so as to completely empathize with feelings of despair and helplessness for someone else if it was possible. What greater brotherhood is there than an association so that you would gladly shoulder that despair and that emptiness for someone else if only it was possible.

Never before I have shared this experience in detail with anyone. Tonight I present it to you for two reasons. First, to illustrate the actions of people at their best. And second, to call to your attention to those special qualities you possess. If in some way you were moved by the description of such an occurrence or wondered what action you would have taken in such an instance, not whether or not you would have acted, you are undoubtedly a part of the new order—those who recognize the many choices before them and make their decisions on values they know to be right.

Although at times I have failed, I have attempted to live and act by those same worthy guidelines that I have just stated to me since my first year as an FFA member. In that same spirit of simplicity and idealism these kind words have been delivered with no props and no fanfare. They are merely thoughts shared by one FFA member consistently striving to live up to the high standards we pursue as members of the FFA and the new order. Now, just as one year ago, I can smile after you only myself, my passion for leadership and agriculture and my compassion for people.

After seven years of active membership my life will begin to take on a different kind of new order, but no matter the place, the order, or the situation, I will always carry with me the beliefs and all possessions and the qualities you have eagerly shared with me.

Finally, I will never forget the words of one very special FFA member who wrote "Ron, I feel good about me because I'm with you." Although that is perhaps the greatest compliment I have received, it seems a great paradox because no matter how much I thought I had given, you always gave more. Return FFA members because of your humanity, your truth, and your brotherhood. I have always felt good about me when I was with you.

It has been an honor to serve you.

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### "If Only . . ."

Bill Caraway  
1983-84 National FFA Secretary

You come onto the stage, take a deep breath, pick up the microphone, and what do you say? For years I have dreamed of this very moment, and now find words so inadequate to express my feelings as I deliver my final remarks as an FFA member.

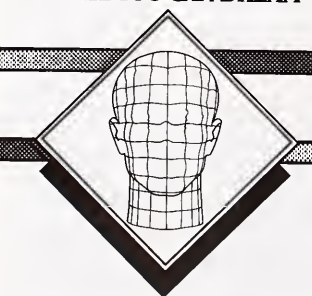
Many times this year I asked, "What do you want more than anything else?" I have always wanted to work, to have the desire to be successful was, and is still, the biggest desire we have. While driving to an activity with an FFA supervisor, I asked his formula for success. He explained that he had started working at a young age in the farm machinery business. He laughed as he recalled the times he would drive semi-trucks filled with implements to a neighboring state. He said that he was never broke because he was not old enough to have a driver's license. After graduation from high school, he went to work as an accountant for a major implement company. At the age of 24, he became the youngest employee in his company. He said, "I've history to move into a management position. One year later, he became the owner of his own farm machinery dealership. I was excited to hear how he overcame the hardships in his philosophy. I expected a formal, draw-out conclusion for his success. Instead, it consisted of only three words: "DO YOUR BEST." He told me, "Whatever it is—business, school, FFA or your personal life—to be successful, you must do your best. That's all anyone can ask for and expect."

As our trip progressed, I began to think of those times when, I must admit, I had not done my best. I found myself saying these two words that I have heard more than any other this year—"If only . . .". If only I had prepared more for my assignment. . . . If only I had been more dedicated. . . . If only I had a little luck. . . . The list goes on and on. Then I made an interesting observation. Not once when I was told of his failures and hardships had he used the words "If only."

**Just do the best you can. It's not merely enough to say, 'I'm doing my best to live and support my family. I do my very well. That's all I can do.' But you must do something more. Seek ways to do more, do better, somewhere. Everyone has to seek their own way to make themselves more noble and realize their own worth. But you must give some time to your fellow man. Even if it's a little thing, do something for those who have helped you. Do something for those who you get no pay, but the privilege of doing it. For remember, you don't live in a world all your own. Your brother is there. Do just do your best.**—Author Unknown—

Earlier this year, I was sharing with my older brother, Edwin, the activities in which I had done my best. He listened and recalled the fond memories he experienced as a national officer five years ago. Before we finished our visit he gave me some brotherly advice. He said, "It's fine to be happy and content, but never be satisfied with what you've done. Where you've been, where you're going or who you've helped." NEVER BE SATISFIED! Sounds pretty challenging, doesn't it? Now I understand what he

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ment. All the conveniences we enjoy today are a result of individuals who were not satisfied with the way they had done, where they had been, where they were going or who they had helped. They simply did their best to make this world a better place in which to live. Our dedicated agriculturalists surely fall into this category. In a world of Japanese cars, German automobiles and countless other imported commodities often preferred by American consumers, agriculture is the industry that connects a long way in maintaining our balance of trade, providing jobs for more than 22 million Americans, while at the same time providing us with a supply and quality of food unequalled in this world. It is the last industry in which we can say without a doubt, "We are number one!"

Our history books are filled with individuals who made significant contributions to our country. My mind is filled with FFA members and advisors who deserve a place in those books under the title "Courage." People like Mr. Andrews, who wasn't satisfied with the cards life dealt him. When he was egotistical, a student left him a note explaining, "Healing he could make a positive contribution to others, he did his best and never satisfied with what he thought of being handicapped. In his words, 'You are only as handicapped as you make yourself.'" Mr. Andrews started his ninth year as a vocational agriculture instructor and FFA advisor.

The most rewarding part of this year was the personal contact with you, the members from Jamestown, North Dakota and Sarasota, Florida to Southport, Connecticut and Washington, D.C. You have continued to provide inspiration for me.

Please allow me to tell you about one of our farmers I have come to know rather well. As a greenhouse, this young man was challenged to let some delegates to achieve in the FFA. In class, he listed six major objectives to achieve. The first was to be elected greenhouse class president. He ran, the votes were counted and he won elected. A little disappointment, he worked towards his next goal: chapter president. When it came time for chapter elections, he expressed his desire to lead the chapter. The votes were cast, counted, and again he was not elected. Still, he could still play an important part in the chapter. He ran for vice president and again was defeated. He was finally elected secretary. Attending the Washington Conference Program, the state and national conventions and his leadership activities increased his determination. In his senior year of high school, he again ran for chapter president. This time he had worked for as a greenhouse would not become a reality for this future farmer. In fact, he did not serve in any FFA capacity his senior year. During three years without realizing any of those goals set as a greenhouse, he finally experienced the "little victory" when he received his state farmer degree. Next on the list was to serve as a state officer. He went through interviews, delivered his best speech to the voting delegates and watched the results. There had been this one person who had goal more in his grasp than now I know many of you have experienced a same feeling. When you waited something so much, you just couldn't have done anything for it. At this particular time, that Future Farmer wanted more opportunity to serve as a state officer. As the lights were dimmed and the convention music swelled in anticipation of the new year, the new year was named. It wasn't he. As the convention workers cleared the auditorium, that FFA member stood alone, thinking about his failures in the FFA. With his jacket unzipped, he fought to hold back the tears and said, "It was ready to go to the FFA. An individual walked up to him and said, 'Young man, you are a winner. You can do anything you want to do, and become anyone you want to become if ONLY you want to badly enough, and if ONLY you are willing to work hard enough.'"

With those words of encouragement, that member remembered the American farmer degree, his first year of the original rank, and only the second to be achieved. One final goal remained to be achieved: "I want to be a state officer." And when you're young, stand up and take the blame . . . if ONLY you can understand your own desires . . . And not waste time on tasks beyond your scope But take the future as a brand new challenge

He then remembered what had been said to him a year earlier, "if ONLY you want to badly enough and if ONLY you are willing to work hard enough." He pictured himself in retirement years saying, "if ONLY I had not to reach that goal . . . if ONLY I would have had more determination . . . if ONLY I hadn't given up!"

With those thoughts in mind, he decided he must take advantage of this last chance to serve the FFA. He went through the nominating committee process and was elected to the FFA in the reserved section for national officer candidates. As everyone waited for the naming of the new national officers, he remembered those six goals he had set five years earlier. He remembered how it hurt when he wasn't elected class or chapter president. He recalled wanting so much to wear the jacket that said "ASSOCIATION" on the back of it. He realized that the highest office he had held in his chapter was that of secretary—some three years earlier, his last time to hold an office in the FFA. In five years he had accomplished only two goals that he had set as a greenhouse.

As they began announcing the selection of new leaders, he hoped to hear that he would have worked harder. "if ONLY I had put others first," if ONLY I would have been thinking of the future. "The future . . . I will work harder next time. I will put others first next time. I will do my best . . ."

The FFA member was fortunate. For you see, he was given the opportunity to change the FFA ONLY into NEXT. He was given the opportunity to be best—as your National Secretary. Yes, Bill Caraway was that greenhouse who desired to be class president and whose highest and last office in the FFA was in 1980. It was I who would have given anything to have been a state officer. It was I who this year, was given the opportunity to turn an FFA ONLY into a NEXT TIME.

I shared this story with you for two reasons. First, you are a winner! You can do anything you want to do and become anybody you want to become if ONLY you want to badly enough, and if ONLY you are willing to work hard enough. Secondly, there is no shame in not achieving your goals. This shame comes in not attempting to achieve them.

Each of us have our rules and even though we enjoy them there is a time when they are completed. Because of you this year of service has been more meaningful and fulfilling. It has been for me. It is for you. It is for us. I guess I'll be rich forever then because of the usefulness given of friendship.

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**That you can meet with confidence and hope.**

**if ONLY you can listen to those who advise you.**

**And then judge for yourself what is right.**

**if ONLY you can keep in touch with all about you.**

**And settle differences without a fight.**

**if ONLY you find delight in simple pleasures**

**And see the rainbow-nod in the falling rain.**

**if ONLY you can lose-and never give up trying.**

**Believing that there's nothing done in vain.**

**if ONLY you can firmly stick by your convictions**

**And not let others set goals for you.**

**if ONLY you can be as practical as need be.**

**And still remember—sometimes dreams do come true.**

**if ONLY you can live the life that you believe in.**

**And trust your judgment and integrity.**

**Then you'll be not just happy and successful,**

**But the worthwhile person you were meant to be—copied—**

**if ONLY**

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**"I Only Claim"**

Rhonda Scheulton  
1983-84 National FFA Central Region Vice President

Most of you can remember the popular television series "M\*A\*S\*H," the weekly show that led us through the daily routine at the 4077th hospital unit in the Korean War. I recently had the opportunity to once again view the limit episode of that series. As I watched, I realized what had made the show so popular with the audience. It had such control of our emotions! Many times it made us laugh, and at times it made us cry. It helped us to see the world through the eyes of those characters. We experienced their joys, their triumphs, their challenges and their sorrows. They taught us to appreciate the freedom that we enjoy in the United States and showed us how friends can help you through even the most difficult times. The tears began to swell in my eyes as those famous characters shared their last goodbye. I knew at that point that the things that I had admired most in the men and women of the 4077th were the things that I admired most in you.

Many times this year you have made me laugh, and at times you have let me cry. You have helped me to see the world through your eyes and to feel the same about your joys, your triumphs, your challenges and your sorrows. You have taught me the true value of the freedom we enjoy in the United States and showed me the importance of friendship in our lives. Although there are many things that have made this year great, I want to share with you the most special memories I have and, in doing so, create for you my final episode of "M\*A\*S\*H."

During the past seven years, I have learned that Future Farmers are truly the best of us. They are the young people of the world. Our organization is often praised as a product of enthusiasm and optimism in its members, but they have shown me that enthusiasm and optimism alone are not enough. You believe

in yourselves and your purpose and are willing to dedicate the time and effort needed to get the job done. As I thought of this, I was reminded of this poem:

**Blessed is the man, indeed,  
Who in this life can find;  
A purpose that can fill his days,  
With all his might to fulfill his dreams.**

**The world is filled with little men,  
Content with where they are;  
Not knowing joys success can bring.**

**No will to go that far!**

**Would you be one, who dare to work  
When challenged by the task;  
To rise to heights you've never seen.**

**Or is that too much to ask?  
This is your day—a world to win,  
Great purpose to achieve.**

**Accept the challenge of your goals,  
And in yourself, believe!**

**You will be proud of what you've done  
When the close of day,  
You look back on your battles won.**

**Content, you came this way!**

All of the enthusiasm in the world is worth nothing if it is not backed by hard work. That is what makes you so special. You not only have the motivation to set your goals but the motivation to go after them. You are a reality.

We hear a great deal today about the changing and uncertain farm economy and I have seen the effects that uncertainty has had on many farmers and agriculturalists across this great country. Perhaps that is another reason why I believe so strongly in you. Despite the challenges that lie ahead, you have declared your belief in the future of AGRICULTURE, our nation's number one industry. Although I was raised on a farm, I know that I do not have even the faintest idea of the challenges that some of you possess. However, my pride in the American farmer and agriculturalist cannot be brought to a halt. I realize what tremendous courage is required to meet all that you own in the land, buildings and equipment needed to run a successful farming operation. I know that even greater courage is needed to stand by and watch as your land, buildings and equipment are auctioned to the highest bidder. It takes patience and years of hard work just to get established in agriculture, yet you have selected this as your field of study.

By wearing that blue and gold jacket, you are telling the world that you recognize the importance of satisfying food and fiber to a busy world and are willing to face whatever challenges might approach you.

I often wish that each person in this world could spend one day with my Mom and Dad on the farm. In that one day, they would experience hard work, rain, frustration, fatigue and at the end of the day, true satisfaction.

It is my hope that you will believe in agriculture that you so proudly possess.

The most prominent memories I have of my time in the FFA will be your willingness to SHARE your lives with me. From Loose Creek, Missouri to our home in the mountains of Durango, Colorado you have greeted me with open arms.

I will be the first to admit that there were times when I grew tired and wondered if I could find even one more smile or one more speech somewhere else. Those times were few, but when they did occur, one of you would come along with an extra smile or maybe a hug to let me know I was not alone.

I will never forget the times I remember the homes where I was so warmly welcomed and the long drives home to Michigan, North Dakota, Washington and many other states. I drew my energy on those trips from your enthusiasm.

Before I joined the FFA seven years ago, I was guilty of thinking that I did not have money or good looks, you were long gone. How wrong I was! Your constant encouragement has taught me that wealth is not measured by money and beauty is not measured by appearance. At this moment, I feel as though I am one of the richest people in all the world, yet my bank account is still rather low. I feel rich because I know that almost all of you in this convention center at this moment believe in me. You believe in my ability to stand

before you and deliver this address. I can feel your strength, your encouragement and your confidence in me. What aicher I could I ask for! I have been given each of you special talents and your wealth is determined by how well we use those talents. Although my term of office must end, the influence that you have had on my life by sharing your friendship will never end.

Future Farmers, it has been my HONOR to serve you for the past twelve months. That received an award after the final session of M\*A\*S\*H. Ann Alts stated that he did not claim to have been the best actor on television or the best comedian. He said he was not the best director or the best writer. He simply stated, "I only claim to have done my best and given the most of my talent in an effort to entertain the audience. No trophy or award I will ever receive will equal the honor you have given me simply by believing in my ability to lead them."

As I stand before you now, I do not claim to have been the best national officer in FFA history. I have not been the most organized or the most professional. I am not the best at delivering speeches or the best at giving a toast. I have tried my best to fulfill the duties of this office in the way in which you so have helped me. I was a trophy of your love and I will receive with the honor you have given me simply by believing in my ability and allowing me to lead you.

I cannot leave without first offering some special thanks to some very special people. I want to thank my family for allowing me to explore the world of my dreams and for being my support at home. I especially want to thank my Mom and Dad for believing in agriculture and raising their family on a farm. I thank the Fatima FFA Chapter, Area XI and the Mission Association for their continuous support. Mr. Hagen, I thank Case and all those on the state staff in Missouri. I thank you for your faith in my ability and your friendship. I thank all of the state officers that I have served and worked with for putting up with me and helping me to grow. I send special thanks to the 1982-83 State Officer team in Missouri. You believed in me at a time when I needed it most and built my confidence so I will not let you down.

I thank everyone at the National FFA Center for making me feel so at home when I was far away from Loose Creek. To the five others that has been my privilege to serve with this year, I just want you to know that I love each of you for being yourselves. Melody, thank you for your smile. Carol thanks for your strength. Ron, you are a great partner and a tremendous leader. Chuck, you will make a great engineer. I will never forget your ability to make me smile no matter what mood I was in. Bill, thanks for always being there to talk to me when I needed someone to talk to. I am so proud of my friend. Our lives may go their separate ways after this week, but I will carry memories of you with me in my heart forever. To all the people that I have just mentioned and to Future Farmers everywhere, I dedicate this poem.

**It is a satisfying feeling  
Just to know that you're my friend  
That no matter what's the trouble  
That on you I can depend  
For the world can be full of sadness.**

**And life's path has some stones,  
And a person's best comfort  
Is the real friends he's known.**

**It takes more than words to tell it,  
And for just being my friend,  
All the good that you have done  
For me,  
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me how to laugh at myself and you've taught me not to take myself too seriously. Carol, you've shown me what it means to be businesslike. Melody, you've shown me how to be quietly spiritual (Rhonda (Schreier-Duse)). You've shown me how to stand up for what I truly feel and the simplicity of friendship. I thank each one of you, deeply.

To the Host family, the FFA Center staff, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Reese, the folks in my home state of Florida, everyone whom I've had the pleasure of meeting this year, each of you here this morning and to God, my sincerest gratitude and my most humble thanks.

I don't feel a goodbye is in order this morning because as I return to my academic life, I know the FFA will continue to grow and prosper as it has for the past 56 years. As the FFA begins its 57th year, I simply hope that each of you fares well in the Future Farmers. So farewell friends and thanks for the memory

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## Just a tiny little minute. But, eternity is in it.

It doesn't seem possible that a whole year has gone by since the last National Convention. Everything has gone so fast. I can't believe I want to go to "stop! Let me get off for just a minute and think about all that is happening!" But that is not possible, is it? Time keeps on moving so quickly and silently that we are hardly aware of its passing until it's gone.

The solitude I planned for would only come when the plane on which I was traveling would reach its cruising altitude. Below a blanket of clouds overlooking the ground from view, giving the illusion that our plane was somehow suspended unmoving in space and time. The desired intention to think had finally come! Suddenly, the voice of the pilot would come across the intercom stating my thoughts as he said, "We are now cruising at an altitude of 13,500 feet at the speed of 500 miles an hour. How dare he bring to reality that everything had not stopped but was actually moving faster than ever!

Time is so frustrating and yet so wonderful. The passing of this commodity makes it possible to go on to new adventures and opportunities. Granted, the transition from one to another is frightening knowing that it is impossible to return to the familiar thus the need to step off into the unknown. At the same moment, it is exciting to move in a new direction and to look ahead to what the future might hold. Life has so much to offer if only we are willing to use and to enjoy it. By no means will everything be perfect. We will always run into obstacles and trials that is part of living and of building our character. However, nothing we encounter will be more than what we can handle. 1 Corinthians 10:13 states,

**"No temptation has overtaken you but such is common to man, and God is faithful who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."**

Life provides failures, handicaps and setbacks along with successes. Some are greater than others. Time is too precious to dwell on the negative. We must be willing to confront these problems and to look for solutions. Phillip Brooks captured a wonderful thought when he said, "Do not pray for easy lives, pray to be a stronger person! Do not pray for tasks equal to your power, pray for power equal to your tasks. The more the doing of your work shall be no miracle; but you shall be a miracle. Everyday you shall wonder at yourself, at the richness of which God has come to you by the grace of God."

A satisfying being should come for all of us knowing that not only are we provided with time but also with talents and abilities to use as we choose. Looking across the universe it is easy to see the potential of the world. Each person here is a unique creation. Each of us is endowed with many talents and abilities. The answer to this statement can be easily be, "Who me? I possess no such thing." If that is our reply, maybe we haven't bothered to go through our capabilities or have chosen to ignore them completely. It is up to each individual to take these gifts then take the time to develop them. The possibilities this room holds are limitless. However, with all the time we might have, it is impossible to accomplish anything unless we believe in ourselves and in the things we represent.

Recognizing our personal potential, we need to realize that as Future Farmers of America we are involved in the world's most vital industry—agriculture. Never in the history of mankind has there ever been a civilization that could survive without food and clothing. In our lifetime, agriculture has faced many potentially crippling circumstances, but the resiliency of the people involved in the industry has allowed it to bounce back stronger than ever. We must not become complacent about this past record.

Agriculture needs trained young people in all areas of expertise who are prepared to meet and to overcome future challenges. The time is quickly coming for us to choose our careers. At present we are involved in a program designed to prepare us for a successful entry into the most dynamic industry in America. Agriculture provides many opportunities from production to politics, mechanics

to engineering, education to law and so much more.

It is up to all of us to take advantage of the time we spend in this organization to develop skills and competencies that will make us effective workers and leaders in and out of agriculture.

It is desirable to assume that everyone in this auditorium is or will be directly employed in an agriculturally related field. However, it is realistic to say that no matter what our occupation, we are all dependent on agriculture. Regardless of what our future holds, we must never forget the importance American agriculture plays in this nation and in the world. Every human being depends on agriculture for the quality of life and for their very survival.

The time allotted to me this year has been fantastic—a wonderful experience! It seems like only yesterday that so people were suddenly thrown together out of a group of nervous candidates each with different backgrounds, personalities, opinions, experiences, beliefs and dreams. We were united with a common goal of representing a country consisting of more than 400,000 members of the Future Farmers of America. Ron, Bill, Chuck, Rhonda, and Carol, I would simply like to say to you all, "You." Each of you has taught me more than you will ever know. To the other members of this winning team—students, advisors, staff people, school administrators, friends and of course parents—let me say thank you for sharing your caring friendship, your warm hospitality and your valuable time. Through your eyes, you have given me an education no school can ever match.

## Time

**Nothing is longer, since it is the measure of eternity.**

**Nothing is shorter, since it is insufficient from the accomplishment of our projects.**

**Nothing is more slow to him that expects; nothing more rapid to him that enjoys.**

**In greatness it extends to infinity. In smallness it is infinitely divisible.**

**All men neglect it, all regret the loss of it, nothing can be done without it.**

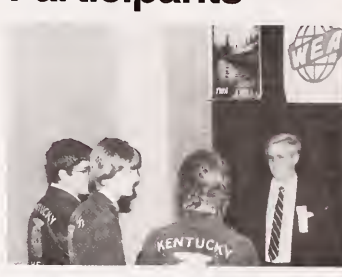
**It consigns to oblivion whatever is unworthy of being transmitted to posterity, and immortalizes such actions as are truly great.**

Think goodness we not have to pay \$100 an hour for if we did, the cost of a lifetime would be far beyond what any of us could purchase. Instead time is a priceless and irreplaceable gift given freely to all of us as we decide. Time is indeed man's most precious asset. We must treat it wisely for once it is gone it can never be replaced.

**Though the seconds, minutes and hours seem to pass with the greatest speed—Remember—God has given us all the time we need.**

Melody Lawson, 7202 West Thunderbird Drive, Peoria, AZ 85345, (602) 979-6261.

# International FFA Participants



The Work Experience Abroad (WEA) program enables FFA members to work on farms and agriculture businesses in other countries for various time intervals. The program also encourages American families to host students from foreign agriculture backgrounds.

## WEA Outbound Students

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## "All the Time You Need"

Melody Lawson  
1983-84 National FFA Western Region Vice President

Voltaire, the famous French writer and philosopher in his novel, "Zadig, A Mystery of Fate," presented a question to the characters of the story. The question was, "What of all things in the world is the longest and the shortest, the swiftest and the slowest, the most divisible and the most extended, the most neglected and the most neglected, and which devours all that is little and engulfs all that is great?"

The question was answered "Time." That precious commodity that is always taken for granted.

During one of my many trips to the airport this year, my mother showed me a brochure she had picked up while walking with me to the departure gate. The pamphlet simply stated that if people would purchase the advertised product, the result would be that they would find, "all the time they need." What would you pay for something that would give you all the time you wanted?

Consider this: If we had to buy time, there would be any difference in how we would spend it? Would the days of our lives be used more wisely? What if we had to pay in advance \$100 an hour for the time allotted to us, would we waste it?

Of course, we can't put a price tag on time. The minutes and hours we possess are given to us freely. But, that doesn't excuse us from using them carefully and wisely. The time we spend on this earth is a free gift from God. He has provided for us whether our lives are long or short, enough of this valuable commodity to accomplish all the things we are capable of doing. We have all the time we need to make the most of life. It is what we do with that time that makes the difference in the quality of our lives. We must determine how to budget it using each minute to take full advantage of the opportunities provided.

The poet who penned the following words must have realized the true value of a single moment when he wrote:

**"I only have a minute with sixty seconds in it.  
Forced upon me, can't refuse it.  
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it.  
It's up to me to use it.  
Give account if I abuse it."**



November B-10, 1994

57th National FFA Convention PROCEEDINGS

## National FFA Chorus

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The National FFA Chorus, under the direction of Stan Kingma, Vineland, New Jersey, presented musical toasts, entertainment and atmosphere to this year's convention. Owen Robbins acted as Accompanist and Assistant Director and Marilyn Kingma and Gail Cable acted as Chaperones and Assistants to the Director. Butch Taylor acted as Assistant Director to Stan Kingma who acted as Director of Saturday evening's Musical Extravaganza.

**Alabama:** Mary Pace, Scottsboro; **Arizona:** Nina Merrill, Gilbert; **Arkansas:** Paul Williams, Farmington; **Connecticut:** Cathryn Hassinger, Trumbull; **Florida:** Prudence Ciyatt, Lake Butler; **Idaho:** Rodney Frank, Meridian; **Iowa:** Caryl Allen, Kokomo; **Charles Johnson,** Evansville; **Frankie Jones,** Hope, **James Montgomery,** Shelbyville; **Dale Pritch,** Plymouth; **Scott Stump,** LaGrange; **Wayne Hiedi,** Fatchell; **Owett,** Randy Gerlach, Nevada; **Gayle Rankin,** West Point; **Jonathan Wier,** Lacon; **Indiana:** Gary Allen, Kokomo; **Charles Johnson,** Evansville; **Frankie Jones,** Hope, **James Montgomery,** Shelbyville; **Dale Pritch,** Plymouth; **Scott Stump,** LaGrange; **Wayne Hiedi,** Fatchell; **Owett,** Randy Gerlach, Nevada; **Gayle Rankin,** West Point; **Jonathan Wier,** Lacon; **Montana:** John Brucher, Hobson; **John Buer,** Scooby; **Nebraska:** Karma Anderson, Blair; **Brian Sandell,** Besselt; **New Jersey:** Amy

Reves, Westmoreland; **Becky Tally,** Oberlin; **Kentucky:** Jennifer Ransdell, Sulist; **Louisiana:** Allen Broussard, Morse; **Michigan:** Timothy Case, Hastings; **Richard Eby,** Rudyard; **Mark Sherry,** Camden; **Minnesota:** Kevin Bailey, Glenview; **Tim Frank,** Hancock; **Scott Haugen,** Worthington; **Jill Koehl,** Hancock; **Jon Kunderl,** West Concord; **Michael Mastey,** Kasson; **Patrick Peterson,** Karstad; **David Schultz,** Farmington; **Missouri:** Christina Chappin, Harrisonville; **Andrea Farrester,** Memphis; **Stacey Gibson,** Norborne; **Jacqueline Goss,** Marshall; **Suzie Henson,** Nevada; **Don Jombone,** Shaw Ross; **Westerville,** Rachel McDonald; **Alan,** Mark Purniton; **Lamar,** Charles Redburn; **St. James,** Teesle Steels; **Goins,** Montana; **John Brucher,** Hobson; **John Buer,** Scooby; **Nebraska:** Karma Anderson, Blair; **Brian Sandell,** Besselt; **New Jersey:** Amy

**Rogers,** Columbus; **New Mexico:** Jay Pack, Melrose; **North Carolina:** Janet McSwain, Shelby; **Ohio:** Gary Balderson, Green Springs; **Rob Mercer,** Walhonding; **Donald Noble,** Fredrichstun; **Bradley Rulkner,** Bucyrus; **Frank Schaud,** Waterford; **Tracy Schindler,** Edison; **Brant Snavely,** Republic; **Dakahoma:** Michelle Bright, Sapulpa; **Oregon:** Holly Craig, Hillsboro; **Diane Evers,** Banks;

**Debra Fincher,** Canby; **Jennifer Jetterson,** Roseburg; **North Dakota:** Sean Cramer, Hansburg; **Timothy Hofer,** Carpenter; **Scott Strand,** Roslyn; **Paul Blueland,** Roslyn; **Texas:** Jason Frazier, Sulphur Springs; **Willie Hague,** Sulphur Springs; **Virginia:** Dwight Worley; **Washington:** Troy Kous; **Cheryl,** Leane Leslie; **Chelan:** Brian Monaghan; **Uniontown:** Mary Noll;

**Cashmere,** Julie Roberts; **West Virginia:** Renee Harley, Ravenswood; **Wisconsin:** Jeffrey Brunner, Shawano; **Dann Kullison,** Mt. Horeb; **Karen Wright,** Amery;

## National FFA Band

Sponsored by Carnation Company

The National FFA Band, featuring 102 musicians, was under the direction of Roger Heath, Boulder, Colorado. 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 selections. Gene Engler acted as Assistant Director. Mary Heath and Mrs. Gene Engler acted as Chaperones and Assistants to the Director.

**Arizona:** Charlene Greyeyes, Kayenta; **Fulte,** Mesa; **Trumpet,** Sierra Vado; **West,** Pearce; **Clannet,** Arkansas; **Monte Womble,** Prescott; **Trombone:** California: Heidi Heiser, Eureka; **Rula,** Florida: Ketha McDord, Sarasota; **Piccolo:** David Bridges, Lakeland; **Clannet,** Idaho: Tanya Evans, Malad; **Clannet,** Shawna Lofley, Weiser; **Bass Tuba:** Illinois: Kirk Ekera, Elmwood; **Alto Sax:** David Larkin, Warsaw; **Sop. Clannet,** Indiana: Jeff Beaman, Franklin; **Trumpet,** David DeVoe, Montpelier; **Percussion:** Angela Vance, Wayneville; **Clannet,** Iowa: Glen Bierman, Manchester; **Trombone:** Bryan Gagnon, Garvillano; **Cornet,** Michelle Matheson, Oystart; **French Horn,** Mike Schopper, Appleton; **Tuba,** Chris Shaler, Edgewater; **Clannet:** Larry Soenksen, Din, Tuba; **Jon Strpe,** Farragut; **Bartone Sax,** Stuart Swanson; **Galt,** Sargophone: Tim Wynn; **Percussion,** Clannet; **Minnesota:** Yvonne Colle, Medicine Lodge; **Trombone:** Matt Mills; **Maria Hill,** Ter; **Sargophone:** Joel Moss; **Minnesota:** Teror Sax; **Chris Pennacker,** Washington; **Percussion:** Cheryl VanKleeven, Erie; **Twister,** Eise Williams; **Oase City,** Kentucky; **Stacey Blackburn,** Princeton; **Trumpet:** Louisiana: Scott Williams, Oak Grove;

**Trombone:** Massachusetts: Paul Brasser; **Acquinet,** Percussion: Michigan: Todd Hasselwerdt, Manchester; **Trombone:** Dale Johnson, Lakeview; **Trombone:** Shawn Ross, Westerville; **Trombone:** George Simmerlin, Uby; **Cornet:** Paul Wigia, Omel; **Percussion:** Minnesota: Liz Brimhl, Hanks; **Trumpet:** Sue Hahn, Stewart; **Sargophone:** Connie Nettles, Lambertson; **Clannet,** Chris Sampson, Preston; **Bass Clannet,** Ken Thorson, Glenview; **Fulte,** Missouri: Lynell Bunde, Marthasville; **Bass Clannet,** Tony Fabrizio, Lancaster; **Bartone,** Keith Knight, Appleton City; **Montana:** Mark Roberts, Juliet; **Trumpet:** Ronald Ryl, Monah; **Tuba,** Nebraska: Maureen Freeman, North Bend; **Clannet,** Ed Halm, Mason City; **Bartone:** Daniel Rose, Blue Hill; **Trumpet:** Brent Sebade, Emerson; **Alto Sax,** Mike Stehno, Clark; **Clannet:** Brian Zimmerman, Center; **Trombone:** Nevada: Shane Thatcher, Owyhee; **Sargophone:** Shan Tibbels; **Yerlington,** Bass Clannet; **New Mexico:** Joanne DeBerry, Williamsburg; **French Horn:** Marvin Skwire, Rice; **Tuba,** Lathas; **Thomas Long,** Clannet; **Kay Lay Krum,** Lewisville; **Contra B,** Clannet; **New York:** James Atwell, Remsen; **Clannet:** Leon Beggs, Ogdenburg; **Trumpet,**

**North Carolina:** Lindley Osborne, Bredem; **Sop. Trumpet;** North Dakota: Lee Brooks, Rhame; **Trumpet,** As Per; **Norm,** Norwich; **Tenor Sax,** Ohio: Wayne Deinger, Milford Center; **French Horn:** Mark Hansen, Bradford; **Bassone,** Julie Hines, Jeromesville; **Piccolo,** Rachale Jams, Hamilton; **Clannet,** Michael Quantance, Marion; **Trombone,** Kelly Westhove, Lancaster; **Oboe,** Oklahoma: Tabbe Roberts, Pawnee; **Trumpet:** Daniel Usellon, Nardin; **Sargophone,** Oregon: Kurt Heilberg, Irigon; **Clannet:** Chris Kurtz, Egin; **Euphonium:** Deborah Sorenson, Junction City; **Bassoon,** Pennsylvania: Kevin Schlegel, Boyertown; **Percussion:** South Carolina:

**Jimmy Smith,** Treton; **Tenor Sax,** South Dakota: Loren Kroegst, Cotton; **Bartone,** Michelle Rook, Clear Lake; **Trombone:** Tennessee: Cindy Camack, Gates; **Bass Clannet,** Craig Mosier, Martin; **Trumpet:** Jane Ellen Wilson, White House; **French Horn:** Texas: Kelli Bobbitt, Greenville; **French Horn,** Linda Halliburton, Greenville; **French Horn,** Kelly Spencer, Gilmer; **Tuba,** Jan Taylor, Gilmer; **Yagophone-Bells,** Washington: Shannon Murdock, Wata Wata; **Fulte,** West Virginia: John Hodge, Renick; **Trumpet:** David Kismore, Redsville; **Percussion,** Wisconsin: Jeff Giller, Montello; **Trombone,** Lynnette Heas, Berlin; **Fulte,** Los Jell, Redgranite; **Clannet,** Steve Muloney, Mt. Hope;

**Bartone,** Michael Porter, Fennimore; **Trumpet:** Steve Sedoces, Mshicot; **Trumpet,** Wyoming: David Anderson, Pine Bluffs; **French Horn,** Joe Campbell, Rverton; **Trumpet:** James Greenwood, Lingle; **Trumpet,** Michelle Wood, River ton; **Clannet,**

## National FFA Talent

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**Alabama:** Oanville - Chris Staylor, Brett Herring, Mike Herring, Mike Turentine; **Scotty Weeks,** Craig Hagan; **Edy Ruppe,** Excell - Jeannette Anderson; **Roxanne Simpson,** Cabela House; **Tracy Howe,** Luverne - Joey Johnson; **Missy Schold,** Jim Free; **Bobby Tomberlin,** Lisa Rolling; **Mark Cooper,** Arizona: Eloy - Anna Bell Mendez; **Roy Mendez,** Arkansas: Wess - Shanna Hill, Jennifer Hill, Rhonda Roberts; **Justin Forest;** California: Middleton - Janet Stewart; **California:** Middleton - Janet Stewart; **Rick Collins,** Rusty Parkins; **Jim Blaylock,** Colorado: New Raymer - Denise Tappy; **Connecticut:** State Assn - Colleen Fenn, Peter Ramsey; **Hiedle J.G. Smith Chapter - Shayla Weatherington;** Plant City - Stephanie

**Parker;** Illinois: Shrisman - Joe Houtly, Tod Harper; **Indiana:** North Montgomery - Bill McBee; **Mark Bymaster,** Jeff Roze; **Iowa:** Riceville - Susan Linkensmeyer; **Michigan:** Harbor Beach - Calica Tenbusch; **May Jo Tenbusch;** Beckenridge - Cami Valliere; **Minnesota:** St. James - Tod Kamleiter; **Missouri:** Lamar - Angie Phillips; **Montana:** Big Flat - Philip Johnson; **New Mexico:** Portales - Andy Schaap; **New York:** Pine Plains - Shelly Piester; **North Carolina:** Chatham Central - William Crab; **North Dakota:** Cando - Julie Ferrel; **Ohio:** Benjamin Logan - Michele Longbrake; **John Glenn - Brad Monson;** Liberty-Salem - Trudy Askley; **Dakahoma:** Guthrie - Michael Wamsley; **Oregon:** Hadden Valley - Tony Broulette; **Pennsylvania:** Grassland - Bonita Zeisel; **Tennessee:** Coffee County - Darryl Henley; **Texas:** State Assn - Coby Shorter; **Organist,** New Caney -

**Susette Bazen,** Virginia: Tunstall - Christopher Johnson, Ann Edmunds; **Trumpet:** Abby - Tami Heatwole; **Jeannette Huffman;** **West Virginia:** Moorfield - Billy Kepplinger; **Eddie Kepplinger,** William Kepplinger; **Franklin H - Stephen Cassell;** **Wisconsin:** Darlington - Lon Lansing; **Wyoming:** Lake - Gary Ratke; **Sara Ratke;** **Montello - Kirsten Schrimpt;** **Windsor:** Wind River - Eddie Russell

## Agricultural Proficiency Awards



There are 22 different proficiency award areas. They vary from production agriculture and outdoor recreation to sales/service and processing. Of the applications received, four 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 expenses paid European travel seminar. Of the following regional proficiency winners, the national winner for each award has a star placed next to him or her.

### Agricultural Electrification

*Sponsored by National Food and Energy Council, Inc., Klein Tools, Inc. and the National FFA Foundation General Fund*

Central—Robert Steffes, Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin  
Eastern—Jeff Oasher, Marion, Ohio  
Southern—Terry England, Auburn, Georgia

★ Western—Brian Hunt, Cleburne, Texas

### Agricultural Mechanics

*Sponsored by International Harvester Company*

★ Central—Dave Soil, Gowrie, Iowa  
Eastern—Shawn Walter, Mifflintburg, Pennsylvania  
Southern—Ron Mears, Blountstown, Florida  
Western—Scott Blackman, Wolf Creek, Montana

### Agricultural Processing

*Sponsored by Cargill Incorporated*

★ Central—Scott Potts, Green Bay, Wisconsin  
Eastern—Paul Hasselbach, Fremont, Ohio  
Southern—Paul Pevey, Rincon, Georgia  
Western—Gregg Lafayette, Monmouth, Oregon

### Agricultural Sales and/or Service

*Sponsored by Allis-Chalmers Corporation*

Central—Jeffrey Moon, Hayfield, Minnesota  
Eastern—Russell Crabtree, Albany, Ohio  
★ Southern—Tony Barrington, Mayo, Florida  
Western—Kristy Seiman, Trenton, Utah

### Beef Production

*Sponsored by Nacco International, Inc. and Sperry New Holland*

★ Eastern—Charles Cole, II, New Milton, West Virginia  
Southern—Kord Robertson, Zolfo Springs, Florida  
Western—Peter Jensen, El Reno, Oklahoma

### Crop Production

*Sponsored by Massey-Ferguson*

Central—David Decker, Walker, Iowa  
Eastern—Scott Apple, Bowling Green, Ohio  
Southern—Randy Lee, Oak Grove, Louisiana

★ Western—Lyle Blakley, Oologah, Oklahoma

### Dairy Production

*Sponsored by New Idea Farm Equipment Corporation, All-Laval, Inc., Agri-Group and American Breeders Service*

Central—Stan Becher, Berne, Indiana  
★ Eastern—Wilson North, Cornwall Bridge, Connecticut  
Southern—John Scarlett, New Market, Tennessee  
Western—Kris Koon, Brasher, Texas

### Diversified Livestock Production

*Sponsored by A.O. Smith Harvestore Products, Inc. and Wayne Feeds Division/Continental Grain Company*

Central—Jim Flower, Benson, Minnesota  
★ Eastern—Brian McCarren, Oella, Ohio  
Southern—Scott Helton, Rogersville, Tennessee  
Western—Cindy Blair, Noble, Oklahoma

### Fish and Wildlife Management

*Sponsored by Philip Morris Incorporated*

Central—Julie Hyland, Rockford, Illinois  
Eastern—Richard Stokkes, Jr., Strasburg, Virginia  
★ Southern—Tony Johnson, Lexington, Tennessee  
Western—Roger Glick, McAllen, Texas

### Floriculture

*Sponsored by The Lerlo Corporation; Nursery Supplies, Inc.; The Paul Ecke Poinsettie Ranch, and the National FFA Foundation General Fund*

★ Central—Donna Lyons, DeKalb, Illinois  
Eastern—Tracy Hitchner, Bridgeton, New Jersey  
Southern—Tammie Hardwick, Milton, Florida  
Western—Tammy Fugate, Guthrie, Oklahoma

### Forest Management

*Sponsored by Weyerhaeuser Corporation Foundation and the National FFA Foundation General Fund*

Central—Karen Armstrong, Springville, Indiana  
Eastern—Neil Moores, Stratford, New Hampshire  
Southern—Jamie Owens, Olin, Tennessee  
★ Western—Gary Berg, Eatonville, Washington

### Fruit and/or Vegetable Production

*Sponsored by Briggs & Stretton Corporation Foundation, Inc.*

Central—Dennis Ountun, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
★ Eastern—John Klockman, Elmore, Ohio  
Southern—Scott Christmas, Chely, Florida  
Western—Eric Hassel, Wenatchee, Washington

### Home and/or Farmstead Improvement

*Sponsored by Upjohn, TUCO, Asgrow and Cobb, Agricultural Division of The Upjohn Company*

★ Central—Rod Earley, Greencastle, Indiana  
Eastern—Kirk Cramer, Mt. Airy, Maryland  
Southern—Scott Clause, Carencro, Louisiana  
Western—Shawn Gralla, Lexington, Oklahoma

### Horse

*Sponsored by The American Quarter Horse Association*

Central—Teresa Scheel, Harlan, Iowa  
Eastern—Brad Kearns, High Point, North Carolina  
★ Southern—Donna Lee, Newberry, Florida  
Western—Doris Wallis, Gillette, Wyoming

### Nursery Operations

*Sponsored by Weyerhaeuser Corporation Foundation*

★ Central—Mark Hillgoss, Sharpsville, Indiana  
Eastern—Jamie Frey, Oquirrh, Pennsylvania  
Southern—Bradley Foster, McMinnville, Tennessee  
Western—Kenneth Patience, Lynden, Washington

### Outdoor Recreation

*Sponsored by the National FFA Foundation General Fund*

Central—Jim Shmick, Willmar, Minnesota  
Eastern—Sternie Hustead, Hartsville, Ohio  
Southern—Buster Bramblitt, Ocoee, Tennessee  
★ Western—Chris Clements, Picoche, New Mexico

### Placement in Agricultural Production

*Sponsored by Hesslon Corporation; The Shell Companies Foundation, Inc. and Class of America, Inc.*

★ Central—John Kretzmeier, West Lafayette, Indiana  
Eastern—Mark Wertz, Ashland, Ohio  
Southern—Don Noblin, Natchitoches, Louisiana  
Western—Ray Funk, Custer, Washington

### Poultry Production

*Sponsored by Kentucky Fried Chicken of Oklahoma; Red Brand Ience; Made by Keystone Steel and Wire Company; Chore-Time Equipment, Inc. and the National FFA Foundation General Fund*

Central—Jerry Geniel, Abilene, Michigan  
★ Eastern—Douglas Cox, Monroe, North Carolina  
Southern—Ralph Funderburk, Fenton, Louisiana  
Western—Buddy Curry, Jay, Oklahoma

### Sheep Production

*Sponsored by Cernettion Company—Milling Division and American Sheep Producers Council, Inc.; Sheep Industry Development Program, Inc.*

★ Central—Rick Andresen, Keystone, Iowa  
Eastern—Jeffery Kircotte, Bridgewater, Virginia  
Southern—Tremayne Ouhon, Rayne, Louisiana  
Western—Traci Silester, Prather, California

### Soil and Water Management

*Sponsored by Fort Motor Company Fund*

Central—Matthew Reikeweg, Woodburn, Indiana  
Eastern—Billy Crank, Henderson, West Virginia  
★ Southern—Marty Wootten, Ider, Alabama  
Western—Mark Rothwell, Spring, Texas

### Swine Production

*Sponsored by Plizer Inc.*

Central—Kimberly O'Banion, Campbellsville, Kentucky  
Eastern—Calvin Brown, Waterloo, New York  
★ Southern—Chris Winstead, Martin, Tennessee  
Western—Christi Renz, Kaholua, Washington

### Turf and Landscape Management

*Sponsored by O. M. Scott & Sons*

Central—Paul Januliewicz, Clarks, Nebraska  
Eastern—Paul Brasseur, Acushnet, Massachusetts  
★ Southern—Andy Homick, Avon Park, Florida  
Western—Dale Garrett, Guthrie, Oklahoma



## Stars Over America

Sponsored on the local and state level by Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

Sponsored on the national level by Executive Sponsors of the National FFA Foundation

Stars Over America audio-visual Sponsored by Levi Strauss & Company

The Star Farmer and Star Agribusinessman of America awards are the highest honors for FFA members in production agriculture and agribusiness. The competition is tough, chosen from 700 American Farmers, each Star receives \$2,000 and each regional star receives \$1,000.



Eastern Region Star Farmer—John B. Kine, Myerstown, Pennsylvania  
Southern Region Star Farmer—Steven B. Rogers, Spedwell, Tennessee  
Western Region Star Farmer—Mark A. McKay, St. Paul, Oregon

Central Region Star Agribusinessman—Michael V. Fuhler, Trenton, Illinois  
Eastern Region Star Agribusinessman—Mark W. Anderson, East Berlin, Pennsylvania  
Southern Region Star Agribusinessman—Carolyn Sue Martin, Baxter, Tennessee



Star Farmer of America—Larry O. Nelson, Tulare, South Dakota

Star Agribusinessman of America—Rex Alan Wichert, Fairview, Oklahoma

## National Contests



The nine National FFA Contests allow members to demonstrate and be recognized for the skills they have learned and developed in vocational agricultural classes through peer competition.

### Agricultural Mechanics Contest

Sponsored by Firestone Trust Fund

First Place Team—James Campbell, Rick Wesley, Dale Lutz, Vancouver, Washington

High Individual—Dale Lutz, Vancouver, Washington

### Dairy Cattle Contest

Sponsored by Associated Milk Producers, Incorporated

First Place Team—Gary Fernandes, Frank Nunes, Tim Souza, Tulare, California

High Individual—Tim Souza, Tulare, California

### Farm Business Management Contest

Sponsored by John Deere Foundation

First Place Team—Doug Luebbering, George Luebbering, Steve Wieberg, West Phalia, Missouri

High Individual—Jerry Ward, Oologah, Oklahoma

### Floriculture Contest

Sponsored by National FFA Foundation General Fund

First Place Team—John Kirkman, Steven Canterbury, Marvin Burns, Bear Creek, North Carolina  
High Individual—John Hatfield, Dunwoody, Georgia

### Livestock Contest

Sponsored by Ralston Purina Company

First Place Team—David Larson, Warren Metzger, Johnny Perez, Estancia, New Mexico  
High Individual—Steve Simmons, Clovis, California

### Meats Contest

Sponsored by Geo. A. Hormel & Company and Oscar Meyer Foods Corporation

First Place Team—Robert Cope, Todd Martin, Mike Parrish, Mason, Texas  
High Individual—Todd Martin, Mason, Texas

### Milk Quality & Dairy Foods Contest

Sponsored by Mid-America Dairymen, Inc. and Pats Company

First Place Team—April Engen, Lee Ann Crose, Suzanne Congdon, Hanford, California

High Individual—Suzanne Congdon, Hanford, California

### Nursery/Landscape Contest

Sponsored by American Association of Nurserymen, Inc., Wholesale Nursery Growers of America, Incorporated, Amica Nurseries, and Kubota Tractor Corporation

First Place Team—Steve Trader, Doug Meunch, Michelle McClure, Everett, Washington

High Individual—Diane Webber, Coshutta, Louisiana

### Poultry Contest

Sponsored by Hubbard Farms Incorporated and Victor F. Weaver, Incorporated

First Place Team—Mary Phillips, Sean Holcombe, Tammy Gury, Jay, Oklahoma  
High Individual—Mary Phillips, Jay, Oklahoma

## Public Speaking Contests

### Prepared Public Speaking Contest

**National Winner** — John Holcomb, Camdon, Arkansas  
**2nd Place** — James Davis Humphrey III, Mount City, Missouri  
**3rd Place** — Jay J. Schaeffer, Idaho Falls, Idaho  
**4th Place** — Barbara Colleen Parish, Prospect, Ohio

### America...Let's "Feed Out" The American Farmer.

The farmer relates at his breakfast table one morning and lightly sips his steamy hot cup of coffee as the sun rises over the crest of the rolling hills. He sets his cup on the table and opens the morning newspaper to discover that feed prices are once again rising sharply. Since by this devastating news, he scratches his chin inquisitively and wonders, "Should I feed out my prize animal. Is it worth it?"

Well, honorable judges, fellow FFA members, and distinguished guests, believe

it or not, the same question is pending before the United States Government and the American people. Should we "feed out" the American farmer? Out of the great variety of industries in America, the grand champion of them all, the American farmer, is considered by many Americans as not worth saving. I tend to disagree. Yet I recognize that this question requires far more than simply a yes/no answer, so to answer this question we will view him as a grand champion producer, we will examine his severe financial state of crisis, and finally, we will see how his disastrous end may be averted.

We could place each and every industry in a show ring with the American farmer, the contest would be a dull one. For the American farmer is easily named the grand champion of all American industry. The farmer is a model of efficiency. During the decade of the 1970's, the American farmer increased his rate of productivity six times the rate of any non-agriculture related business. Feed still costs the farmer. American the smallest portion of his income: a mere 16.1% of all disposable income. It's the best bargain in the nation, or for that matter, in the world. The reason for this is a simple one. The farmer has gone above and beyond the call of duty to meet the demand of the consumer.

To really grasp this fact, let's take a look

at some of the surpluses from the recent beef and the United States Government lamb production. In 1982, Wheat: Wheat surpluses totaled 185 million bushels. That is enough to feed 140 million people for 140 days or till 55,000 (fifty-five thousand) hogper can be made to stretch from Washington D.C. to Chicago. Corn: Corn surpluses totaled 216 million bushels. That is enough to feed America's livestock for 18 days or till a cube 645 feet side to side. This is twice the height of the Statue of Liberty. Dairy Products: Dairy product surpluses totaled 2.4 billion pounds. That is enough to satisfy America's needs for an additional 672 days or till 120 Washington Monuments.

Food is not the only product of the American farmer. He is also a grand champion producer of jobs for our nation. For every farmer in the United States, there are also an additional 5.2 other Americans employed. That is over one-fifth of our nation's total labor force.

As a result of the American farmer's vast production, you may be lately led to believe that he is thriving, but in actuality, he faces a severe financial state of crisis. During the record-breaking farm production year of 1982, the net farming income, after adjustment for inflation, hit its lowest level since 1933 in the midst of the Great Depression. The free enterprise system which America cherishes so much, is built

upon the incentive to produce, yet the American farmer is about to ruin himself! right out of business. For this year of 1984, the net farming income is expected to rise almost 40% over last year.

This is, of course, a welcome sign of recovery, however, most of this new income will go toward paying interest on massive loans made during the prosperous mid and late 1970's. During this prosperous time the farmer, we witnessed high inflation. The philosophy of the farmer at this particular time was to expand the size of his operation before land and equipment prices went much higher. As interest rates were affordable while the farmer enjoyed a profit; however, as a nation of high interest rates and now inflation the farmer cannot afford to pay his debt. He does not have the income to finance such a debt. Marvin Woolsey of Des Moines and can relate to this. In the fall of 1978, Mr. Woolsey increased the acreage of his cattle and feed corn operation by 50%. Mr. Woolsey was known as a farmer on his own. Today, he has fallen painfully behind on these semi-annual payments on a one- and-a-half million dollar loan. He sums up his situation in one word: desperate. Marvin Woolsey is but one of the thousands of American farmers who face losing their operations. Ever increasing numbers of farmers are asking prison sentences for

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## Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest



**National Winner** — Kristi Linburg, Middletown, Virginia  
**2nd Place** — Douglas K. McKay, Branson, Florida  
**3rd Place** — Scott G. Gehlbach, Lincoln Illinois  
**4th Place** — Gale Russell, Roswell, New Mexico

feeding one quarter of the world's population and generating 20 percent on the nation's gross national product. We are models of efficiency for industries nationwide. United States agriculture has been modernized, motorized and mechanized by working to improve profits and meet the world food demand. Honorable judges, fellow FFA members and guests, what is the use of computer technology in agriculture?

Technology is nothing new to agriculturists, and computers are nothing new to businesses nationwide. Well, now farming is one of a business as any other industry in America. Using computers is one way that farmers have adapted to this change.

The most obvious use of a computer is for record keeping. After the farmer has purchased adequate software and knows how to use the computer, his record keeping time can be greatly reduced. Think of the dairy farmer.

Usually one person on the farm must specify in record keeping, spending as much as four hours a night over the books after work. This is a valuable time that could be spent on the farm. Computers can reduce this to one half an hour a night. Now we have this extra time to work on the farm.

A second important use is data analysis. Farmers can enter data

concerning problems such as feed rations, with maintenance of animals, fertilizer needs and pesticide needs. The computer can help the farmer calculate the materials needed and predict what result this will produce.

By keeping accurate data on farm processes, the farmer can do a "sensitivity analysis." He can put changes in his production methods into the computer and see what results this change in his operation might produce whether it be yield, quality or profit changes. The computer allows the farmer to keep records much more efficiently and quickly. This saves a lot of time pushing the pencil and allows more accurate results due to less human error.

There is one catch. One problem to using the computer. The computer will not magically produce a successful agriculturalist out of the poor one. The computer can make a good manager better. You still have to have the management capabilities to keep accurate records and put these into the computer.

Vocational agriculture also uses the computer as an important classroom tool. FFA has taken the initiative in preparing students for computer use in their future. The Computers in Agriculture program was initiated this past year. In this program, members

who have applied computers to their farm can receive awards. The student who has best improved his enterprise and exhibits the most success will receive these awards.

The Ag Ed network has also just been established for use in vocational agriculture. AgriData Resources, Inc. of Wisconsin has available now to the classroom computer, to classrooms and chapters participating in this program, constant agricultural marketing information, updates, as well as \$50, and the potential for even 1,000 in a couple of years, lessons for teachers to use with their students.

Agriculture has adapted well to American technology changes, and the computer use has been an important asset to this process. The future promises computer use and vocational agricultural students are working to encourage this. By working to improve your farming operation, a farmer will receive benefits both financially and socially. Use of new technology is an important part of farming in America. As we step into this 21st century, we must remember to improve our operations by the use of new technology. Agriculture promises to be even brighter in the future as a result.

Come on, Future Farmers. What are we waiting for?

### Sponsored by American Farm Bureau Foundation

In the extemporaneous public speaking contest, FFA members draw two categories concerning production agriculture, agribusiness and leadership. They draw one topic from each of the two categories and choose one from which they wish to build their speech. Each contestant is given 30 minutes to prepare the four to six minute speech. After the presentation to the convention audience, each contestant answered the judges' questions for five minutes.

### "The Use of Computer Technology in Agriculture"

Here we are, Agriculturalists in 1984. We are American farmers

## National FFA Chapter Safety Awards

### Sponsored by Dow Chemical U.S.A. and Farm & Industrial Equipment Institute

The National Chapter Safety Awards program recognizes chapters for achievements in promoting safety. Chapter efforts include a diversity of projects—from cardio-pulmonary resuscitation clinics to farm shop safety clinics. Chapters reaching the national level receive a Gold, Silver, or bronze emblem rating.

### Gold

Arizona: Antelope FFA Chapter; Illinois: Bluffs FFA Chapter; Sycamore FFA Chapter; Winchester FFA Chapter; Buchanan FFA Chapter; Dixon FFA Chapter; Iowa: Buffalo Center Bison FFA Chapter; Kansas: Manhattan FFA Chapter; Kentucky: Spencer County FFA Chapter; Minnesota: Cannon Falls FFA Chapter; Truman FFA Chapter; New York: FFA Chapter; Missouri: Osceola FFA Chapter; Owensville FFA Chapter; Montana: Fairbault FFA Chapter; Nebraska: Lehigh FFA Chapter; Nevada: Duck Valley FFA Chapter; New Mexico: Goodford FFA Chapter; New York: Chateaufort FFA Chapter; Ohio: Bowling Green FFA Chapter; Oklahoma: Co. J.V.S. FFA Chapter; Fairbanks FFA Chapter; Wisconsin: Denmark FFA Chapter

### Silver

Alabama: Scottsboro; Daleville FFA Chapter; Alaska: Delta FFA Chapter; Arizona: Gilbert FFA Chapter; California: Easton FFA Chapter; Byers FFA Chapter; Illinois: Mt. Carroll FFA Chapter; Oklahoma: New Lexington FFA Chapter; Oklahoma: FFA Chapter; Perrelli FFA Chapter; South Dakota: Chamberlain FFA Chapter; Texas: FFA Chapter; Harrisburg FFA Chapter; Tennessee: Bradley FFA Chapter; Bartlett FFA Chapter; Texas: Cleburne FFA Chapter; Tennessee: FFA Chapter; Virginia: James Wood FFA Chapter; Wisconsin: Dakota FFA Chapter; Wisconsin: Monroe FFA Chapter; Oregon FFA Chapter

FFA Chapter; Minnesota: Trimont FFA Chapter; Le Center FFA Chapter; Montana: Deer Lodge FFA Chapter; Nebraska: Humphrey FFA Chapter; New Jersey: Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter; Ohio: Buckeye Valley FFA Chapter; New Lexington FFA Chapter; Oklahoma: FFA Chapter; Perrelli FFA Chapter; South Dakota: Chamberlain FFA Chapter; Texas: FFA Chapter; Harrisburg FFA Chapter; Tennessee: Bradley FFA Chapter; Bartlett FFA Chapter; Texas: Cleburne FFA Chapter; Tennessee: FFA Chapter; Virginia: James Wood FFA Chapter; Wisconsin: Dakota FFA Chapter; Wisconsin: Monroe FFA Chapter; Oregon FFA Chapter

### Bronze

Alabama: Douglas FFA Chapter; Crossville FFA Chapter; Arkansas: Stuttgart FFA Chapter; County Line FFA Chapter; California: Mt. Whitney FFA Chapter; Morris Bay FFA Chapter; Delaware: Smyrna FFA Chapter; Florida: Blountstown FFA Chapter; Sarasota Vo-Ag FFA Chapter; Burnett FFA Chapter; Georgia: Lowndes FFA Chapter; Elmhurst County FFA Chapter; Hawaii: James Dole FFA Chapter; Idaho: Troy FFA Chapter; Illinois: Pecatonica FFA Chapter; Illinois: FFA Chapter; Indiana: FFA Chapter; Maine: Eastern FFA Chapter; Maryland: Damascus FFA Chapter; Massachusetts: Essex FFA Chapter; Michigan: Webbsville FFA Chapter; Minnesota: Madelia FFA Chapter; Southland FFA Chapter; Mississippi: Kossuth FFA Chapter; Pine Grove FFA Chapter; Missouri: Carthage FFA Chapter; Nebraska: West Holt FFA Chapter; Vermont: FFA Chapter; New Mexico: Carrizozo FFA Chapter; New York: Oxford FFA Chapter; North Carolina: Forest Hills

FFA Chapter; Southern Wayne FFA Chapter; Princeton FFA Chapter; Creswell FFA Chapter; North Lenoir FFA Chapter; Elgin FFA Chapter; J.E. Eastgate FFA Chapter; Oregon: Sherwood FFA Chapter; McKay FFA Chapter; Pennsylvania: Penns Valley FFA Chapter; South Carolina: Dorman FFA Chapter; Texas: Baytown FFA Chapter; Utah: North Sevier FFA Chapter; Mildred Eagle FFA Chapter; Virginia: Caroline FFA Chapter; Jefferson Forest FFA Chapter; Washington: Green Bay East FFA Chapter; Jr. FFA Chapter; West Virginia: Hampshire County FFA Chapter; Wisconsin: North Sevier FFA Chapter; Mildred Eagle FFA Chapter; Parker FFA Chapter; Beaver Dam FFA Chapter; Lake Holcombe FFA Chapter; Alameda FFA Chapter; Evansville FFA Chapter; Quincy FFA Chapter; New Holstein FFA Chapter; Burlington FFA Chapter; Miller FFA Chapter; Nevada: Mesquite FFA Chapter; Laramie FFA Chapter; Gillette FFA Chapter



## Building Our American Communities

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The Building Our American Communities (BOAC), encourages FFA chapters to commit all their members to the task of making their communities a better place in which to live and work.

**National Winner**—Bunnell, Florida  
**Central Region Winner**—Mankato, Kansas  
**Eastern Region Winner**—Marion County, West Virginia  
**Western Region Winner**—Elma, Washington

### Gold

**Alabama:** Daleville, Florida; Bunnell, Illinois; Franklin Center, Iowa; Alabama, Prine, Kansas; Mankato, Michigan; Marshall, Missouri; Decatur, Colorado; Nebraska: Ravenna, New Mexico; Goddard, Ohio; Alexander, Oklahoma; Guthrie, Texas; Kent, Washington; Elma, West Virginia; Marion County, Wisconsin; Oregon, Denver, Kansasville-Parker, Nebraska; Hartsford

### Silver

**Alabama:** West Blocton; Dale County, High, Arizona; Union, California; Fresno Unified, Florida; Brownstown, Avon Park, Hawaii; Kohala, Idaho; Culdes, Illinois; Tri Point, North Carolina; Suburban, MI; Carroll, Hawaii, SD

Anne, Salem, Hampshire, Buells, Bushnell, Prairie City, Leroy, Brownstown; Dekalb, Ambly, Indiana; Northeastern Wayne, East Noble, Prairie Heights, Brownstown Central; Iowa: Midpals, Wiley, North Fayette County, Rolle, Pittsford, Webster City, Cresion, Starnott, Mount Airy, Marengo, Decatur, Kansas; Plainville, Cherokee, Kentucky; Sontor County, Louisiana; Oak Grove, Rayne, Maryland; Brunswick, Minnesota; Sherburn, Truman, New Ulm, Missouri; Lakeland, Union, Mountain View Birch Tree, Montana; Fairfield, Nevada; Duck Valley, New Hampshire; Much-To-Do, New York; Greenwich, North Carolina; West Carleton, Mountain Heritage, Rosman, North Dakota; Jamestown, Ohio; Belvoir, Bowling Green, Egan, Indian Valley; Warren Western Reserve, Oklahoma; Fairview, Sligler, Pennsylvania

**Center Crest, South Dakota:** Harrisburg, Leitcher, Tennessee; Cherokee, Texas; Cleburne, Santa Fe, Baytown-Robert E. Lee, Virginia; Essex, Bayview-Appomattox, Essex, Washington; Winlock, Zillah, Capital, West Virginia; Mason County Vocational, Wisconsin; Oakwood, West Green Bay Southwest, Marshfield, Bloomer, Muskegon, MI; Horeb Bay Port, Monroe, Green Bay East, Madison East, Wyoming; Lingle-Rt. Laramie

### Bronze

**Alabama:** Jackson, Gold, Douglas, Alaska: Delta Junction, North Pole, Arizona; Cordage, Arkansas; Anny, Lake City, Bergman, California; Longport, Colorado; Mott, County, St. Vrain Valley, Delaware; Smyrna, Sussex County, Florida; Santa Fe Senior, Georgia; New Union County, Cherokee, Hawaii; Kailua, Idaho; Deary, Kansas; Chetopa, Russell, Pine Valley, Kentucky; Dithum County, Louisiana; Natchitoches Central, Maine; Caribou, Easton, Maryland; Frederick County, Iowa; Michigan; Cassopolis, Minnesota; Canton Falls, St. James, MI; Lake, Le Sueur, Southland, North Grove, Mississippi; Caledonia, Pine Grove, Missouri; Aurora, Lamar, Montana; Conrad, Nebraska; Verdigris, Hampton, Lehigh, Nevada; Ruby Mountain, New Jersey; Cumberland Regional, Belvidere, New Mexico; Elds, New York; Chateaugay, Cazenovia, Agnes, North Carolina; Southern Wyzine, Chase West Montpelier, North Dakota; Canby, Ohio; Delphos, Amanda-Clear Creek, Environmental Management, Oregon; Elgin, Greenville, Pennsylvania; Grassland, Twin Valley, South Carolina; Pleasant Hill, Dorman, South Dakota; Chamberlain, Egan, Tennessee; Pole, Texas; Barbers Hill, Utah; Milford Edge, Payson, Bar River, Vermont Central, Virginia; Arlington, Spotsylvania, Turner Ashby, Wyoming; Thermopsis

## BOAC Achievement in Volunteerism Award Winners

Sponsored by R. J. Reynolds Industries, Inc.

Achievement in Volunteerism awards were started in 1983 and created to honor the individual volunteers spirit that is the foundation of BOAC's success. FFA members from each of the states are recognized for their personal efforts in their chapter's BOAC programs. These members and their FFA advisors received an expense-paid trip to Washington, DC September 29 to October 3, 1984 to attend the National FFA Conference on Community Development. The following is a list of the top ten national winners including the national winner and two runner-ups. The student name is listed first followed by their advisor's name.

**National Winner**—Bonnie K. Spencer, Larry W. Watson, Fairmont, West Virginia  
**1st Runner-Up**—Daren Esslinger, Michael R. Womochi, Markato, Kansas  
**2nd Runner-Up**—Carrie Look, Gary L. Nokes, Osceola, Missouri

### National Finalists

**Alabama:** Scotty Shirley, Alan Waters, Oakville, Colorado; Mike Noel, Joe Lawrence, Clear Florida; Gene Badger, James G. Galvin Jr., Bunnell, Illinois; Donald Young, Mel Barron, Franklin Grove, Nevada; Vincent Mendire, Larry Dithem, Gold Creek, Washington; Orville Moore, Tam Hickie, Elm, Wyoming; Lora A. Korell, Kurt A. Humphrey, Lingle

### State Finalists

**Alaska:** Kim Rohr, George Henry Muhi, Delta Junction, Arizona; Darryl Walker, Mark Hansen, Union, Arkansas; Dore Kirksey, Troy W. Buck, Arizona; Arizola, Miguel A. Ruchi, Scott King Arizola, Connecticut; Any Brynain, Pea, Vermont; Gastonburg, Delaware; Keith Shane, Russell Simson Jr., Smyrna, Georgia; Mel Johnson, Bonnie Dean, Oregon; Hawaii, Kona, Hawaii; Anna, David Fures, Kapaia, Idaho; Joe Schumacher, Terry L. Crawford, Colorado; Indiana; John Bell, Dale Burgess, Fountain City, Iowa; Kelly Fehr, Brad German, Whittemore, Kentucky; Troy Shreve, Lisa Bird, Taylors Lake, Louisiana; Rodney Marston, Jerry L. Doshner, Oak Grove, Maine; Raymond Dagnon, Tom Hale, Cambridge, Maryland; Matt Sowers, Doug Hengert, Burkettville, Massachusetts; Paul

Strong, David Ziegler, Sommerville, Michigan; Jason Slay, Floyd Beneker, Battle Creek, Minnesota; Heath Perrier, North Branch, New York; Sherburn, Mississippi; Joil McKinney, C. W. Franks, Columbus, Montana; Wes Wadsworth, Glynn Lyons, Decatur, Nebraska; Marc Ahrens, James Frye, Ravensburg, New Hampshire; Neil J. Moore, Paul W. Davis, Jr., Stratford, New Jersey; Wayne Bar, Nancy Schaefer, Bridgeport, New Mexico; Robert Kasubski, Les Purcell, Roswell, New York; Benjamin English, James McClay, Greenwich, North Carolina; Angela Diane Lewis, Christian A. Migner, Newport, North Dakota; Neil Buchholz II, James H. Jones, Jamestown, Idaho; Rudger Baumgaertel, Don Van Nustan, Albany, Oklahoma; Greg Westmeyer, Shirley Stephens, Arcadia, Oregon; Tom Freet, Gale Wilson, Egan, Pennsylvania; Gary Kirk, Harold R. Berkesher, Lebanon, Rhode Island; Herb Burnham, Armut Arzamas, North Kingstown, South Carolina; Harold E. Cooder, Mrs. Carol Munerlyn, Heringway, South Dakota; Darn DeVries, Todd B. Marks, Harrisburg, Tennessee; Jim Kile, Jim Wells, Rogersville, Texas; Max Rehm, Jim Vaculin, Spring, Utah; Stacy Evans, Marion C. Manion, Gothen, Vermont; Chris Nonemacher, John Bradley, Randolph, Virginia; John L. Martin, Dale H. Sanders, Dunnville, Wisconsin; Robbe McKendrick, Steven B. Webb, Oregon

## National FFA Chapter Award Program

The National FFA Chapter Award Program encourages and rewards overall chapter activities. Awards are based on the chapter's performance in 11 areas. Supervised occupational experience programs, cooperative activities, community service, leadership development, earnings and savings by members, state and national activities, conduct of meetings, scholarship, public relations, alumni relations and chapter dues. Chapters reach the national level, they receive either a Gold, Silver, or Bronze emblem rating.

### Gold

**Alabama:** Oates County High, Florida; Sarasota Vo-Ag, Orlando, Oklahoma; Trenton, Illinois; Sycamore, Georgetown, Kokomo, Tuscumbia, Hampshire, North West Suburban District 214-211, Leroy, Franklin Center, Bushnell-Prairie City, Ambly, Salem, Belvidere, Clinton, Teapots, Indiana; Clinton Central, Iowa; Alabama, Prine, Linn-Mar, Webster City, Galtburg, Buffalo Green, Bon, Kansas; Marion, Cherokee, Kentucky; Olshan County, Caldwell County, Morgan County, Spencer County, Lyon County, Bedford, Louisiana; Oak Grove, Mendham Springs, Maryland; Damascus, Brunswick, Minnesota; New T.M. Canton, Falls, Truman, Missouri; Aurora, Lamar, Halfway, Lakeland, Osceola, Nebraska; North Bend Central, West Holt, Virginia; Leigh, Verdigris, Waverly, Lakeland, North County, Arnsworth, Fulton, New Mexico; Atlee, Goddard, New York; Sidney, Baker, Iowa; Buckeye, Montgomery County JV S, Oak Harbor, River View, Columbia County JV S, Trumbull County JV S, Bots, Eastern Brown County, Alexander, Bellevue, South Dakota; Clark, Oklahoma; Knipshier, Pucell, South Dakota; Ross, Tennessee; Bradley, White House, Utah; Mildred Edge, Virginia; James

Wood, Broadway Spotswood, Fort Delaware, Turner Ashby, Washington, Elms, Wisconsin; Monroe, MI; Korea, Oregon; Delavan-Darien, West De Pare

### Silver

**Alabama:** Scottsboro, Douglas; Crossville, Arizona; Lake, California; Fairbrook, MI; Whitney-Vassila, Kingsburg, Fortuna, Colorado; Mott County, Hart, Easton, Connecticut; Housatonic Valley, Florida; South Sumter, Senior, Georgia; Colquitt County, Gilmer County, Gwinet County, Idaho; Kuna, Mendham, Illinois; Crisna Park, Sparland, Roundview-Benson, Ashland, Dekalb, Westchester, Indiana; Duval, Southwestern-Hanover, Northfield, Reitz Brownstown Central, Benton Central, Woodbury, Platte Heights, Wyoming; Stormont, Mount Airy, Aransas, Texas; Western Boone, North Montgomery, Iowa; Vinton-Dart-Genese, Memphis, Manchester, North Carolina; Stormont, Mount Airy, Aransas, Texas; Estherville, Kansas; Hill City, Plainville, Labette County, Kawika, Pike Valley, Scott City, Kentucky; Baren County, Farmington, Davess County, Louisiana; Caney, Rayne, Maine; Easton, Massachusetts; Essex, Michigan; Marshall, Hopkins, Minnesota; Sherburn, Willmar, Madelia, Le Center

### Bronze

**Alabama:** Delta Delta, Alabama; Lder, Alaska; Delta Junction, North Pole, Arizona; Atlanta, Arkansas; Marshall FFA, Arkansas; Clark, Arkansas; Valley, Platte, Ag, Connecticut; Rockville, Delaware; Smyrna, Sussex County, Florida; Santa Fe Senior, Georgia; New Union County, Cherokee, Hawaii; Kailua, Idaho; Deary, Kansas; Chetopa, Russell, Pine Valley, Kentucky; Dithum County, Louisiana; Natchitoches Central, Maine; Caribou, Easton, Maryland; Frederick County, Iowa; Michigan; Cassopolis, Minnesota; Canton Falls, St. James, MI; Lake, Le Sueur, Southland, North Grove, Mississippi; Caledonia, Pine Grove, Missouri; Aurora, Lamar, Montana; Conrad, Nebraska; Verdigris, Hampton, Lehigh, Nevada; Ruby Mountain, New Jersey; Cumberland Regional, Belvidere, New Mexico; Elds, New York; Chateaugay, Cazenovia, Agnes, North Carolina; Southern Wyzine, Chase West Montpelier, North Dakota; Canby, Ohio; Delphos, Amanda-Clear Creek, Environmental Management, Oregon; Elgin, Greenville, Pennsylvania; Grassland, Twin Valley, South Carolina; Pleasant Hill, Dorman, South Dakota; Chamberlain, Egan, Tennessee; Pole, Texas; Barbers Hill, Utah; Milford Edge, Payson, Bar River, Vermont Central, Virginia; Arlington, Spotsylvania, Turner Ashby, Wyoming; Thermopsis

Rhes County, Meigs County, Westview, Paoli, Powell Valley, Texas; Valley View, Warren, Jackson, Missouri; Humphreys, Gilmber, Garland, Lakota, Westford, Ross, Reno, Nebraska; Johnna, McKinney, Nacogdoches, Hamlin, Ross S. Sterling, Raymondville, Sylvania, Jefferson, West Virginia; Midland, Tom Bean, Duane, Frankston, Silverfont, Reese, Westlaco, Blum, Loraina James E. Taylor, Livingston; Mansfield, Collier, Utah; North Sevier, Vermont; Enosburg, Virginia; Laurel Park, Stonewall, Jackson Jr., Lee, Davis; Sport, Virginia; James K. Anderson, West Virginia; Mason County Vocational, Montana County; Hedgesville, Mineral County, Wisconsin; Black Hawk, South Wayne, Jansville-Parker, Hulsford, Schofield, D. C. Everest

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# Honorary American Farmer Degree



Motivation for many FFA members, especially those members who achieve high honors in the organization, comes from their local advisors. Due to the outstanding efforts of these individuals in their service and guidance to young men and women preparing for careers in agriculture, the FFA annually recognizes less than one percent of them, the nation's chapter advisors. The FFA also awards the Honorary American Farmer Degree to parents of the Stars Over America, the parents of the National FFA Officers, and other business and individuals who have helped advance agriculture and the FFA through their outstanding service on the national level.

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## National FFA Alumni

The FFA Alumni Association has over 25,000 members in approximately 900 local affiliates. These members have joined together to help educate others in agriculture, to generate support for the FFA, to help build confidence in today's FFA members, to provide inspiration to younger members, and to help others as they were helped in FFA.

The National FFA Alumni Association held its 13th National Convention in conjunction with the National FFA Convention. They hosted nine special workshops for all FFA members, advisors and friends of the FFA. During their convention they recognized their special achievers. The FFA Alumni also sponsored three receptions.

### Outstanding FFA Alumni Affiliate Awards

Twenty-seven national Outstanding FFA Alumni Affiliates were selected for their outstanding accomplishments supporting and serving vocational agriculture-FFA.

#### Gold

**Illinois:** Bushnell-Prairie City, Nebraska; East Butler, Ohio; New Lexington, Buckeye Valley, Wisconsin; Denmark, Black Hawk

#### Silver

**Georgia:** Pickens County, Indiana; Belts, Iowa; Harlan, Kansas; Hill City, Minnesota; Austin, Missouri; Minn. Nebraska; West Point, North Carolina; South Rowan, Tennessee; Hills, Virginia; Appomattox County, Washington; Yelm-Rainier, Wisconsin; Blair, Ohio; West DePue

#### Bronze

**Iowa:** Anamosa, Kentucky; Barron County, Maryland; Waltersville, Michigan; Cassopolis, North Carolina; Slay Valley, South Dakota; Howe, Texas; Gilmer



### National FFA Alumni Presidents

Eldon Witt, Retiring 1983-84 National FFA Alumni President passed the gavel to Jay Householder, the new 1984-85 National FFA Alumni President.

### Outstanding FFA Alumni Achievement Awards

The Outstanding FFA Alumni Achievement Award recognizes FFA Alumni members for their outstanding leadership and accomplishments in service to vocational agriculture-FFA and the agriculture industry

Harold L. Limberry, Nashville, Tennessee; Ruth Anderson, New Lexington, Ohio; and Donald D. Oetzel, Branford, Nebraska.

# National Agricultural Career Show



The National Agricultural Career Show is an exposition of careers in agriculture and agribusiness. It is a place where FFA 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 fields in agriculture.

Career Show exhibitors are encouraged to demonstrate, answer questions, and display those things of interest to people with a keen interest in agriculture. Things such as: education and experience required for careers, job opportunities, educational materials for use in agricultural education, new products and new agricultural technologies being developed.

Several exhibitors have consistently displayed for many years at the National Agricultural Career Show. Exhibitors observing their fifth, tenth and fifteenth anniversaries at the show are honored each year at the Exhibitor's Banquet. These exhibitors are noted below with a year in parenthesis following their name.

ACRES, USA  
AG-PAC  
AGRI-FARM PUBLICATIONS, INC.  
AGRICULTURAL COMM. IN EDUCATION  
AGRIADATA RESOURCES, INC.  
ALFA-LAVAL, INC.—AGRI-GROUP  
ALPHA GAMMA RHO FRATERNITY  
ALPHA GAMMA SIGMA FRATERNITY  
AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL EDITORS ASSN.  
AMERICAN ANGUS ASSOCIATION  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NURSERYMEN  
AMERICAN BREEDERS SERVICE  
AMERICAN CYNAMCO COMPANY  
CYNAMCO AGRICULTURAL DIVISION  
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION  
AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL CHAROLAIS ASSN.  
AMERICAN MORGAN HORSE INSTITUTE  
AMERICAN PAINT HORSE ASSOCIATION  
AMERICAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY (10)  
AMERICAN POLLED HEREFORD ASSOCIATION  
AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION  
AMERICAN SIMMENTAL ASSOCIATION  
AMERICAN SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION  
AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSN.  
ASSOCIATED MILK PRODUCERS, INC.  
BERG WALL PRODUCTIONS, INC.  
BIO-ZYME ENTERPRISES, INC. (5)  
BOB JONES UNIVERSITY  
BRIGGS & STRATTON CORP.  
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS  
J I CASE, AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT DIVISION  
CHRYSLER CORPORATION  
COKA SODA, USA  
COLBY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
CONSERVATION TILLAGE INFORMATION CENTER  
KEN CROD EDUCATION SYSTEMS  
NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF AGRI & LIFE SCIENCES CORNELL UNIVERSITY  
DEKALB AGRISearch, INC.  
TEL-MAR PUBLISHERS INC.  
DICKKEY-JOHNS CORPORATION  
ODW CHEMICAL U.S.A.  
ODU POINT AGRICHEMICALS

OUAPPE HORTICULTURAL SCHOOL (5)  
EAST BUTLER HIGH SCHOOL  
ALUMINI (5)  
ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA  
ESTEC, INC.  
FARM & INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT INSTITUTE  
FARM EQUIPMENT GUIDE  
FARMHANK SERVICES  
FARMHOUSE FRATERNITY  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION  
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE  
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA  
AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING DEPT.  
GRASSROOTS AMERICA  
HAMPSHIRE SWINE REGISTRY  
HEIFER PROJECT  
INTERNATIONAL INC.  
HESSON CORPORATION  
I. A. T.  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE SERVICE  
INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS  
LABORATORY UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI  
INTERNATIONAL BRANGUS BREEDERS ASSOCIATION  
INTERNATIONAL MINERALS & CHEM CORP/ALGO  
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY  
JOHN & MANKATO AVTIS  
JOHN DEERE  
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE  
LINCOLN UNIVERSITY  
LINCOLN TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
MARYLAND, UNIVERSITY OF INSTITUTE OF APPLIED AGRICULTURE (5)  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
MID-AMERICA MAZARENE COLLEGE AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM (5)  
MID-AMERICA VOC. CURRICULUM CONSORTIUM  
MINNESOTA, UNIVERSITY OF (5)  
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI—COLUMBIA COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE (5)  
MOBAY CHEMICAL CORP.  
AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS DIV.  
MODesto JUNIOR COLLEGE  
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AVIATION ASSN. (5)

# Convention Business



## Oves

Delegates passed the motion to keep national dues for the 1984-85 year at \$2.50.

## Status of Liberty

It was passed during the convention Business Session to encourage chapter and member support for the restoration of the Statue of Liberty.

## Issues Committee Report

It was moved and accepted to amend the committee report to read in Section I as "vocational agriculture and FFA."

As a result of discussion of this committee report it was moved to encourage increased public relations at the NLCSD's.

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foreclosure disputes, and in some areas of the nation, farmers are attempting to revive the old "poorly auctioned," a tactic not used since the Great Depression.

So, how can a disastrous end to our American farmer be averted? It is very apparent that America cannot consume all of the food that the American farmer produces. America has recently come to grips with the reality that we must find new foreign markets; however, this comes after the grain embargo that this nation imposed upon the Soviet Union in response to the invasion of Afghanistan. The United States did not starve the Soviets into submission, but rather we drove the Soviets to depend more heavily upon other grain suppliers. Today, the United States bears the tarnished image of an unreliable grain supplier. This year, farm exports are expected to drop another five million metric tons. It seems that the dark cloud that looms over American foreign policy also haunts the American farmer.

So what can we do in the mean time as we attempt to re-establish markets for our

American agriculture products? We have no choice other than to be patient and to "head out" this ailing champion. This feeding bill must be done in the form of loan extensions and federal aid programs until the supply of American agriculture products balances better with the demand for them.

We have observed the American farmer as a great champion producer, we have examined his severe financial state of crisis, and finally, we have seen how his distress and may be averted. If we fail to support our American farmer today, he may not be here tomorrow. Global hunger is expected to double the demand for American agriculture products within the next ten to fifteen years, but will America have the surpluses tomorrow that she has today? What effect will this have on our economy?

As U.S. representative, Jamie Whitten, so wisely observed, "When setting our national priorities, we must always bear in mind that agriculture is the foundation of our economy. If the foundation goes, everything goes."

America...let's "head out" the American farmer.



Please help support  
your high school's Vocational  
Agriculture-FFA program!





# National Convention Committee Reports



## Auditing Committee

We, the auditing committee of the 57th National FFA Convention, recommend to the National FFA organization:

1. The auditing report of Stoy, Malone and Company found satisfactory and meeting the requirements of Public Law 740 for the fiscal year of September 1, 1983 to August 31, 1984 be accepted.
2. The financial report again be distributed to each official delegate. We recommend that a condensed report should include balance sheets of assets and liabilities, statement of revenue, and expenses and changes in fund balances as taken from the auditor's report.
3. A full auditor's report be available upon request from the National FFA Center.
4. The FFA membership dues be expended only within the FFA organization.
5. We recommend to the national foundation to have a summary budget report available to the delegates of the National FFA Convention.

We would like to thank David Miller, National Treasurer, and Wilson Carries for their help and guidance in our committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted:  
1984 Auditing Committee  
Andrea Swartz, California, Chairman  
Tanny Bailey, Illinois, Secretary  
Greg Olson, Iowa  
Cindy Ben, Ohio  
Bill Ship, Arizona  
William Hughes, Jr., Georgia

## Collegiate Ag Ed Development Committee

We, the members of the 1984 Collegiate Ag. Ed. Development Committee, after having been oriented to the current

conditions of the Collegiate level of membership, feel that these conditions do not reach the standards as set by our national constitution.

After having deliberated on the proposed recommendations set forth by the National Collegiate FFA Workshop held February 19, 1984, in Stillwater, Oklahoma, we strongly advise that the National Board of Directors review and act upon the following recommendations:

1. The Collegiate FFA be the umbrella for all collegiate organizations affiliated with the National Future Farmers of America.
2. Adopt the Program of Activities and its major divisions (Leadership, Finance, Professionalism, Public Relations, Cooperation & Exchange, Student Recruitment and Membership, Conventions/Workshops/Seminars, Social/Recreation and Scholarship) as recommended by the delegates to the National Collegiate FFA Workshop as a National Program of Collegiate Activities.
3. Establish a National Collegiate FFA awards program to recognize outstanding collegiate organizations and member leadership.
4. Develop contact areas that provide opportunities for collegiate members to enhance and sharpen their leadership and decision making skills.
4. All collegiate affiliates submit a chapter program of activities and dues to the National Program of Activities by June 30 of each year.
6. Adopt a standard (Texas A&M) format for describing and reporting chapter programs of activities (POA).
7. National dues be utilized through the National FFA Foundation for Collegiate awards and member recognition.
8. Establish a National Scholarship program (Trust) under the auspices of the National FFA Foundation to recognize outstanding leadership and academic performances.
9. The annual meeting be held each year in Kansas City, Missouri, simultaneously with the National Convention of the Future Farmers of America.
10. Conduct the Second Annual Collegiate FFA Workshop during October.

1985 or February, 1986 (National FFA Week).

And finally, we recommend the Board of Directors and National Staff initiate the appointment of a National Collegiate FFA advisory committee of agricultural education leaders at the January 1985 Board Meeting.

We feel that the above recommendations would not only strengthen the future leaders in our post-secondary educational system but would act to support and increase active membership.

Respectfully submitted,  
Max Allegre, Missouri, Chairman  
Jayne Young, Indiana, Co-chairman  
Monica Greer, Arizona  
Craig Padgett, Georgia  
Greg Messenger, New Hampshire  
Oedie Cribb, South Carolina  
Anna B. Reed, New York

## Contests Committee

We, the National Contests Committee of the 57th National Convention of the Future Farmers of America, in hopes of improving vocational agriculture, the betterment of National Contests, and developing the abilities of the youth in our organization submit the following recommendations in hopes to keep agriculture #1.

As our first recommendation we feel that the National Contests should be reviewed by a National FFA Contests evaluation committee appointed by the board of directors made up by a broad section of members with equal representation from the following areas: FFA members, leaders, state staff, ag industry (to be rotated every three to five years).

We stress the importance of revising the criteria for evaluating the National FFA Contests to include the following:

1. At least 50 percent of the states should be conducting instruction covered in the proposed contest as verified by state supervisor.
2. a bi-annual report should be sent out and returned to the National as a portion of the state supervisors handbook.
3. At least 25 states should be conducting similar contests at the state level as verified by state supervisor.
3. Proposed National FFA contests should be approved by the National FFA Advisory Committee on National Contests before being considered by the board.
4. The National FFA Contest Evaluation Committee will review the National Contest scoring rules and regulations every three years.
5. The national contest should be a reflection of the curriculum of the local vo-ag class that emphasis be placed on total instruction rather than preparation of a team in anticipation of competition.

The skills and competencies required in the proposed contest must be needed by vocational agriculture/agri-business students to secure employment in specific area of that industry.

Recognizing the need for strong leadership in our organization, we, the committee, feel there is a need for a National Parliamentary Procedure Law Contest to be proposed to the board of directors in January for a due pass.

As technology advances in agriculture, we, the committee, feel that it is necessary that the board of directors continue the study of ag business test and the firm possibility of a job interview contest may be implemented to the states within two years or time allotted by the board.

It is the consensus of this committee that the present national contests are effective and efficient in developing leadership skills needed in agriculture. The purpose of these recommendations of this committee are to continue to excellence in ag education through the national contests.

Sincere gratitude is expressed by the committee to our consultants: Ron Crawford, Richard Katt, and Roy Walls, the National FFA Board of directors and you, the participants, of the national contests for making them a success.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Martin, Arkansas, Chairman  
Gina Swanson, Washington, Co-chairman  
Laurie Duran, Pennsylvania  
Dean Folgers, Nebraska  
Lisa Cloutier, New Hampshire  
Oong Vandy, Colorado  
Maryland Flangan, Maryland  
Kelly Busch, Florida

## International Committee

We, the International Programs Committee of the 57th National Convention of the Future Farmers of America, in hopes of promoting and expanding participation in the WEA International Program, submit the following recommendations:

1. Have articles about inbound and outbound WEA participants in The National FUTURE FARMER magazine at least once a year in addition to the articles on travel seminars.
2. Have the national officers and/or International Organization representatives spend at least one hour speaking about inbound WEA programs at the National Leadership Conference for State Officers.
3. Continue using Puerto Rico as cultural learning stop-over for outbound students going to Spanish-speaking countries.
4. Encourage states to ask for promotional paraphernalia for booths, exhibits, or presentations to state conventions.
5. Encourage state staff members to pick up WEA information at the national convention.
6. Request that the WEA time be reinstated into the Washington Conference Program.
7. Mail WEA information to Washington Conference Program participants who showed interest in the program.
8. Have the International Department send pre-written articles to state FFA offices for use in their respective state FFA publications.
9. Encourage past WEA participants to make contact with members, state officers, possible host families and other people interested in the WEA program.
10. Encourage all state officers at the national convention to become familiar with WEA by visiting the established booth.
11. Suggest that the International Department set up a luncheon during the national convention for state officers concerning WEA.
12. Have state officers promote the

WEA program while on chapter visits and while speaking at various functions.

13. Have the International Department distribute a list of past WEA participants who are willing to speak about the program to state offices.

14. Have all state associations and local chapters involve inbound students in their activities.

15. Use and develop the United States Agency for International Development.

16. Make sure each state office has a WEA slide show for chapter use.

17. Have the FFA continue to cooperate with agriculture organizations to better promote the WEA program through their publications.

18. In addition to national recognition have states give special recognition to host families in their state.

19. Include information pertaining to national WEA scholarships and grants in International program materials.

20. Include a mention of WEA in the yearly theme show.

21. Recommend that an exchange be set up with Canada in the WEA program.

22. Have an inbound student act as a consultant to the International Committee.

23. Continue to support the President's International Youth Exchange.

We, the International Programs Committee wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Molly Wilson, European WEA Coordinator.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Menderfield, Chairman  
M. Ann Graham, Co-Chairman, NM  
Jimmy Carpenter, Virginia  
Greg Olson, Texas  
Juan Jimenez, Puerto Rico  
Stephanie Duran, New York  
Douglas A. Coyne, Kentucky  
Kris Waldris, Hawaii  
Tolly Mallie, Rhode Island, State Staff  
Molly Wilson, European Coordinator, National Staff

## Membership Development Committee

We, the members of the Membership Development Committee would like to thank Gerry Centers, the Michigan FFA Association, and C. Coleman Hams for their efforts in compiling this report.

We believe that publicity and aggressive recruitment are the two most important factors in developing membership, and have established them as our primary goals. To meet these ends, we propose the following suggestions:

1. Reaffirm the 1983 committee's suggestion for expanding the 100 percent membership program to gold (100%), silver (80%), and bronze (60%).
2. Continue developing high quality PSA's.
3. Initiate an aggressive recruitment program. This would involve:  
a. audio-visual or other aids similar to the Food For America materials for use in recruitment presentations to eighth graders.
4. Expanding the 10+ award, the national chapter award, or creating a program similar to SOAC to recognize chapters who take an active role in recruiting new members.
4. Send information concerning the 10+, 10 percent and 100 percent membership programs in the same mailing as the official FFA Catalog to each chapter.
5. Encourage FFA chapters to improve relations with school counselors and parents of prospective members. This could be done through visits, presentations, invitations to banquets, or other means. An active FFA Alumni affiliate could be instrumental in achieving this goal.
6. Encourage state officers to speak with and give presentations to eighth graders where possible.

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7. Encourage FFA chapters to maintain and project an image of high technology, athletic facilities, and an interesting, challenging, and successful program in the hopes of catching interest in prospective members.

8. Encourage state FFA associations to involve state education staff and legislators in their state conventions. We recommend more than simply an invitation, instead, we believe that an active role in a convention will stimulate their interest and confidence in our organization.

9. Modify our publicity to place more emphasis on the "people"—building skills offered by our organization.

10. Prepare a statement on the national level re: the Excellence in Education report concerning the movement of vocational education to the post-secondary level.

Finally, we believe that acceptance of and total commitment to these proposals will initiate a change in the current membership trend and put us on the way toward a more fully developed membership of Future Farmers of America.

## Respectfully submitted,

Daren Coppel, Oregon, Chairman  
Kathy Bales, Texas, Co-chairman  
Tyler Seak, Nevada  
Robert Floyd, Missouri  
Wilson Koser, Connecticut  
Don Parker, Mississippi  
Kenneth S. Ingalls, New Jersey  
Doreen Holway, Vermont

## National Awards Programs Committee

We, the members of the 1984 National Awards Committee recommend the following:

1. In the coming years all FFA awards will be available on computer disk, which will make easier for chapter/individuals to apply for awards. We encourage the chapters to adapt to the new computer system available to them.

We, encourage chapters, community service committees to develop a National Care and Share day, and be given recognition within the BOAC award.

3. We recommend to the Board of Directors that they look into the scoring of proficiency awards on the overall SOEP Chapter activities.

4. We recommend that the National Convention Planning Committee needs to go to a program of showing 8-10 slides of National Proficiency awards winners, for motivational purposes of younger FFA members.

5. All chapters, state and national award winners send thank you's to National award sponsors.

6. We express our thanks to Mr. Glenn Luedke for his help during our committee meeting.

## Respectfully submitted,

Skinner Snyder, North Carolina  
Tim Stien, Michigan Co-Chairman  
David Wright, Virginia  
Edwin K. LaPine, Rhode Island  
Wendy Ties, Minnesota  
Dave Schaefer, Wisconsin  
April Carrell, Washington

## National FFA Alumni Committee

We, the delegates serving on the National FFA Alumni Committee wish to express our thanks to Robert Cox, Ken Seering, Jay Householder, and Eldon Jett for their time and contributions to our committee. We also want to thank those Alumni members who have worked on our behalf throughout the past year. 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.

The National FFA Association realizes that the key to success for the National, State, and local Alumni affiliates is for each organization to have a definite purpose. We, therefore suggest the following items to help continue progress towards this purpose.

1. Continue to develop strength and support in governmental affairs.

a. Maintain the vitality of the governmental affairs committee by rotating its membership and by keeping two interns on the National level.

b. Encourage state affiliates to organize a committee and committee chairman that will seek membership and support from:

(1) Government officials who have been involved in the Vo-AG program.

(2) Government officials specializing in agriculture.

(3) Other key officials whose interest will greatly benefit the vo-ag program.

(4) Other school administrators at the local level that will solicit membership and support from:

(1) Local government officials

(a) local school board members

(b) other school administrators

(c) boards of supervisors

(d) town, village, and city officials

(2) Other community interest groups

(a) business community

(b) parents

(c) those who have been in vo-ag

(d) other community leaders

2. Promote an overall alumni organization that can serve as an umbrella for not only the local FFA program but also for other agriculture education groups

a. As an example, that the National Alumni develop a slide tape that shows how the alumni and young farmer organizations can operate as separate, distinct organizations, working in cooperation with one another.

b. Continue working with groups such as the IVATA, AVA, NAAEA, and AATFA

3. Review and revise, if necessary, all FFA alumni information literature, especially membership development material using eye-appealing printing techniques.

4. Request that the National Alumni distribute information directly into the hands of FFA members and their parents by working cooperatively with the National Farm Farmer Magazine.

5. Concentrate thrust on local levels to involve parents and community by:

a. Encouraging FFA chapters to review "program of activities" and determine needs that the alumni affiliate can offer assistance with.

b. Encourage alumni affiliates to develop their "program of work" based on the needs of the FFA chapter.

c. Encourage local alumni affiliates to contribute positive support to the local advisor.

6. Promote social activities on the local level that allow alumni members to be involved in socializing activities.

We also encourage state officer teams to become lifetime alumni members.

We, the National FFA Alumni Committee, hope that these suggested items will be beneficial in *Keeping Agriculture #1*

Respectfully submitted,

The National FFA Alumni Committee  
Ginny Blair, Oklahoma, Chairman  
Rick Dado, Wisconsin, Co-Chairman  
Perry Whitaker, Mississippi  
Lori Trombly, Massachusetts  
Curtis Horton, Wyoming  
Joe Bowman, Virginia  
Harry McAllister, Texas  
Kevin Wagner, Colorado  
Ken Seering, National FFA Alumni

## National FFA Calendar Committee

We, the members of the 1984 National FFA Calendar Committee wish to express our sincere thanks to the over

one thousand chapters who participated in the calendar program this past year. We also extend our appreciation to Jack Pitzer and his staff for their continued efforts toward the development of this calendar program.

After careful consideration we submit the following recommendations towards further promotion of the calendar program.

1. To continue lying the annual theme into the calendar program

2. To implement ruled lines within the individual blocks of selected styles of calendars. Also, to place important FFA and agricultural dates on the calendar.

3. We recommend continued use of action photos as opposed to paintings on the calendars.

4. To stress that everyone patronize the National FFA Calendar Program as opposed to independent business in order to reduce price and increase distribution of official calendars

5. Consider developing a promotional poster to encourage chapters to join the calendar program. These posters would be distributed to chapters nationwide in order to increase participation

6. Consider directing funds towards a professional advertising campaign for the calendar program.

7. Recommend that the National FFA calendar program staff send letters to all state officers following NLGSO as a follow-up and a reminder to promote the calendar program.

8. To continue the study of combining calendar order processing with Supply Service processing.

9. To consider individualized Foundation sponsorship with sponsor recognition within the calendar. This will minimize the cost of the calendar program greatly and increase distribution.

The national calendar committee encourages action to be taken along these guidelines to encourage chapter participation.

We feel that, if followed, these recommendations will greatly enhance public relations for the Future Farmers of America.

Respectfully submitted on this seventh day of November 1984

National FFA Calendar Committee  
Michelle Benoit, Chairman  
Kevin C. Yost, Co-Chairman  
Todd Winslow, Maine  
Michelle Stevens, Ohio  
Todd Hammans, Idaho  
Jeffrey S. Gregory, Illinois

## National FFA Constitution Committee

We, the members of the 1984 National Constitution Committee, on behalf of the delegate body, after careful evaluation of the 57th National FFA Convention wish to extend our sincerest thanks to those who made this convention a success

1. Our national officers—Ron Wineinger, Bill Caraway, Carol Irvine, Chuck Oggar, Melody Lawson and Rhonda Schaefer

2. Our National Advisor Dr. Larry D. Case, Acting Advisor Thane McCormick, National Executive Secretary Coleman Harris and National Treasurer David A. Miller.

3. Jan Eberly for the opening invocation.

4. The Honorable Kit Bond, Governor of Missouri and Richard L. Berkeley, mayor of Kansas City for their warm welcome to this beautiful city and state

5. Mr. Pat Summerville for an overwhelming confidence in the FFA and his continued fight against drug abuse

6. Art Linkletter for his motivational and inspirational remarks.

7. Dr. Hilmer L. Jones for a year of dedication to the Foundation Sponsoring Board.

8. Carl F. Gerhardt for his ambitious optimism for the coming year as the chairman, Foundation Sponsoring Board.

9. John Wain for his love of America and his inspiring words about one of America's heroes

10. Eldon Witt, president, National FFA Alumni Council, for his continued support and giving us footsies in place to follow

11. The Honorable Elizabeth Dale, secretary, Department of Transportation, for her unlimited concern for America's safety

12. The Honorable Robert O. United States Senator, for his optimistic outlook on agriculture in the future.

13. Marie McCullough, for taking time out of your busy schedule to share your wisdom with us.

14. Mickey Glynn for addressing the convention and entertaining at the American Royal

15. Bart Conner, olympic gold medalist 1984, for bringing us the spirit of togetherness that was shared by the U.S. in the summer of 1984.

16. Coby Straker, the convention organizer

17. The hard-working judges and time keepers.

18. Our special thanks to all the sponsors of the 57th National FFA Convention.

19. The National FFA Alumni for conducting the leadership workshops

20. The National FFA Band directed by Roger Heath, the National Band directed by Stan Kingma and the National Talent, directed by Oon and Martha Erickson.

21. The special guest appearance by Eddie Albert and his public service announcement.

22. Walt Schuh, the president of the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association, for his remarks.

23. All speakers at the various meal functions throughout the week.

24. A special thanks to all courtesy corps members and stagholders for their outstanding contributions.

25. The National FFA Convention committee would also like to express our appreciation to Mr. Marston from Wisconsin for his help and support to this committee. And also Dr. Nelson of the National Board of Directors for his direction and guidance

26. Thanks and congratulations to the newsmen and FFA Times staff for another successful convention.

27. The Honorable John Block, secretary of agriculture for his words of wisdom

We also submit the following items as suggestions for possible improvement in future national conventions:

1. We recommend the newly-elected National FFA Officers have a fabulous year.

2. We recommend moving the closing session of the convention to Saturday afternoon to encourage more members to attend the last session of the convention.

3. We recommend having the new national officers named during the closing session Saturday afternoon.

4. We recommend that the activities of the national proficiency finalist be reviewed for duplication and organization of activities and to move activities closer to the convention center

5. We highly recommend due to our nature of the National FFA Convention and the high respect we have for the Future Farmers of America that all award

recipients be required to wear official dress when crossing the national convention stage

6. We recommend that the courtesy corps program be looked into due to a waste of members time serving on the corps and we suggest a way to this is to cut down the number of members on the courtesy corps or have a better organization of their time

7. And the National FFA Convention Committee highly recommends that the 20,000 members and guests in attendance at this, the 57th National Convention, continue to strive to keep Agriculture #1

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Phillips, Ohio, Chairman  
Melissa Schultz, Oklahoma, Co-chairman  
Lynette Dallmore, Florida, Secretary  
Darin Coert, California  
Jeff Maerhofer, Illinois  
Neil McQuary, Nevada  
Kelly Stewart, Wyoming  
Norman Mason, Alabama

## National FFA Supply Service Committee

We, the members of the 1984 National FFA Supply Service Committee have reviewed and evaluated the Supply Service catalog and offer the following recommendations:

1. The Supply Service add the following items to the Supply Service Catalog

a. A collar bar-with or without FFA emblem.

b. A camouflage cap with FFA emblem.

c. Matching white pants to go with sweat pants, item HSS

d. A bronze belt buckle with FFA emblem.

e. A new postcard style printed with the theme for the year.

f. A pamphlet aimed at recruiting new members

g. A film strip or slide show showing the FFA activities on a national level, such as WEA, WCP, National Convention, etc

h. A cassette tape of talent show at National Convention.

i. The emblem as a stick-on similar to item SOF

j. Blue and gold candles for banquet supplies.

k. A retiring historian plaque.

l. Additional Awards and Programs

Free Materials order form for the advisor m. Gift certificates.

2. The Supply Service revise the following items:

a. The tennies on the girls scarf continue to be in the higher price range

b. The sweatshirt jacket be the same style as the official jacket.

c. The polo shirt be made with a sport collar instead of dress collar

d. The letter state officer ring be reduced in size to appear more feminine

e. Discontinue state necklace and bracelet after supply is depleted.

3. The Supply Service promote purchase of supplies by the following:

a. Encourage collocate chapters to purchase supply service items

b. Continue to expand advertisement of products in Future Farmer Magazine and FFA Times.

c. Encourage patronization of supply service items at Convention

d. Make supplies available to members at an additional location at National Convention

e. Encourage continued use of State Consignment Program.

We would like to both thank and commend the acting director, Paul Kidd for his service to the FFA this past year. We would like to welcome Mr. Dennis Shuler as our new FFA Supply Service Director. We also would like to thank Jimmy Long for his advice and assistance in the formulation of this report

Respectfully submitted,



Dwight Mogler, Iowa Chairman  
Garfield Martin, Arkansas Co-Chairman  
Craig Johnson, Utah  
Todd Martin, Louisiana  
Deborah Pomroy, New Jersey  
Peggie Blum, South Dakota  
Raymond J. Harrington, Delaware  
Jon Rantschler, Minnesota

## The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine Committee

We, the members of THE 1984 NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER Magazine Committee, on behalf of the membership of the national FFA Organization, wish to express our sincere thanks to THE NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER Magazine staff for the excellent job they have done. We feel the magazine has made great strides over the years, establishing credibility and variety which appeals not only to members, but to all interested in the agricultural industry.

Again, thanks to Wilson Caines, editor in chief; Mike Wilson, managing editor; Jack Pitzer, senior editor; and Glen Luedke, director of advertising; and all those associated with the publication of the magazine for their outstanding work and dedication. After careful consideration, we submit the following recommendations:

1. Continue to encourage FFA members, state reporters, and state staff to send inquiries of articles from their area.
2. Continue to print the special insert on FFA awards and programs.
3. We strongly suggest that a readership survey be conducted at the discretion of the magazine staff to determine readers' interests.
4. We suggest putting students personal address on rosters in order that they may receive the magazine at their home.
5. We encourage vocational/agriculture instructors to use the magazine more in their classroom curriculum.
6. We suggest researching the possibility of moving to a monthly magazine.
7. We suggest the following ideas for new articles: (This will be an addition to the articles that are used now)

- a. A running article series on speech material.
- b. Articles that encourage handicapped or disadvantaged youngsters that they too can succeed in vo-ag and FFA.
- c. Have a column by a national officer in each issue at the magazine's staff discretion.
- d. Articles dealing with farm financing.
- e. Articles that tell of the many agricultural and FFA scholarships offered to students.
- f. Articles that discuss farm safety.
- g. Articles that help promote FFA recruitment.
- h. We suggest that a year-end report be made to this committee next year which entails the progress made on the above stated recommendations.

- Respectfully submitted,  
Lamar White, Alabama, Chairman  
Paul Farmer, Tennessee, Co-Chairman  
Fred Peet, Vermont  
Bill Marshall, Michigan  
Jeff Werner, Alaska  
Peggy Pakela, Hawaii  
David Green, Alaska  
Kathy Paskie, West Virginia

## National Information Services Committee

We, the members of the 1984 National Information Services Committee, make the following recommendations to im-

prove and further develop the informational services on the national, regional, state, and local levels.

We recommend:  
1. The image and understanding of Vocational Agriculture and FFA program within local schools be enhanced by communicating the educators, the benefits of a Vocational Agriculture curriculum, as well as the successes of its students.

2. As national public opinion poll to determine the image of vocational agriculture/FFA

3. Encourage chapters to work with local stations on providing their local P.S.A. as well as the National P.S.A.

4. Encouragement of the college level of Teacher educators to provide, and Agriculture Education students to use the resource system and other materials in developing a student teaching plan.

5. A continued emphasis be placed on state officer visits to discuss and explain how the resource system is valuable to chapters. Chapter members and advisors be encouraged to use this resource system on an independent basis.

6. Providing a period of time during the National Leadership Conferences for State Officers to be instructed on the correct presentation of materials from the system to members. Encouraging the state, wherever financially possible provide these materials to the state officers.

7. Encourage use of the FFA Week packet by state officers for chapter visit discussion materials, and encourage officers to assist chapters in preparation for FFA Week activities on the local level.

8. All materials from the National Information Services be made available in Spanish as well as English to aid in educating those members whose main language is Spanish.

We, we would like to commend the National Staff for their unceasing effort to improve the image of the Vocational Agriculture/FFA programs and its members.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bill McEee, Indiana, Chairman  
Lee Kirkman, North Carolina, Co-Chairman  
8 Scott Austin, Tennessee  
Mike Sims, Texas  
Theresa McKinley, New Mexico  
Marilyn Schuchman, South Dakota  
Ana Maria Groto, Puerto Rico

## National Issues Committee

We, the members of the National Issues Committee, have met and defined our purposes to be identify, clarify, prioritize, and discuss the issue or issues facing the National FFA Organization between now and the turn of the century to the delegate body. The development of recommendations for resolving these issues will be the responsibility of the delegate body and future work by the Issues Committee. I may add, before I continue, that the National Issues Committee has been formed by selecting an individual from each of the respective committees that had met earlier this week. This committee is a very vital and important part of the national convention and should be continued in future years. There are many factors and issues affecting today's agriculture and vocational agriculture; thus, this committee was formed to investigate these problems. Therefore, we submit the following:

1. Issue of concern.
2. Image and understanding of the FFA and vocational agriculture.
3. External and internal factors affecting issue of concern:
  - a. Back to basics movement has affected vo-ag curriculum.
  - b. Declining enrollment of membership.
  - c. Lack of involvement and participation.
  - d. Need for support through public relations and information.
4. Causes of issue:
  - a. Lack of information to:
    - i. School administration

- a. Law makers
- b. General public
- c. Students
  - i. Members
  - ii. Non-members
- d. Lack of updated material
- e. Need advanced agribusiness facilities.
- f. Need to promote the advancements in production agriculture.
- g. Lack of involvement or poor attitudes.
- h. Adversors
  - i. Officers and members
  - ii. Lack of information and material.
  - iii. Misunderstanding of employment trends and career opportunities.
- i. Recommendations for addressing issue. (Will be the responsibility of delegates after approval of committee report.)

We would like to thank Dr. Duane Nielsen, member of the National FFA Board of Directors, Mr. Les Olsen, Kansas State Supervisor, and Mr. Tony Hoyt, Program Specialist on Leadership, for their help and input.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Doris Horton, Wyoming, Co-Chairman  
Deborah L. Pomroy, New Jersey, Secretary  
Norman E. Mason, Alabama  
Dan Green, Alaska  
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Dianne Ordo, South Carolina  
Bill Clark, Texas  
Mike Sims, Texas  
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## National Leadership Conferences Committee

We, the members of the National Leadership Conference Committee, have reviewed and evaluated all aspects of the Washington Conference Program and State Presidents' Conference for summer, 1984, and do hereby submit the following recommendations and proposals:

1. Continue to use the National officers at the Washington Conference Program, having one present during each conference session.
2. Encourage participation in the promotion of the Washington Conference Program by
  - a. recommending that an application and article be published in at least two spring issues of THE NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER magazine.
  - b. having two copies of the application sent to all chapters by March 31.
  - c. having copies of the application distributed to all state officers at all national leadership conferences for state officers.
  - d. having information on becoming a Washington conference staff member included in the following information sources: Between Issues, Update and mailings to state officers.
  - e. participants encouraging school administrators to attend.
  - f. developing a promotional slide show and encouraging its use at National FFA Convention, state, district and chapter activities, or a report from a Washington conference representative to chapters and to state clubs such as Lions, Alumni, Rotary, etc.
  - g. cooperating with FFA Calendar Program to promote and inform members of the conference dates and registration dates.
  - h. We recommend that these dates be highlighted on the calendars.

3. In promotion of the advisors program of the Washington Conference Program, we recommend a schedule of activities be available to advisors and their spouses

- a. help alleviate the cost of the Washington Conference Program by
  - i. providing the chapters with various fund-raising ideas and encouraging them to seek sponsorships for their delegates to the conference.
  - ii. having the national association seek discounted travel rates for state associations
  - iii. having more information readily available to chapters to use while seeking sponsors and promoting the conference within their own community
- b. We recommend the continuation and the expansion of scholarships available to members for the Washington Conference Program from the alumni and local communities.

4. We recommend that the Washington Program Staff should be diversified to include not only past national officers, but other people who participants can relate well to.

## STATE PRESIDENT'S CONFERENCE

1. We recommend that Washington Conference Program participants who are attending during the State Presidents Conference have at least one session where they can interact with the state officers. Besides that, each should have separate schindles even though they may attend the same activities to avoid any minor conflicts which may occur.

2. We recommend that along with regular conference program activities, more state officer training and leadership development be incorporated in the conference.

3. We recommend that individual participants take care of all correspondence but that they be instructed in ample time to contact all congressmen in their respective states.

4. We recommend that the conference staff organize the schedule of Congressional visits, consolidating appointments for visits in order to increase convenience and efficiency of the visits.

5. We recommend the following objectives for the State Presidents' Conference:

- a. have the objectives of the State Presidents' Conference directed more toward the development of American leadership, citizenship and cooperation.
- b. increase the emphasis on the exchange of views and methods of operation between states, and further develop the spirit of unity and cooperation, rather than emphasizing National FFA Convention issues and activities
- c. We recommend that counselors on the conference staff be encouraged to practice positive motivational leadership.
- d. We recommend that State President's Conference restrictions be relaxed thus giving the state officers the chance to experience maturity as they handle their own responsibilities.
- e. We recommend that State President's Conference participants as well as Washington Conference Program participants be given more free time to visit their respective congressmen and the historical sites of Washington, D.C.

To follow up the 1984 National Leadership Conference, we recommend the following resolutions go on record at the 57th National FFA Convention:

1. Be it resolved that the National Leadership Committee at the National FFA Convention be provided evaluations of the Washington Conference Program and the State Presidents' Conference by the national staff.
2. Be it resolved the National FFA Organization sincerely appreciates the efforts and cooperation of the following who helped make an effective conference in 1984.
  - a. President Ronald Reagan and staff.
  - b. Secretary of Agriculture John Block and staff.

c. Ms. Chris Mosher Wilson, Assistant to the Secretary  
d. The Twin Bridges and Key Bridge Marriott Hotels  
e. The FFA Alumni Association, and President Edson Watt

f. Colonel Paul Miller for army ceremonies and special events.  
g. Mr. Benjie Staller, National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee.  
h. Businessmen: Bill Johnson and Mr. Virgil Kline.  
i. Mr. Robert Burger, GMC, Chevrolet Motor Division.  
j. Mr. Jim Williams, Director of Public Relations, Chevrolet Motor Division.  
k. Mr. Jerry Howe, Creative Service Division, Chevrolet Motors.  
l. FFA Supply Service Employees.  
m. All National officers, national staff and all conference counselors.  
n. The Lucy Susan Dinner Theatre.

o. Ms. Mary Ann Meloy, associate director, office of public liaison.  
p. Ms. Faith Whitlsey, director, office of public liaison.

q. Dave Schuh, Seald-Sweet Growers, Inc.  
r. Senator Robert Dole.  
s. Congressman Kika de la Garza, chairman of the house committee on agriculture.  
t. Congressman Wes Watkins  
u. Mr. Fred McClure.  
v. Dr. Charles Vetter.  
w. Mr. James Gullinger, Vo-ag instructor.  
x. All congressmen and staffs.  
y. All other individuals who worked hard to make the conferences a success.

Respectfully submitted:  
James Humphrey, Missouri, Chairman  
LeAnne Lawrence, Texas, Co-Chairman  
Jack Brewer III, Alabama, Secretary  
Van Cooke, North Carolina  
Gary Staszak, Wisconsin  
Kyle Timms, North Dakota  
LeAnne West, Tennessee  
Kendall Sundheim, Montana

## National Leadership Conferences for State Officers Committee

We, the delegates comprising the 1984 National Leadership Conference for State Officers Committee, upon evaluation of the previous year's report and our own respective conferences, realize the primary purpose of NLCSD is to produce more reliable and qualified state officers to perform more efficiently as a team and serve their respective associations. While striving for that primary purpose the committee submits the following goals:

1. To develop state officers' skills for states to exchange ideas and programs by association and organization as a whole.
2. To develop state officers' abilities to motivate members, chapter officers, advisors, and members of the community
3. To provide an opportunity for state officers to exchange ideas and programs by intermingling of room assignments, activities and an informal discussion session.
4. To supply state officers and staff members with resource materials and information on current issues for the future development of the FFA
5. To utilize key leaders in business and industry to achieve the objectives of the leadership conferences through training programs, speakers and leadership sessions
6. To schedule impromptu and extemporaneous public speaking events as a high priority to be covered on the agenda of all conferences
7. To develop a program that expresses the importance of SDEPs and the various fields available to students enrolled in the FFA. This committee sup-



ports the general format of previous conferences. The conferences should be held at least three days and three nights in duration with at least two national officers, a national staff person and a board member in attendance at each conference. The emphasis will be that of national instead of regional conferences. Forty dollars per person in resource materials will be implemented to achieve maximum leadership development. All funding will be handled through the National FFA Foundation. The committee supports the above objectives with the following recommendations:

1. Continue training for national officers for NLCSOs.
2. Encourage all stages to participate in the leadership program by:
  - a. Encourage relation of the location if the location is adequate and is agreed upon by all of the states in their respective region.
  - b. Withhold allocated funds for his particular NLCSO for those states not in attendance in order to encourage all states to come.
3. Stress interstate fellowship by:
  - a. Encouraging time allowances for states to compile and then share a list of motivational activities, eye openers and other information.

- b. Provide a more relaxed, informal atmosphere yet maintain a professional image.
4. Allow adequate time for teams to get officer team goals and priorities.

5. Any material such as audiovisuals should focus on presentations at the chapter level.

6. Add more emphasis on extemporaneous and public speaking and have participants present a speech during NLCSO programs.

- a. Use constructive critiquing.
7. Encourage standardization of all NLCSOs to an extent that all have access to the same materials and resources.

8. Encourage all state associations to send thank you notes to sponsors.

9. To insure recommendations are being followed, require a summary of individual evaluations of the NLCSOs to be submitted to next year's NLCSOs committee.

10. Whenever possible to lengthen the conference to allow more time for all activities.

We suggest that a committee be formed to study the possibility of re-

arranging NLCSO schedules so that they may fit the schedules of the associations and come no later than one month after the election of the state officers. We the members of the NLCSO committee trust that the future participants will take into consideration the goals and recommendations that we as a committee have set forth.

This committee would like to express our thanks to those who put in their effort and dedication into the NLCSO Conference.

Oale N. Donaldson, Oregon, Chairman  
Lisa M. Hixson, Massachusetts  
Melanie Harrell, Georgia  
Jody Silva, Rhode Island  
Dewey E. Stephens, Kentucky

## National Program of Activities Committee

The members of the 1984 National Program of Activities Committee realized the significance of the committee results and approached committee work in a manner of concern for our organiza-

tions continued success. We are extremely appreciative to Mr. Les Thompson, of the National Board of Directors, for his assistance during committee deliberations.

We have carefully examined the 1984-85 National Program of Activities and present the following recommendations:

1. The National Organization should place an emphasis on stronger community/chapter interaction in the BOAC program and encourage state associations to have a standard state selection process for individual BOAC winners.

2. The State Presidents/Official Delegates seminar should be made more readily available for attendance.

3. Encourage the Future Farmer magazine to include more informative articles dealing with national and international agriculture issues in addition to the present format.

4. Recommend that the FFA and American Royal discuss candidacy for American Royal Queen. We strongly encourage that candidates be FFA members and that judges review their active FFA qualifications. Also, we would like to see more publicity associated with the activity for the FFA.

5. Recommend that the Board of Directors study the BOAC program for efficiency.

6. Add to the membership section of Increasing FFA Membership. Utilize promotional materials to help increase membership.

7. Encourage the use of photos of FFA members in action for the FFA calendars. Captions should be used to identify these action shots. Also, encourage states to promote calendar program. Promotion can be accomplished by having booths at the National Convention and/or state conventions.

8. Recommend the establishment of a national parliamentary procedures contest.

9. Encourage states to follow National Contest guidelines for state contests.

10. We strongly recommend that each state association be aggressively supportive of and promote the new chapter resource system as a means of effective communication and instruction.

11. Encourage the National Supply Service to develop a limited supply of convention wearing apparel that would be appealing to FFA members.

12. We feel that the form of printing is acceptable but we request that the program of activities be reviewed by staff for the correction of typographical errors.

In addition to our recommendations, we would like to commend the following:

- a. New meal functions available are excellent. We would like to see more of such affordable meal functions available.

- b. Commend the National Alumni Association on their efforts of promoting the Alumni to the public.

- c. Commend the Board of Directors for a balanced budget.

These recommendations have been presented by the following members of the Program of Activities.

Respectfully submitted:  
Coby Shorter, III, Texas, Chairman  
Daryl Yarrow, Kansas, Co-Chairman  
Lynn Bullen, Delaware, Secretary  
Wendy Roarty, California  
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Wanda Iverson, Montana  
Karen Hamilton, Maryland  
Lisa Olivet, Oklahoma

## Nominating Committee

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 to the 57th National Convention to serve as National Officers for the year 1994-95.

President—Steve Meredith, Glendale, Kentucky  
Secretary—Michael Gayaldo, Kelseyville, California  
Vice President, Central Region—Michael Barnett, Mead, Nebraska  
Vice President, Eastern Region—Graham Boyd, Phenixton, North Carolina  
Vice President, Southern Region—Nanci Mason, Collins, Mississippi  
Vice President, Western Region—Brad Bass, Wimbledo, Texas  
National Treasurer—David Miller, Baltimore, Maryland  
National Executive Secretary—C. Coleman Hams, Washington, D.C.  
National Advisor—Larry D. Case, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lynn Kennedy, Colorado (Chairman)  
Steve Kauffman, Florida (Co-Chairman)  
Crystal Wooten, New Mexico  
Tracy L. Yarrow, South Carolina  
John Kugel, Jr., Kentucky  
Richard Miller, Arizona  
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