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Rick Mair, 21, of Wilson, Kansas, is the National FFA President for 1985-96. His local FFA advisor is James Patry. He is the son of Exprese and Frances Mair. Before being elected state president, he was chapter and lednation president and a member of the National FFA Band. Rick Supervised Occupational Experience program includes beef cattle, mile and wheat retempines

enterprises. In high school, Rick was student council president and president of both his junior and servior classes. Rick supported the inglementation of the Kansas FFA Foundation during his year of office as static president. He also served as a U.S. Servata Logidabor, them for Senate Allogity Locafe Robert Dole. Rick is an agricultural economics major at Kansas State University. Rick Mailtr, Rout J, Rou 109, Villoy, Rot Pobler Dole.



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Central Region Vice Prest

Kevin Coffman, 20, of Holliday, Missouri, is the new Central Region Vice President of the FFA. He is the son of Ray and Rebecca Coffman. His FFA advisors were Mickey Briscoe and Robert

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Wilkinson. The table table participation and president of the Pans FFA Keyin served as that vice president and president of the Pans FFA chapter, president of the Area IV Association and just completed his term as Missiour stars FFA president. He received the Star Chapter Farmer award, Dutstanding Leadership award and the Santa F6 Leadership award. Ob finish hog operation and a registered Cattle herd. He was the state winner in swine proficiency and district winner in am business management contests. New has seen con the Missiour Governor's Advisory Council on Approximate a district winner in He is a student at the University of Missiour Columbia where he is majoring n agenciluter. It holling Missiour Columbia where he is majoring n agenciluter. It holling Missiour Columbia avanta district Aven Colmans. Rode 1: Holling Missiour Columbia avanta



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Vice President Kip Gothm of Whitesville, Nort Carolina is the new Eastern Region Vice President of the FA. He is the 22 year-old son of Mr. Taulk and Joseph P. Gene. Godwint Stopenide Occupational Experience program includes a variety of corps and in-estod production. He worked on the Lamily work of the Standard Instantian Standard Standard Standard Vice statewide approximation and the Standard Standard Standard Wice statewide approximation and the North Carolina FA Association and was a chapter federation and distinct officer. He received the Star Greenhand and Star Chapter Famer awards. and was involved in State statement and standard State State State State Greenhand and Star Chapter Famer awards and was involved the Star Greenhand and Star Chapter Famer awards and was involved in State statements y processing. and investod is upday Bodyne is a student at North Carolina State University in Rategol where he is majoring in agricultural decucation

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Robert W. Weaver Southern Region Vice President

Vice President Robert W. Viewers: 20. of Hardella, Alabama is the 1985-86 National FA Southern Region Vice President. Robert is the son of Elina and Jopes Viewers His local advisori is Billy W Bryan Roberts Supervised Occupational Experience program while emoled in vocational aquiciture at Failville High School consisted of dairy production management at a neighboring dairy. He served as chapter treasure, voc president, and president. He was also involved in many judging contests, quarter contests and public speaking in 1982-93. Rober soveral as president of the Alabama FA Association. Robert is correctly attending Audom University and is majoring in PRoter is corrected of Audom University can Claip Arabeter. Robert W Weaver; Route 1, Box 2214; Hartselle, AL 35540



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Laurence Pressly, former Executive Vice President of the American Roval Associ-

ation. Pressly began his association with the FFA while working with the Exten-sion Service. After becoming agricultural specialist with the kanasa Gity Chamber of Commerce, he was instrumental in bringing about complete support of the city for the National FFA Contests. For city for the National FFA Contests. For six years he served as head of the American Royal Association and during that time developed an American Royal scholarship for the winner of each con-test. He is also a ten year member of the Kanass City Advisory Council to FFA and a resident of Lee's Summit, Mis-rour.

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Company Drice again the FFA Times was read Drace again the FFA Times was read each day by those in attendance at the SBth National FFA Convention. University journalism students from around the country, under the direction of FFA In-formation Intern, Andy Markwart, ap-plied themselves to the task of "getting the news out" from their headquarters in the FFA Convention Newsroom

Volunteers Saluted

The National FFA Drganization would like The National FFA Organization would like to salule the hundrads of volunteers who are the mainstay of the national convention. Without their hard work and long hours it would never come to-gether. Thank you Stage Crew, Courtesy Corps, Nevs Crew, News Corps, con-test helpers, K.C. Advisory Board and all the others to numerous to membon but definitely and wholeheartedly appre-cated

Frank R. Stover, State Supervisor of Ag-ncultural Education in South Carolina tor 15 years Atter 12 years as a vocational agriculture instructor, Stover served as agriculture instructor, Stover served as State Executive Secretary for the FFA and Young Farmers for four years. Dur-ing his tenure as State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, he served on the National FFA Board of Directors (1970-71) and was awarded the Honora American Farmer Degree in 1971 Slover, ot Pelion, South Carolina tired in 1984 after 33 years of se service In vocational agriculture and the FFA

vocational agriculture and the FFA. Carl S. Tomas, Assistant Director, West Virginia Bureau of Vocational, Technical and Adult Education in Charleston, West Virginia, For 43 years Tomas has severed vocational agricul-ture as a vo-agi instructor, vo-ag Pro-gram Specialistic and State Supervisor, and presently, as assistant director dp Vocational, Technical and Adult Education. He was Technical and Adult Education. He was instrumental in development the West Vir-Technical and Adult Education. He was instrumental in developing the Wesl Vir-ginia Young Farmer program in 1970 and continues to be active in vo-ag by assisting in the selection of National FFA Proliciency Award Program participants.

Dr. Francis T. Tuttle, State Director, State Department ol Vocational Techni-cal Education. Beginning his service to the FFA as a state officer in 1937, Dr. Tuttle went on to teach vocational and Tutile went on to teach vocational agn-culture for six years, was Superinlen-dent of Schools for 13 years, and a State Vo Tech staff member since 1964 He has been serving as state director in Stillwater, Dklahoma, since 1967 and will retire in February of 1966. Dr. Tuttle received the Honorary American Farmer Degree in 1976.



Convention Speakers and Special Entertainment



ers for the convention included U.S. Secretary of Agriculture speakers for the convention included U.S. Secretary of Agnouture John R. Biock; molixional speaker, Zig Ziglar, sponsored by American Bank-ers Association; NBC "Today" show personality Willard Scott, sponsored by International Minerals & Chemerical Corporation, Denis Waitley, "Space Age Motivator," sponsored by the FA, Dympic gold medials in gym-nasics, Bart Coner, sponsored by Ucca-Cola, U.S. A. and former pro running-back Rocky Bleier, sponsored by H.J. Heinz Company Founda-

"Stars from The Grand Dle Dpry," sponsored by T.C.R. Inc, Earl E. Dw-ens, Nashville, Tennessee, provided special entertainment Saturday after-noon with well-known country stars: Del Wood, Razzy Bailey, H.C. Morgan and Cal Smith



Robert W. Cox, Executive Director FFA Alumni Association



Distinguished Service Citations

This year three organizations were recognized with the Oistinguished Service Citation for their exceptional service to the FFA by contributing time, money and personnel. They were:



The Merednih Company/SUCCESSFUL FARNING, of Des Moines, Iowa. The company has sponsored National Achievement Awards, provided National FA Foundation Chairmen, developed and headed a national publicity campaign honoring FA's SOM harmversary aid in the early years of the FA, provided loans to members to help them start farming

Pfizer Incorporated/Agricultural Division, ot New York, New York. Pfizer has supported the FFA for 32 years by providing National FFA Foundation Chairmen,

New "Brand 'Em To Save A Life" Safety Campaign

Sponsored by International Harvestor Company and J I Case

Ounng the convention a new safety campaign entitled "Brand 'Em to Save A Life" was introduced The educational ettort is a special emphasis campaign of the National FFA Safety Awards program.

Launched at the convention, the campaign's emphasis months will be during the spring of 1986. FRA chapters and members nationwide will join the campaign to educate American atramers of the three teading causes of farm tractor talatities: rollowers, runovers and unguarded power take offs.

FFA members will pass out satety literature and place safety reminder decals on older model tractors.

FFA chapters will be recognized for their ettorts with a special campaign certilicate saluting their ettorts. In addition, chapters may include this activity in their National FFA Satety Award applica

their National FFA Satety Award application. sponsoring National Proficiency Awards and the National Hall of Achievement, and assisting FFA leaders through a Strategic Planning Process

and assuming in relations along in a Krategic Planning Process. R. J. Reynolds Industries, Inc., of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. R.J. Reynolds has been a long-time supporter of the FFA, developing 13 state FFA proliciency awards and sponsoring this year's new Specially Crop Proteinery Award. They also sponsor the Building Dur American Communities program with funding and staff They are the opganization is argrest annual sponsor.

Ag Ed Network

This year hands-on Ag Ed Training ses sions were again offered. Also offered were advanced and technical training sessions. New additions incluied the FA News area where FFA news from the convention was put on the Ag Ed Network as it happened and a special MCI message center was available for vidents wishing to send or receive messages from their families or vo-ag classmete at home.

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The award program recognizes FFA members who have achieved and made great progress in utilizing computers in agriculture and agribusiness. Students are judged on their ability to adapt computer technology to benefit their Supervised Occupational Experience enterprise and/or local FFA chapter.

National Winner-Stephen M. Cameron, Lyons, Ohio

First Runner-Lin-Larry Sanders, Santa Maria, California

Second Runner-Up-Michael Vincent, Las Animas, Colorado

Third Runner-Up-Randolph Ted Hall, Staunton, Virginia

Fourth Runner-Up-Jeff Allen Need, Frankfort, Kentucky

Special Meal Functions

Meal functions are an additional means of provising modulation, education and further leadership training to FFA members and guess in attendance. This year there was a National FFA Penyle Bradtast with guess peaker Todd Blackdøge, a National FFA Leadership Dimer addersed by furmer National FFA Secretary, Scott McKain: an American Farmer Journet Degree and Special Wednesday might Alumni Dimer.

"Secure A Place In History"

The National FFA Organization and 1984-65 National FFA Officiar Team kicked off a nationwide camping to raise money in antionwide camping to raise money lucarry on the resommendation of the deepates of the STN National FFA Convention. The officiers gave a progress propeted completion date of December profit to the convention and stressed a propeted completion date of December 31, 1985 and urged members to follow the ideas and guidelines in the brochure. "Secure A Place In History."

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The new ACCESS subscription service for agricultural diversion operated by the National FFA Supply Service premiered at the convention at the National Agricultural Career Show. It will provide subscribers with access to: a software Ibirary, dicutational software reviews, computer software at special advactional prices and a one year subscription to CESS is a special subscription review. Access a special subscription review aread a special uncertain and the CESS is a special subscription and aread a special function and the oceal anticulture instructor in particular



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National Officer Retiring Addresses



... TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER"

Sleve Meredith 1984-85 National FFA President

Going, Going Gone

The Auctioneer did say As we sat inside that auction barn On a cold, cold winter day. How smooth that cry came lorth trom him

As they walked through in parade A nod of the head, a bat of the eve

And another deal was made i stood alert, eyes intent, as he closed the sale that day

"How? How can you make manic, by asking tolks to Davi

With a hand on my shoulder and tears in his eyes, He said, "Son, let this be a lesson

in lile. For the man who desires most to

be #1. is the one who takes home the

prize. It's more than just dollars, lat

more than scholars, More than some King's Empire, Lile is loving, caring, and giving Success is created by des Those men bid with money in hand

They'll buy to their hearts conti Others must bid by giving ol sell, Seeing others prosper through their time well spent. Remember, good triend," he said

"These values I've felt fit to

All things are sold on the old auction block And all things are within your

reach To bid, to buy, you'll wonder why I've shared these thoughts with

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FFA tells the story

FFA's NEW Food For America Program!

The new Food For America kits are now available. A special

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FREE kits have been made

When the call goes out in the game of life, please remember All things go, always go . . . To the highest bidder!"

It hardly seems that it was 371 days ago that I received the gavel as presi-dent of this organization, and now this atternoon, I'm offering my final remart as an FFA officer. As I open my heart and mind to you I overflow with prote un-recalling my sociations with some of the finest people to ever walk the face of the earth. In this society of I dolds, role models, characters, and images my real match. They are according to the socia-nation. They are according to the socia-nation. They are according to the social meet through a grim determination to succeed. Most I have never met, but I feel a bond among people in agriculture tay peop the beground the description of the social socia and mind to you I eventlow with pride in mere wo

So many times this year people hav asked what makes the farm so appeal ing? As I search for words to the unan swerable question I think of the new-If standing on wobbly legs, the freshly turned soil, a rainbow born calf smell of following a mid-summer storm, and the first dusting of snow that signals the ar this obsting of show that signals the ar read of winter. So deeply rooted in our heritage, so much a part of American history, the tradition of the tamity farm will continue as long as we value and respect our roles as patrons of the earth. Having been humbled so many earn. Having been numble so many times I remember a mid-September visit to the USDA when I picked up a maga-zine whose front cover carried this mes-sage "Man despite his artistic preten-sion and his many accomplishments, owes his existence to a six-inch layer of ton soil and the fact that it rains top soil and the fact that it rains. A progressive agriculturalists we must never lose sight of our responsibility as a chosen people, to care for the earth and its resources.

As we come to the close of this national As we come to the close of this hation: convention world leaders are gathering to discuss controls of powerful nuclear weapons, weapons that individually could destroy millions of lives and if used in plurally could remove human existence from the face of this earth. existence from the face of this earth. Seemingly waver each day between near destruction and continued existenci in a world of turmoil, terrorism, starva-tion, fear, and anguish. Yet my heart is with our leaders to keep our defense of this nation and the protection of all (ree means of any trace technics and any term the set of people of every race, religion and cred In this pivotal world of critical decisions decisive actions, and intense propadecisive actions, and intense propa-ganda wars our leaders must remember the words of Andrew Jackson ... ''On man with courage makes a majority '' My strong beliefs in the values of Amer icanism come from more than saying 1004 icanism come from more than saying the pledge or hearing the national an-them. Those teelings come after having experienced the deep relief of stepping off a jet aircraft on U.S. soil. That strange inclination that you're right at home even though you're in an island state thousands of miles away... but the trues and times the more through one the stars and stripes the proudly over

Having been granted the privilege ot seeing much of this great nation and her people I marvel at our blessings of land and resources, and the incomparable creativity of our 238 million individuals creating a prosperous lifestyle from the riches of this great land, Americans rep resent a special coalition of innovators and creators. A Texas rodeo, Nebraska windmill, California redwood, Iowa corntield and Kentucky thoroughbred are cornelia and kentucky infordigitated all monuments of this nation dedicate to the people who form our rich heitan As members of the Future Farmers of America we should tremble at the thought of the tremendous responsibili the facing our generation. Just as our predecessors have risen to the occasio so many times in the past, each of us must feel a special responsibility to the tuture

Agriculture has never been a more chal lenging industry and America has never held o ore opportunity than that which evists today. Our blessings are here to exists today. Our blessings are nere to-day because of the efforts of individuals who weren't atraid to step forward and lend a hand, volunteer tor the difficult task, or tight for justice and truth Man stories have been told of visitors of this nation who marveled at the willingness ot our people to stand up and be counted and come to the aid of their fellow Americans.

Society today pulls at us from every di society today puts at us non-every un-rection. Commercials play with our minds, politicians ask for our votes, and everyone seems to be supporting a spe-cial interest. As we fight the internal wars of today's society we must rewars of today's society we must re-member that going into battle prepared means that we're armed with a positive aftilude, a courageous heart and clean spint Success in life will ultimately come to those who prepared for its challennes

Leadership is a special opportu Leadership is a special opportunity to serve others by giving of oneself. It has been said that if you help enough people get what they want you will fulfill your own desires. Everyone gains when you share your time and talents with others, and sharing and prosperity ultimately go hand in hand.

There are two seas in Palestine One supports every kind of tife with fish its water, trees along its banks, and its water, trees along its banks, and people in homes along its shores. The Jordan River flows through to form yet another sea. Here there are no fish in the water, birds in the air or foliage along the shore. Now what creates the difference in these two seas? Not the river, nor the soll, or surrounding land the ford of difference in the first river, nor the soil, or surrounding land. The Sea of Galidee receives the gifts of the Jordan River, but in receiving it also gives the gift of water. The life that ac-companies it continues as the Sea of Galidee shares that special gift. But the Galiee shares that special giff. But the other sea is not so generous it leagerly reaps the bounty of the Jordan River. but in receiving it hoards every drop and shares none of its precious gift Every drop rt gets, it keeps the Sea of Galiee gives and prospers with life. The other sea gives nothing, and is appropriately near an Palveton. Are three are two more an Palveton. Are three the fund of

named the Oead Sea There are two seas in Placiens. Are there two kinds of people in the world today? Each of us are players in the bug game the again of life. No one appars to be keeping sorce. There are no numbers on the wall, checkmarks on gaper, or heydly illuminated syns: and none of us really knows what guarter we're in or how much time remains. I invite each of you to see each day as a new challenge combete with fresh idoas, theores, and complete with fresh ideas, theories, complete with fresh ideas, theories, and responsibilities. Make that special effort to be a breath of fresh air, a shower on a hot, dry day or a cool breeze in the summer sun. Our time is so special, our days so limited, and we all seem to desire so many rewards in the Maternal or nonmaterial all of these rewards reand quire some special effort, hard work a a strong desire to succeed; and all things truly do go to the highest bidd ork and a hing's day do go to the highest blober. See an inspiration in someone's life, be a part of this creative society, and accept the challenges placed before you by pre-vious generations. As a statue in front of our National Archives building pro-claims, "The heritage of the past is the ceed that through both the bound of the seed that brings torth the harvest of the future." Each of you are special, each of you are unique, and as life goes on



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"Passing Thoughts"

Michael J. Gayaldo National FEA Secretary

Over 200 years ago the men a of our country had a dream. The dream was for a country of freedom and proswas for a country of freedom and pros-perity. Their dreams were not in vain for they tollowed them. They took their de-sire for a new country, added hard work and a commutment to improvement and formed the United States of America. We offen look at the hard work demon strated by these individuals and realize why they were successful. The first step why they were successul. The first is in their success was not their hard work, but rather their dreams. They turned dreams into ideas, ideas into plans, and plans into action. They fir had to realize that their dreams were good and they were worth taking a chance on. The early Americans took charace on . The early American's took the philosophy that before any carpenter can build a house an architect must de-sign it. Before they tought for America, they had to have a vision of what it would be

God made us both architects and car-penters, both designers and builders Before you can build, or rather, befor you can set a goal and follow affer it, you must tirst design. The mind is capable of many tasks.

would be

With it we construct vehicles capable of taking men to the moon, bridges which taking men to me moon, bridges which transport passengers over deep waters medicines which heal the sick and af-flicted and convention halls which hold thousands of people. However, before these were constructed with a person's hands, they had to be created in a per son's mind

We all had the desire to affend this na-We all had the desire to anend this ha-tional convention. Because we did, we found a way to get here. It does not mafter whether you came on a bus with your local chapter or in a plane with your state association. What matters is that you are here.

Oreams and desires run much deep than just attending a national meeting. The dreams the first settlers had were The dreams the mist series had were ones which would not only aftert their lives, but those hundreds of millions. Can you imagine what life would be like today it those travelers had not pursued their vision of change? Can you envision what the would be like today if those his what life would be like today if those pi-oneers had given up on their dream and accepted deteat?

accepted deta?! We, too often, tind ourselves with a dream—a thought that seems to work its way inno our minds. We see our-selves as following after it, but we sel-dom do. Maybe your dream is to be-come a chapter officer, apply for a proficency avancy, or even wine a public speaking contest. Somehow we often table in implement our dreams. We put them in the back of our minds. Perhaps in a hexause of tabure, tear. them in the back of our times Periaps it is because of tear; fear of tailure, tear of being laughed at, or tear of not hav-ing what it takes. It seems what it takes the mind hours to develop the heart car destroy in moments.

Our minds are what develop the ideas that take men to the moon, build bindges which span the depths, and cre-ate countries like the United States God gave us the ability to dream and think nd the ability to do something with what our mind has created

Remember, when fears come into the Nernember, when hears come into the picture our dreams have a tendency of losing their luster and our desires seem to tade away. Plans never materialize and our ideas become passing thoughts There is a very obvious importance in not giving up on our dreams before they have a chance to succeed. Success be-gins with our thoughts. If you never give yours a chance, you have demed yourselt the opportun ty to grow as a erson and a chance to develop your otential

The easiest time to guit is before we be-That is when the least is at stake gin. That is when the least is at stake and there is seemingly nothing to lose. But that is a myth—you have much to lose—a chance to grow and develop, challenges to overcome, success stories yet unwritten. One thing I know is that yet unwritten. One uning i ratiow is that you are capable of doing anything you wish to do. Be achievers, not quitters. There is great importance in putting tal-ents and skills to positive use. Remem-ber that our thoughts rest among the most valuable of the resources we must

For many years I have enjoyed si beside a stream near my home. The beside a stream near my nome. The water seems to move gently through the hills until it finds its way to a lake This stream does not run year-round; how-ever, each May or June it drys up leav-ing behind only a slight indentation where the water once tlowed. There are other bodies of water, my fa-vorite of which is the Colorado River. When I was a small child my tamity travelled to Colorado to view the splen dor of this river. I was in awe as I looked at the canyon the river had carved into the terrain.

Even today, when I have the opportunity to Ily over the Colorado River, I am amazed at what Mother Nature has done. She has created a wonder of na-

ture thal will exist lorever Nature had a resource to work with. The resource was water. Along with water she took time—thousands of years— and made a difference Within the to-pography of the United States she made a difference by creating an awesome lerence by creating an aweso ndor called the Colorado River Gorge

Just like us, Mother Nature makes choices Her choice many years ago was to invest her resource-water-into this river. On the other hand, she chose not to invest much resource in the creek near my home

Like nature we have resources to invest and time to spend. Our resources are and time to spend Utr resources are the thoughts we develop with our minds. We can take our dreams and make a difference in ourselves, and in so doing make a difference in the world around us. The difference made will come from the development of our selfconternon the development of our sen-contidence, the ability to work with other people and skill development such as effective communication.

as enecutive communication. You have a choice to make. Just as God gave nature water, He gave us dreams. Like nature, we make decisions. Will we be a stream or a river? To make the dif-ference of a nver you must take your thoughts and do something with them Make your choices and use your re-sources so that your brightest ideas do not become passing thoughts.

Gold is the most precious of all mineral resources found in the earth and you resources found in the earth and you are the most precious of human re-sources found on the Earth. Just as gold shines with a luster matched by no other metal, your faces radiate the hope for tomorrow like no other people I have contacted in my travels

8ut remember that gold, in its pure form, is not simply and easily brought to the Earth's surface for our use. It to the Earth's surface for our use. It must be mined and refined before the craffsman can form a priceless object And so it is with each of you. Through the power of choice and through hard work you determine the degree of purify to which you will reture the gold that is inside you

Affer a while we understand success is not magical. It comes from dreaming, refining our dreams into ideas and our ideas into action. The first step will al-ways be pursuing your dreams with en

Inusiasm. We begin to understand that the great-est inventors, the best scientists and the most successful leaders started with ideas. They never listened to tears which told them their ideas would not work Rather, they took a chance They took a chance on themselves.

took a chance on neurseives. Take a chance on yoursett I is there a dream you have never pursued? Oo you have a desire that has never been tui-billed? What are you waiting for? What holds you back? It there is a desire in your heart which must have head is not enced by the

you have locked in some closet at the back of your mind, open the door. The back of your mind, open the door. The key to unlocking that door is your own nderstanding-understanding you have choice to do anything you wish to do

wish to become. Let your understanding be backed by confidence which comes from knowing you will not let your desires become passing thoughts. Let your confidence be backed by courage which comes from the faith that you will do your best

best. Over 200 years ago the men and women of our country had a dream. The dream was for a country of freedom and pros-perity. Their dreams were not in vain because they tollowed them. They took a desire for a new country, added hard work and a commitment to improvement and formed the United States of Amer-net

God made the first settlers of the could God made the first settlers of the coun-try in the same way He made us; both architects and carpenters, designers and builders. Those promeers took their dreams and did something with them. Recause they did they made a diffe ence

This convention will give you and op-nortunity to learn to laugh and to believe in yourself but most importantly, to in yourself but most importantly, to dream. Let the dreams your mind cre-ates in the next three days change you Let them make a difference. Go throug this convention as an architect discover ing your dreams. Then go home a car-penter puffing your dreams into action (Lyrics from a Bob Seger song)

"They call it understanding, a willingness to grow. I'm linally understanding there's so much l could know

Friends, there is so much you car know; there is so much you can do; there is so much you can be ...if you will only follow your dreams Michael Gayaldo, P O. Box 961, Kelsey ville, California 95451, (707) 279-1534



"Where Have All the Heroes Gone?"

Mike Barrett 1984-85 Central Region National Vice

When I was younger, growing up in Ne-braska, I would often get up early Sat-urday morning and watch those tamous cartoon characters battle all odds and save the day by overcoming dastardly villians. I used to marvel at their ability to be cool in every situation and. reto be cool in every situation and, re-gardless of the challenge, still come out on ton

These are our first heroes. Of co These are our first heroes. Of course, as one grows older and matures it be-comes more difficult to be impressed. On, I think we all still enoy watching our lavorite animated characters on tele-vision whether we want to admit it or not. But the real world dictates a need to find living and breathing people who are confronting life's real institations. are commuting me's real must adults. Our herces today may range from Bibli-cal characters to parents, political fig-ures, great people in history, friends, athletes, business associates, television and movie stars, or others

Songs are composed, statuse rected, books are written, buildings, bridges, and other structures are dedicated, even photographs appear on cereal boxes; all in the name of our hereos.

In the name of our nervos. These heroes are very personal and no two people have the same hero for the exact same reasons. For example, in the cartoon we just viewed, many of us ad-mire the Roadrunner because of his speed, his cleverness, contidence, and for his ability to outsmart Wyle E. Coy-tide superface, forcemen provide calledites tor his ability to outsmart Wyte E. Coy-ote everytime; forseeing major calastro-phies before they actually occur. While on the other hand, some of us have an appreciation for Wyte E. Coy-ote. No mafter how many times he failts off a diffi, or is run over by a train, or smashed by a taling baulder, he just keeps coming back and reluses to give in-

We as human beings each have unique perceptions of what our hereos should be The one thing we have in common and share with others, regarding our heroes, is the simple fact that we all need them. These men and women pro-vide role models to follow and create incentives, motivating personal growth. So we seek out those who possess the qualities we admire, who handle advers who come closest in our eyes to thes, who come closest in our eyes i living perfection. Individuals whose it tives are to do whatever it takes to h others. And, those who maintain a c record projecting a heroic image

record projecting a heroic image Americans often admire dynamic leaders who give oft a powerful, flawless pres-ence, like those we read about concern-ing great leaders of the past However, one of the untorfunate truths about today's sourcers are beco ciety is the fact that those lead ingly harder to

Whether it is because we know too Whether it is because we know too much about those we dollae. For exam-ple, politicians who are constantly sub-iccted to close scrutinization in the pub-lice year ad whose every step is often traced by the media. Or because there are those who stife an image for all in a particular profession like the drug charges and other illegal charges against certain athletes and musicians

Or simply because we feel that the great Or simply because we teel that the gre leaders that once walked this earth and led the people through words and acti-to successful, satisfying times, just don't exist anymore. It can be a frustrating conclusion today to wonder. WHERE HAVE ALL THE HERDES GONE?

griculture especially, in the midst of cult economic times, we strive to In aori tind the men and women who can pull us out of the crunch and prop us tirmly back on our feet. Someone dynamic: with character and personality who can out an end to our current agricultural d lemma. And though we search, more offen than not, we come up short.

This lack of a centralized hero in ad re noses evident frustrations and culture poses evident trustrations and may be the direct result of the lack of a centralized problem. No one policy, phi-losophy, or action can completely dic-tate to the needs of the entire industry. due to its diversity. Therefore, no one person can symbolize the answer to all of the challenges. lenges

Let us not, however, due to the absence Let us not, however, due to the ausence of one such figure, overlook the hercos-that do exist in agriculture. For there are many. They include those farmers and agribusiness people who have found within themselves a desire to continue within themselves a desife to continue and pursue their profession. They are taking a realistic approach. Learning from each day and making an effort to manage their enterprise as well as hu-manly possible. Men and women striv many possible Men and women striv-ing for quality over quanity, accepting adequacy over abundance, and believing hard work supasses the rewards of good luck. They believe in education, in young people, and in the future of our industry.

This is what I learned as a National FFA Officer. Many times this year I have been treated

Many times this year I have been treated like a hero. I have stayed in homes where family members have slept on the sofa so I could have a bed Chapters have planned meetings and activities nave plantied meetings and activities around my appearance. Oaily lives were altered to accommodate my schedule Even in Japan my fellow national offi-cers and I were greeted by clapping school children as we climbed off our visiting bus. These times I will neve forget and the honor of this treatment shall cherish foreve

My role as a National FFA Officer has My role as a National FFA Unicer has required me to talk a great deal about agriculture. Yet, I have met FFA mem-bers this year whose main concern may or may not have been to speak articu-lately, but are what this organization is all about because they are out there doing it. They can tell you what is going on. They are entrepreneurs taking risks, learning, growing and they have what it takes to be successful in an everchang-ing agriculture industry

THEY ARE THE HERDES—AND THEY ARE YOU!!

For young people today it is probably easier to shy away from agriculture be cause of the challenges than make an effort to be a part of it. But you are making the effort and involving your-selves. Not because it is easy or beselves. Not because it is easy of De-cause the present monetary reward is necessarily great. But, because you be-lieve in agriculture and realize the reper-cussions it this industry should faller. You have the energy, the strength of pride, the integrity to be successful, and the character to share your success. There is little question in my mind that you are of the same fiber as the great leaders of the past. The education pro-vided through vocational agriculture an FA is strengthening that tiber.



er how stunned and flattered I I remember how stunned and flattered 1 was on the National Business and In-dustry Tour in February during a visit to the United States headquarters of a Jap-anese farm implement company. Upon arrival, the president of the company, a arrival, the president of the company, small Japanese man, greeted us with enthusiasm. Then took great interest in our conversation. Before our stay was up, he disappeared in his closet and rest in after a lew moments reappeared with several neatly wrapped giffs. Smiling, he nanded each of us a box and proclaimed us, "...heroes, young American US. heroes

It wasn't until after we'd gone that i re-alized he was not just talking about those of us in the room. The genteman was actually speaking about the 430,000 actually speaking actu of you, who our conversation was ouint around. Although he could not reward every member with a gift, he shared what he had with us as a gesture sym-bolizing his belief in the FFA. The moti-vated young people who project such a isitive image and whose reputation as ung agricultural leaders is known

That experience reaffirmed my helief that the FFA is composed of heroes. Throughout this address, it has not

been my intention to project a sad mes-sage. I would feel that inappropriate, for I have had so many incredible experi-ences this past year instead I here.

instead, I have chosen to share with you the strong belief that I have that heroes do indeed still exist, perhaps more now than before.

more now than before. My heroes this year have included my parents for their commiftment to me. My friends at home in Nebraska who I may not have always kept that well in touch with, but who have not forgoffer me. My fellow national officers, who have very different, strong personalities but whose love for the FFA I will never question. And you, the members, for sharing a part of yourselves with me You have helped me to realize that hap piness isn't measured by how many heroes we have, or by how heroic we are considered to be by others, but rather by the ability to find the hero

Although we search for our ideal heroes similar to those we once watched, we must keep in mind that animated heroes may fit the image and may never lose. but they also never improve, never change, never age, never mature, and never grow. Week after week they fight the sa ne old villians with the same old

Lite's real challenges may be greate and the outcome less predictable, but there is a true satisfaction in handling each situation in a unique and differer way and learning from life's uncertain ties as we progress

There is no guarantee in life that we will always come out on top. However, there is a guarantee that if we apply our-selves, grasping that HERO inside, we will gro

will grow To sum up my feelings today as I ad-dress you for the final time as your Na-tuonal Central Region Vice President, I would like to share with you the words found on a poster that was presented to my state officer team. upon reliement from office in Nebraska form a very confirment. The words are utilitie simigood friend. The words are quite sim-ple, yet at this special time seem very protound and very appropriate. It said "I'VE SEEN! NOW THE EARTH REVOLVES, BUT THE EXPERIENCE REMAINS."

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"Accept No Limitations"

Graham Boyd 1984-85 Eastern Region Vice President

- "Just a little more time is all we're asking for. Just a little more time could open
- doore Just a little uncertainty can bring
- you down. And nobody wants to know you
- And nobody wants to show you
- how So if you're lost and on your own,
- you can never surrender. And il your path won't lead you home, you can never surrender And when the night is cold and
- dark_

You can see, you can see light. Cause no one can take away your Right to light and never surrende

Much too often we give that right which Much too otten we give inat right whiten is ours away from ourselves. How many of you, in the first week have feit as though you have been knocked down, dragged out and stepped on. You have tasted defeat at the tip of your tongue, taste deteat at the up of your followe, been made lun of by your peers. Per-haps you were made fun of because of your eyes, ears, nose, teeth, har, the way you walk, or the way you dress. Maybe you were made fun of because you're in the FFA and wear that blue and pold lacket. It happens to us all. It haped to me

hast week Lexperienced every one of Last week i experience every one of those feelings. Not just in the last week but all of my life. Times when it seems like i can never win—nobody wants to know me now—nobody wants to show me how. On occasions during this year, The new. Un occasions ouring this year, I've felt lost, on my own and the path I was walking wouldn't lead me home The easiest thing I could do was give up. Surrender my cause to alien obstacles Why is it that when lite is full of difficult

Why is it that when lite is titul of difficult situations so many of us give up? I have always heard that, "When times get tough, tough poole get going." In a sense that theory has cartainly been tures my tile on occasions tough tures would come around and had al-ready goine. It and heat ale was satired, wasn't scient 63 omach by the situation, rather, lives alraid of the out-come. I guess I'm alraid cast, we foins the hast a continue range may have a family them affect that and the out-There's nothing wrong with being afraid Fear is a feeling we all experience. Some of us are afraid of the dark, others are afraid of death. Many of us are afraid of failure and defeat. And I are atraid of failure and deteat. And i believe that all of us are afraid of the unknown. Lurking somewhere in the shadows of time is all the events tha mold one's life. And because we are Taild of charge in our lives, we seldow atraid of charge in our lives, we seldow take the chance to venture in pursuit of our widest dreams because many of us miss out on the opportunities that could have become the journeys of a lifetime. Seven years ago I was a high school Seven years ago I was a high school treshma in vocational agriculture. I can cite many examples of times when I tell short of achievement primarily because I was alraid to invest 100% of my effort into taking a chance. I thred out for the creed contest in my freshman year, and dich was all to proceed my chapter. didn't even get to represent my chapter didn't even get to represent my chapter in the local contest. A once in a litetime chance—gone. And I blamed my ad-visor tor sending the other boy instead of me I knew, that I was a befter speaker and maybel was; but, the rea-son he went instead of me is because he tred gust a little bit harder than I did. een award winners on this You've seen award winners on this stage the past two days, and those awards aren't just handed out. Those people sarred them through decidation and hard work. Over the years, there were numerous contests i could have been a part of, scholarshops left un-bouched—wijt was never even chapter bouched—wijt was never even chapter bouched with was never even chapter bouched with was never even chapter bouched with the second second second second bouched with the second second second second second bouched second s I came to this convention two years ago for the very first time. It was a cold, snowy affernoon walking over to that first session, inside, the auditorium was warm with enthusiasm generated by thousands of FFA members. The band thousands of FFA memoers. The bailor played, the chorus sang, the gavel was tapped and the convention began. It was the most exciting event I had every ex-perenced. 'I'll never forget sitting here as an Official FFA Oelegate in the second seat, in the second row, watching a film of the life of a former FFA Officer named

In the line of a former PA officer frame lenry Litton. The film spoke about the mpact that the year as a national officer had on Lifton's life. The whole motive of Lifton's success was that, "To get

get ahead you can never quit!!! You can never give up, you can never quit!!! You can der." But the part I went home remem-bering the most about in that film, was the caption. "Happy Are Those Who Dream Oreams" II was at the You can

Uream Oreams " It was at that same convention, that I watched a close friend of mine and my roommate when I return to college. Marty Coates, deliver his retiring ad-dress. He said that his year as a na-tional secretary had been a dream come true.

Needless to say. I too had that dream at veetiess to say, it do had that theam a convention. A vision to someday return to Kansas City and stand on this very stage delivering my returning address. Of course it is happening right now. This retiring address isn't the dream at all. The dream come true has been the exnences over the last twelve months. I periences over the last twelve months. I will forever have lasting memories of the places I've gone, experiences encoun-tered and most of all, the special people whom I have met and had the chance to work with. Fellow FFA members, you are the reward that has made it worthare the reward that has made it worth-while. You showed me the Rocky Mountains of Colorado and Wyomng, the whates of the coast of Cape Cod, Massachuseths; the beauty of Budthard and much more. I assume those events have molded my lie in twelve short moosilis, the lasting friendriking and es-sence of self-imposed limitations of evenyone from the state officers and subjects communications. everyone from the state onicities and students down in the tip of Florida, to the State Officers and members up in Washington. You're the part I'll never forget. Mom and Dad and all the folks back home in North Carolina, I can't thank you enough for your part in wha happened a year ago

happened a year ago. There is one other person I wish to share many thanks, for in just a few short moments he taught me what this year is all about. It was in April of this year at the Massioun State Convention. All of the activities were completed and people were departing for home. I was taking with State President Brid Haspeople were departing for home. I was senager, witer, several members of the senager, witer, several members of the senager, witer, several members of the bissout if the how of us would walk to the hospital across the street to visit. Tom bers, as we were walking over, they asked if I would present Tom with a Save recoverd at the connection the major before 1 save of the walk of the hast hard walk of the data walk of the hast hard has dress and walk of the hast hard has dress and walk of the bissour to the senager of the bissource of the senager of the hast hard has dress and the senager field and the walk of the walk of the field asys prior to our visit, doctors before have before the would never walk and be have a before the would never walk and be have a before the would never walk and be have the happiest one in the com. Not necessarily because of the tact that I gave tim the award, of the is haved, when the happiest one in the read ward, an ead, the interpret the hard hand has the happiest one in the read ward an ead of the interpret the hard the hard has the hard has a hard has a set of the tact that I gave tim the award, or the hard the hard has the hard has the hard has a hard has the hard the hard has a hard has a hard has a hard has a hard the hard has a hard has a hard has a hard has a hard the hard has a hard the hard has a hard the hard has a hard the hard has a hard has hard has a hard has hard has hard has a hard has hard has a ha he had won an award. He was excited he had won an awaro. He was excited because that achievement proved he was one step closer to a dream come true. Tom told me that next year he was going to walk across that convention stage and receive his proficiency award. All I could say was, "I believe you can do it Tom "His response was, "... I have to, (looking down at his teet) I can accept no limitations."

Let me ask you, what are your limita-tions? Oo you think they could be men-tal? Are you failing short of your goals simply because you are failing short of giving them a chance?

Never be afraid to dream dreams. I Never be afraid to dream oreans. I don't want to suggest that we live in a dream world. I can promise that dream make the world a much better place to live. Whether you will admit it to yourthe "the alternative of the second se high in a national contest of vectome a recipient of the American Farmer de-gree. Nor should everyone by, But you must realize that if you don't do it, someone else will. One thing that is evi-dent is that each of us are born with a certain amount of God given talent and ability. And because of that all of us had what it blee to be successful in our what it takes to be successful in our what it takes to be succession in our own areas of expertise. It's called po-tential! Potential must first be tapped by a dream. All that holds you back are those self-imposed limitations.

In your quest for the top, by not fo measure your sciences on other happole's standards, buil on your own standards. For you must leve with the outcome of your own efforts in each of lite's events. Only you can choose the rewards of a lite well-wed, chosen by the drams you dram. Goals you set and deeds well-dome. Today, topy when you draws, the thouse who wait, but. It's always the thouse who wait, but. It's always the thouse who hauts and got the mires if we load with a cell the then do y the people who hauts and get them first. If we too mot that anothing in lite is ree. Nothma worth having You've got to work, had for all you il ever get tho the owner of the most our of lite. Drawn draws of high tashionable accomplishments Give your own guarante.

Regardless of how many years of life God blesses one with, life is still a term of service. A tour of duty to better our world by bettering ourselves. Dn fhe wall of my Mom's beauty shop hangs a plaque which reads:

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change

change, courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.

Lord, will you give me the comprehension

to understand the thoughts of my own mind?

Is it love and joy which I'm seeking to find?

Put words in my mouth to express the teeling in my heart.

Lord t don't mean to ask you to live out my tite. Just give me some direction to

start " for me it alisanted with a dream in the second sear of the second row two years ago. I stand before you today as proof that sometimes dreams do come true. After the last twelve months I fully before in that capaton, "Hoppy are true." In sa lact—that I have yet to to apy the poince to make them come true." In sa lact—that I have yet to write a novel on the best seller's list. Nor have I climbed the pask of Mt EVerest and I have never othed around the earth or even salled around the earth or even salled around the sall have lottimbed in the future farm sa National Officer in the future farm

Now, as my ser in office quickly comes for a close, I could leave you with many learned this year. And if this year teaches me nothing else it has taupht me that, "Happy are those who dream dreams." But even that is not enough. If you truly desire to excel in the, my trends....

You can never give up, never surrender and absolutely, accept no firmitations! Graham Boyd, Route 1, Box 5, Pinetown, North Carolina 27865, (919) 927-3320.



"Let Yourself Go!"

Nanci Mason 1984-85 Southern Regron Vice President

Just about eight houtsand eight houtsat stryt-six hours have passed ance I lirst ran up onto this stage to stand with Brad. Wh heat must have been beating motion. Michael and Silve dash up the starte top on us. In a matter of minutes we were elected as the 1984 eS National FA Officer Team. Soon after that we were whisted awy for a internet What a feeling Can you magne what must have been going through our munds?

In a tew days it was back to reality and I'm once again walking across campus at Mississippi State to meet with Physics 1103 Everything is back to normal.

I think Studying for the tinals I would soon be taking seems to be especially difficult to do—even more so than usual! What is about to happen to my ever so predictable lifestyle? What have I gotten into this time? Am I ready tor this?

this? Letting go yes, that's it Turning from the taken for granted familiarities of lie and trying something totally new, exciting and unpredictable No. It isn't easy to do, but we'te taced with deersions to make similar to that time and time again. Do we then forsake the convenence of routine for the thrill of the unpredictable? Sure we do't

upperculated bar for me, one adventige toload by val another from Brenham to South Weymouth, Ringoft to Casade I, almovid gave up on snow sking on the burny hill at 49 degrees borth Durng hild at degrees. I at least time I (et) a blue (National Blue, of course) spot would remain from my new blue gans Five months lafer fin andra, Natoraka, solving the problems of the vorid with Joe and the others of the vorid with Joe and the others of

the two nives FFA cliques. Why is it that I am reminded of these things? Simply because the main elements which have made this year so worthwhile are the characteristics that you, my trends, have shared with me The way you give of yourselves and deeply care for others often shines like a beacon on a moonless night.

All of the aforementioned combine with the other aspects of our lives to make America what it is today. It was just a month ago when my nine year old sister, Vikki, asked over lunch one day while I was home, why we (my parents and I) think that the United States is such a great place to live. Nearly in unison we responded. "Because we are free, here, in America."

What does it mean to be free? Just what is the attriction we call reedom? Di course most American otteras can reice parts of our constitution, with all of its conditions included whether or not history the submitted of the for history tells us that we may worship as creates if reedow (it's part of the for markets freedow of all is the ability and capability to be ourselves—individuals sharing and carring for one another. If was this that led our predecessors to make the discovery of what we know as the American Dream, Just as we cannot replicate the discovery of what we know as the American Dream, Just as we cannot replicate the discovery of what we know as the American Dream, Just as we cannot replica and priveges that are ours as U.S. otcens and the possibilities of what we can ability each of the discover are endiess Yes, it's almost that easy. The tast approximation work officult to take—tetting our reservation spotated non-servation spo-

that once's seemed only to be insurmountable levels of achievement Acting as a young spokespersion for the angrultural industry for the last twelve months. I have become very closely lived or name's biocalluristic. In addition to these problems al home, we have wintessed several in indents caused by vanous ferrorist groups which have methatic actions and the several indents caused by vanous ferrorist groups which have even ourselves several indents caused by vanous ferrorist groups which have even ourselves say somewhat sarcatieadly. "Things could be vorse?" only to counter these comments with thoughts the contrary and we worder. Yes, I must plead outh as accused. Will you? Leven with these of dincates fails seen to the burded states of America' No other place can offer us the satisfaction the using at country and be coltened which and as a deferrant. For the seen our theore shall defend the states which head us to the experime of schedult at drass a deferrant. For makes the success all the more worthwhile in the end What we really have the action shales to Panere. I hone the action shales to Panere. I hone the actions as a deferrant. For it makes the success all the more worthwhile in the end What we really have the action shales to panere. I hone the action shales to be putter Robies of the spectron shales to be putter Robies of the shales to shouldn't at as a deferrant. For it makes the success all the more worthwhile in the end What we really have the accurrence and shales to player Robies of the spectron Robies and each other, and that, my trends is all be other shales to pour ow wy? "Where, but here, more there Robies and the Robies of Robies and the success of the here Robies and the shales to player Robies and shales to player Robies and the shales to player Robies and shales to player Robies and the shales to player Robies and shale to player Robies and

Amenca—trom Aaska to Pwetro Rico and trom the state of Mante to Havaii In a tew short days 1'll waik off this stage for the last lime. It wort is be too long and 1'll thid myself walking across campus at Mississipol State again, but mundate task of going to classes and studying not quarks so routine. Because we, yets you and I, are pioneers as we seek to tuilifl our own dreams and desires Just as I've seen you do filts you have a dream don't He anything dim I. keep hoping. Keep Trying—the sky as the limit!" And may God continue to bies you all

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"If It Never Rains . . ."

Brad Bass 1984-85 Western Region Vice President

Little lowers never worry when the wind begins to blow And they never never cry when the rain begins to lait Though it's wet and o's ocid soon the sun will shine again then they't smile unto the world ion their beauty to behold When the clouds begin to gather and the storms begin to grave Little lowers don't complain tho they're lossing to and tro Or I guess they've learned the secret

they don't iret because they know It it never never rains then they'll never never grow.

So let it rain, let it rain let it nour

Let of trouble keep on knockin at my door It we learn the right from wrong it will help to make us strong Lord please help us learn the

secret even little flowers know

then we'll never never grow

With only a lew waining moments left as an active FFA member, I lind myself in the struggle searching for the words to capaulize the last seven years I have spent in an organization from which I have greatly benetited in the search for the closing houghts, I chose words fron the song which you just heard. "I If Never Rans."

In investment details a speech to the mass which fails from the bearens so which fails from the bearens by a sub-the details of the second second barrest. Travelling this year, I have seen the importance or rain in the adjuculture industry for yielding bumper crops or drought stricken crops. The havest which I speak of though will not be measured in bushels or tons, but yet in the apottal action possesses.

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There is no doubt that we are expenseing a storm, and hough we may be tossed to and fto we can persever and bosed to and the we can persever and the served that those who take adversities are often those who and up with the great successes. Persent the server and the server persent, but you as an individual can make those differences in the tuture. You have the chance to make an impact upon people, multisk, conderring my adbaceting thoughts conderring my adbaceting thoughts conderring my adto be serverity years old on-terthin of my tab would have been spent in the FFA.



however, the one-tenth spenf in the FFA has prepared me for fhe rest ot my lite To serve, communicate, and produce in fields ot agncuffure

It is not by chance or late that I am here today As a Greenhand like many of you, the seed was planted and nurtured by a man which I came to admite Charles Stretcher was just I hart mam. my vocational agnoulture teacher who cultivated me as an individual I was but a httle flower enduring the storms, the droughts, and the cold.

This speech has to be dedicated to many of the thousands here today. As I traveled this year 1 often mely young people with that gimpse of nurtured seed. Seeng the chagin and bewilderment of why circumstances prevaled upon them to initical aloss, 1 often could see that person taking the loss and making it a success

In anyore's tile there is a time when there is the question of should continue. Progressing through the FFA becare something began to enough in the early years of FFA. The offoces, contests, applications all came easy, but at times I wondered is this enough With guidance from advisors, I worked towards my gaal of state president. Freshman to senior, I had grown gits as little flowers eventually mature.

As easily as the maturity care with only line, it was not inong before a set back Towards the end of my senior year I learned of my dear friend's struggle to combat cancer. Mr. Stretcher had workds ob hard for me as well as thousands of IFA members throughout the a man slowly demised from the disease. It could have been easy for me to work though the stage in San Antono to give that speech and eventually boccome state president in Texas Agan, in Lubbock, where I preside, the memory of Darks Starkder, slayed with me, encouraging me to trykern lotay, I rele Itala presence with me, and reliect to a saying which says, "Success comes by not being me best, success comes to mot short presence of the say much difference as Charles Strether had over the years, I wanted that opport (unity)

Today, before thousands, I have that last apportunity to make a difference as an FAA member to you. It is my hope that you realize, on matter where you are in life, as an FFA member or not, that you must grow and reach the potential that exists within you. When the winds begin to blow, when the rain begins to fail, and you're tossin to and ito on't worry, the suit will share again. There is a new day which dwarts for you and the proud American heritage of agand the proud American heritage of agdifference. Left if rain, because without, will only remain the same and slowly begin to wither. Take those tough times,

"Look to this day tor it is lite the very lite of lite. For yesterday is but a memory and tomorrow is still a vision But a day well lived makes every vesterday.

yesterday a memory of happiness and every lomorrow a vision of hope."

Live to your potential, nurture your dreams, and thank God for all your freedoms and blessings which you so freely enjoy

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International FFA Participants



Work Experience Abroad (WEA) participates cooperatively with over 25 countries on every continent to give FFA members an opportunity to travel and learn different agricultural practices by living with a host famity. WEA also places to reign incoming students on farms across the United States.

WEA Outbound Students

Stution: Dickey Jo Hunt, Tracey Sloncen; Gallkernas: Kelly Cumingham, Mke Konmagham; Colerado, Rhonda Brandt; Connecticat: Rose Mane Ballet, Alyson Bager, Etzachan Duchar, Folker Ballet, Alyson Bager, Etzachan Duchar, Folker Ballet, Alyson Georgie: Rick Mumbel, Illinoits: Jerry Gafter, Randy Gigl, Jeff Kaser, Julie Becky Steffiels, Todd Telford, Paul Xava, Reutsky, Berly Steffiels, Bantel Jones, Terry Pankrat, Dawn Russell, Paul Zdek, Kentucky, Berl Davis, Louisiana, Dscar Taylor, Massachaetts: Kown Koty, Ackerman, Kim Balle, Kriste Bogart, May Buschette, Catherine Corey, Jim Frangan, Todd Laer, David Telfer, Missourit, Chi-Chi Kieeman, Moslana, Taylor, Mariana Vacaro, Tenvior Soptait, New Jercer, Pandy Bubchmitt, Mich Novak; Itew Yort, Jennifer Brum-Forgan, Kinel, Betsy Peter, Kan-Skone, Mariana Vacaro, Tenvior Sopten, Santen, Barby, Peter Mar-Skone, Mariana Vacaro, Tenvior Sopten, Alariana Vacaro, Tenvior Sopten, Alariana Vacaro, Tenvior Sopten, Alarian Avacaro, Tenvior Sop-Jim Gaee, Alard Barbie, Mike Recker, Kerri Ryan, Dregon: Dennife Brum-Brunos, Kandy, Kevin Huose, Errol McCary, Frank Pranti, Laure Repblin

WEA Inbound Students

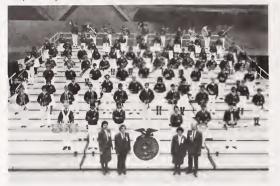
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National FFA Band

Sponsored by Carnation Compar

FFA musicians directed by Roger Heath, Boulder, Colorado, presented a great variety of musical selections after having been together less than a week. Mr. Heath was aided by Assistant Director Gene Engler; Chaperones and Assistants to the Director, Mrs. Gene Engler and Mary Health Members were selected from audition fapes and brought together for fl for the first fine on Sunday before the convention to practice the music they would perform throughout the convention.

Alabama: Brent Bridges, Scottsboro, Bassoon; Arizona: David Keys, Mesa, Trumpet, Arkansas; Gary McWilliams, Prescott, Tuba; Connecticut: Karen Johnson, Scomer, Flute; Georgia: Tommy Brown, Hazlehurst, Percussion;



National FFA Chorus

FFA members from all over, audifioned by tape to become members of the National FFA Chorus are directed by Stan Kingma, Vineland, New Jer-sey. Dthers involved with the National FFA Chorus were: Dwen Robbins, Accompanist and Assistant Director, Butch Taylor, Assistant Director, Marilyn Kingma, Chaperone and Assistant to the Director and Mrs. B utch Taylor, Chaperone and Assistant to the Director. Chorus members arrived early for the infense practice necessary to provide the quality entertainment experienced by those in attendance of this national convention

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These are the highest honors for FFA members in production agriculture and agribusiness. Regional stars are picked from the many applications for the American Farmer Degree. Each Star received \$2000 and each tegional star received \$1000. The Stars were announced after the Stars Over America Pageant which included a multi-image audio-visual presentation on each regional star's program. 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



Star Farmers

Nike Arends, 21, son of Roger and Oeloria Arends of Willmare, Minnesota, is the 1955 Central Region Star Farmer of the National FFA Organization. Arends farms 900 areses of corm, oats and soybeans and produces 500 pigs a year through this farment with his grandfatter corport, agreement with his grandfatter individuals who have earned two FFA proficency avarsts, one in agricultural mechanics and the other in crop production.

David C. Sutherland, 20, son of Hugh and Irees Sutherland of Hobart, New York, is the 1958 Eastern Region Star Farmar to the National FFA Organization Farm, a 150-cover registrater division dainy farm. Two years ago, David, his father and torthori-milaw pooled their assets and formed a partnership with dainy and formsplant saw well as artiticial insemination to improve his herd.

tical insemination to improve ns netc.) John Edwards, 21, son of Jerry and Becky Edwards of LaPoliette, Tennessee, is the 1985 Southern Region Star Farmer of the National FFA Organization. He Jams: 250 actes of Jand and operales a herd of 53 registered dairy coveplements his income by working as a local American Breaders Service represealing the plant of the souther tobacco seed bed starization.

seed besisterilization. Brynn L. Tueck, 19. son of Jerry and Mary Lou Tueck, of Melba, Liabo, is the 1985 Wastern Region Star Farmer of the National FFA Organization. Thuesk began the Supervised Occupational Experience access of Leornia and thres Holskishin hellers. Today he assists this older brother and father with a 900-cow dary operation and 1,800 acress of latila, field corm, barley and potatos. He owns 101 Theo Sass of forming a limited pathership with his father and brother.









Star Agribusinessmen

Tim Price, 21, son of David and Mary Price of Bloomington, Wisconsin, is line BSS Central Region Star Agribusinessman of the National FFA Organization. The Argentist of the Argentist Starting and time of Massey Frequeson. Sperry New Holdman and White Farm equipment is the responsibility of Freq and his brother, while his mother serves as accountant, and his tahter is the manager of the business.

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Scott Cachran, 20, son of Fred and Louise Cohrhn. Lowna, Giorgia, Is the 1985 Southern Region Star Agritosition. Cochran has been working at Whitworth Fed Mills in Jaxonia since he was a sophomore in high school. Since then, he has been prioritoid from yardman to mechanica and finally mill mage As mill guest school as competitive bodien purchases and grain purchases.

Paul Burrell, 21, son of Bryan and Mary Sue Burrell, Fairview, Oklahoma, sithe 1985 Western Region Star Agribusinessman of the National FFA Organziation. Burrell has veer 524, 000 invested in his lamily owned John Oeter dealership, owns 116 head of beef cattle and farms 410 acres of wheat, attalfa and pess. He is Studying agricultural economes at Oklahoms State University.





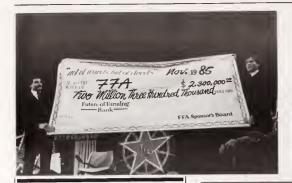








 Star Agribusinessman of America-Scott Fred Cochran, Lavonia, Georgia





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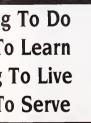
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"We believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others."



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FA CONVENTION









Building Our American Communities Spansored by R. J. Reynolds Industries, Inc.



Building Our American Communities (BOAC) awards recognize chapters who have committed all their members to making their community a bet ter place to live and work through special community improvement projects

National Winner (Eastern Region)—Marion County, West Virginia Region—Marion County, West Virplinia The Marion County FAC Abapter. Far-mington; West Virglinia, is the winner of the valatora IFA Saliding Our American Community (BOAC) program. Bringing orgosprity to helic community through recipient of the community through included a tourist lisk-off week, beauti-fication projects, a litter watch program, and sponsored "Prosperity Through Tourism Award". The 110 members also sponsored a campaign to secure also sponsored a campaign to secure train, purchasker, reconditioned and plead over \$2,000 worth of anhue meshiney in a museum and promoted machinery in a museum and promoted community pride by recognizing a county tamily with a "Pride Winner award each month.

2nd Place National Winner (Southern Region)—Avon Park, Florida

Region—Aven Park, Florida The Aven Park FA Chapter, Aven Park, Florda, Is the 2nd Piace National Win-ner of the FA Building Dur American Communities (BDAG) program. The chapter Inhibated various projects to the thing a hog barn at the county fair, dou-ting a hog barn at the county fair, dou-ting the size of an 18 variety cirtus arboretum, developing a 15 acre wildling conservation area, complexing forest demonstration area, complexing conducting a chapter safety program. conducting a chapter safety program The 62 members of the Avon Park FFA npleted 63 home improvement projects

3rd Place National Winner (Western Region)—Duck Valley, Nevada

The Duck Valley FFA Chapter, Owyhee, Nevada, is the 3rd Place National Win-ner of the FFA Building Our American Communities (BDAC) program. The chapter continued a reservation reforest-ation project by planting 1500 lodge

pole pine seedings and restored a con-demend 1912 schoolhouse for use as a community hail. The 44 members also constructed iron handrails and cement access ramps at the elementary school and Senior Citizens Center, implemented a computer program for reservation land use planning and sponsored a Hunter Salety Course. use planning Safety Course

4th Place National Winner (Central Region)—Cabool, Missouri

Region—Cabool, Missouri The Cabool FA Chapter, Cabool, Mis-souri, as the 4th Piace Nitional Winner of the FA Building Dur American Communities (BDAC) program. The Angher's 6E members and over 300 volunters constructed an Agricultural Mechanics Laboratory which awed the Iceal actional distinct over 3200,000. The Mechanics Laboratory which awed the Iceal actional distinct over 3200,000. The vacuum of the Agricultural distinct over 300 and the A

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Silver

Alabama: Dale County High; Arkansas: Lake City; Callfornla: Polytechnic; Colo rado: Delta; Delaware: Caesar Rodney; Milford; Florida: North Fort Myers; Sar-Miltord; Honda: North Fort Myers; Sa asota Junio; Illinols: DeKalb, N.W. Suburban District 214-211; Shannon; Union; Amboy; Warsaw; Blufts, Salem Winchester; Clintor; Findlay; Iowa: Val ley; Creston; Fort Madison; Starmont; ley, Ureston, Fon Madison, Starmont, Louisiana: Crowley High; Carencro; Massachusetts: Assabet Valley; Essex; Michigan: Charlotte; Minnesota: Sher-burn; Truman; Mississippi: Mantachie; East Marion, Missouri; Sarcoxie; Moun-tain View-Birch Tree; El Dorado Springs; tain View-Birch Tree; El Dorado Springe Montana: Fairleid; Polson; Nebraska: North Bend; Ravenna; New Yant; Shakauya; Narth Caroliaa: Fairmont; Dhio: Mami Trace; Neu Lesington, Indian Valley High; Mississinava Valley; West Musk-Hunten; Untrace, Terrett, Prod. Creak-Hunten; Untrace, Terrett, Prod. Creak-Hunten; Untrace, Terrett, Prod. Creak-Hunten; Untrace, Terrett, Notano, Santa, Hunten; Washington, Mountain View; Zillah; Wisconsin; Mount Horb; Bonner: Morroz: Green Bay; Southwest Bloomer; Monroe; Green Bay Southwest; Hustisford; Mishicot; New Holstein; Wy-omino: Encampment-Loch Leven

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BOAC Achievement in Volunteerism Award Winners

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These awards are to recognize individual service in chapter BOAC activities. The following individuals were acknowledged at the 3rd Nation Conference on Community Development September 14-18, 1985 in Washington, OC.

National Winner-Jeff Saharsky, Green Bay, Wis

1st Runner-Up-Stuart Keller, Jr., Franklin Grove, Illinois 2nd Runners-Up—Matthew Smith, Bowling Green, Ohio; Jamie Moore, Wallace, West Virginia

National Finalists

Alabama: Oan Ouincey, Midland City; Florida: Walt Carter, Avon Park; Indlana: Dennis R. Hughes, Hudson; Iowa: Mark Eischeid, Algona; New York: Tammy Bell, Burke; Washington: Brian Hunbes Elma

State Finalists

Alaska: Whitney Bruno, North Pole; Arl-zona: Billy Kennedy, Roll; Arkansas: Chris Grimes (alt), Lake City: California: Malinda Barton, Van Nuys; Connecticut: Laura Wimpfheimer, East Granby; Colo-Laura wimpmeimer, Lass Granby; Colo-rado: Larry Thompson, Cedaredge; Del-aware: Eddie Webb, Milford; Georgla: Terry Duncan, Canton; Hawali: Shirley Kaneshiro, Kalua; Idaho: Ricky Lee Price, Boise; Kansas: Jeth Otbott, Wash-ington; Kentucky: Scott Travis, Taylorsy, Wiscossin Y, Wiscossina: David Comsaux, Orow Ny, Minar: Scott Dovid, Caribou; Mayland Steve Staly (al), Clear Spring, Massachusetts: Junniler Leiphon, Massachusetts: Junniler Leiphon, Sherburn; Mississippi, Royse Kamahur, Nebratur, Mississippi, Royse Kamahur, Berburn; Mississippi, Royse Kamahur, bool; Mentana: Dusty Sturm, Poloon; Nebratska: Mirk, Kellig, Ravenna, Ne-vada: Ralph Jim, III, Owyher; New Yadar, Balph Jim, III, Owyher; New Yadar, Balph Jim, III, Owyher; New Yadar, Balph Jim, III, Owyher; New Yadar, Ralph Jim, III, Owyher; New Yadar, Ralph Jim, III, Owyher; New Yadar, Ralph Jim, III, Owyher; New Yadar, Balph Jim, III, Owyher; New Yadar, Chang, Chang, Cariban, Cariban, Faimonti, North Dakota: Tom Exner, Yosiatti, Dakhama: Steve Wada, Pur-cell; Oregen: Frank Water, Astolic Penergivana; Ann Kins, Britsburot, Kingstown; Soeth Carolina: Duvid Richar, Britt, Barthan, Suth Dakota: Brad Ruden, Groton; Tennessee: John Do-er, Barthit; Tennes, Javer Valenzuela; Barthar, Barthar, Bartharushar, Bartharusharu Kang, Bartharusharu, Sutharusharu, Bartharusharu Kang, Bartharusharu Sang, Yasharusharu Kang, Bartharusharusharusharu Kang, Bartharusharusharusharusharusharu Kang, Sang, Kang, Huden, Gröton; rennessee: John Do-zier, Bartlett; Texas: Javier Valenzuela El Paso; Utah: Maxwell Berry, Lehi; W mont: Daniel Juaire, Swanton; Virginia Kerri J. Hively, Broadway, Wyoming: Kathleen June Mowery, Saratoga

National FFA Chapter Safety Awards

Sponsored by Dow Chemical U.S.A. and the Farm & Industrial

Chapters presented with a gold, silver or bronze Chapter Safety Award showed superior efforts in promoting and insuring health/safety in their communities, homes and schools.

Gold

Alabama: Dateville High; Florida: Sarasota Vo-Ag; Illinois: Bluffs; Winchester; Sycamore; Nokomis; Indiana: South-Sycamore; Nokomis; Indiana: South-western-Hanover, Iowa: Buffalo Center-Bison; Kentucky: Spencer County: Min-nesota: Truman; New Mexico: Goddard Raton; Dhio: Miami Trace; Bowling Green, Dkiahoma: Garber; Altus; Tennesse: Bradley; Bartlett; Texas: Ysleta, West Virginia: Marion County; Wiscon-sia: Deomark

Silver

Avioner Yuma: Minesic Dokub: Brownstown: Wateman: Indiaaa: Woodlan; Prairie Heights: Jowa: Prairie Casade: Kanaas: Hild Dy, Planville; Kentucky: Lyon County, Michigan: Daniote: Minesotic Cannon Fals, New Um, Missumir, Docola, Dowensville Superior, Lenky Newaa: Duck Valley; Wells; New Jensey: Warren Hils; New Jone: River Valley; Newaa: Duck Valley; Wells; New Jensey: Warren Hils; New Jone: River Valley; Fisal, Endonesis House: River Valley; Fisal, Endonesis Etabolisticom, South Badeta, Utah Milard Eagle; Virginia: Essex, Broad-way; James Wood, Stonewal Jackson en Genta, West Virginia: Laskson en Eine West Virginia: Hampshire um Eine; West Virginia: Biomer, Monroe; New Holstein Arizona: Yuma; tilinols: DeKalb;

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FFA Saves Lives!! New "BRAND 'EM TO SAVE A LIFE" Safety Emphasis

Launched at 1985 Convention!

A new FFA safety emphasis entitled "Brand 'Em to Save a Life" will assist in educating America's farmers of the three leading causes of farm tractor fatalities. A special idea booklet, tractor decals, farmer brochures and report forms will be mailed nationwide in January. Look for them and plan ahead for "Brand 'Em to Save a Life" month in March!

Decals which feature a red heartshape with the words-"Be Careful, We Love You! Your Family will be provided. In addition, a brief list of the three leading causes of farm fatalities will be included on the decal: tractor rollovers, runovers and unguarded power take off entanglements.

This special emphasis is sponsored by International Harvestor and J I Case. The National FFA Safety Program is sponsored by Dow Chemical Company U.S.A. and the Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute.



National FFA Chapter Award Program



This award is for chapters who have reached the rating level of a Supp for Chapter by organizing and conducting an exceptional program of ac-tivities that provided valuable experiences for their members. Each chap-ter was judged on performance in 11 areas: Supervised Occupational Experience enterprises, cooperative activities, community service, leader-ship development, earnings and savings by members, state and national activities, conduct of meetings, scholarship, public relations, alumni rela-tions and recreation. Chapters were ranked gold, silver or bronze for their accomplishments

Gold

Florida: Sarasola Vo-Ag, Trenton, Blountstown; Cheffland Senior; Driando-Colonial, Illinois: Sycamore; Amboy; Franklin Center; LeRoy; Bushnell-Praine City, Indiana: Benton Central; Clinton Central; Iowa: Butlao Center/Bison; North Linn; Creston, Linn-Mar; Algona; Manchester; Webster City; Praine; Kansas: Marion; Hiawatha; Kentucky: Spen-cer County, Morgan County: Olcham County; Calvedle County Hojn, Barren County, Brecknridge County, Maryadar Sumawck Senor; Damascus; Minne-sela: Truman; Cannon Falls; New Ultr; Missouri; Ultroin: Doecola; El Dorado Springs, Nebraska: Th' County; Wavery; West Holt; Leght: Ohle: Mississinawa Valley; Miami Trace; East Clinton; New

National FFA Alumni



The 14th National FFA Alumni Convention was held in conjunction with the National FFA Convention. The Alumni Convention serves as a busi-ness meeting for the over 26,000 members in almost 1,100 local affili less. These members generate support for vocational agriculture/FA while motivating and inspiring FFA members in local, state and national levels of leadership, competition and individual personal growth. Lexington; Maplewood Area J.V.S.; Oklahoma: Elyim: Altus; Cental High; Konawa; Stoud: Pennsylvania: Lower Dauphin; Ceda Crest, South Dakota: Rosiyn; Groton, Tennessee: Poli, Powe el Valley; White House: Cheroke; Rhea Courty, Wooduuy, Westwew, Badley; Tezas; Cleburne, Baytown-Robert E. Lee; Catalien; Clear Crest, Utier, Millard Eagle: Virginia: Broadway: Spotswood cage; vrgina: toraaway; Spotswood, Montevideo Intermediale; Strasburg; James Wood; Washington: Elma, Wis-consin: Denmark; Bloomer, Marshfield; Monroe; Delavan-Darien

Silver

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ris; Nevada: Ruby Mountain; New Jer-sey: Altentown; New Mexico: Goddard; Aztec; North Carolina: Bartlett Yancey; sey: Altenovom, New Mexice: Goddard, Acte: North Carolina: Barriell Vinaccy: North Iredell: Chase, North Luncin: Kerni Debric, Jace Maryonik, Bury, Burk, Maryon Debric, Jace Maryonik, Bury, Burk, Maryon Talawanda, Arnanda-Clearcresk, Oka-homa: Laveren; Solfert, Wakis, Main; Broken Arrow, Prague, Springer, Guth-Reit, Newkirk, Corpon: Eigin: South Caro-lina: Ooman, South Dakota: Fandrasu; New Karo, Corpon: Eigin: South Caro-lina: Johnson: System Longer, Burk, Store, Tori Defanes; Luene Park, Stoneward, Jackson Junior, Washingdon: Wisconstn: Scholiel O Cleverest; Grantom, Malikon, New Holsten, Westby, Janesville-Parker; Clear Lake; Storen Bay Southowst; Wyaning: Duene Bronzee

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Heights, Kentucky: Apollo: Louisiana: Denham Springs High: Midland; Natchi-toches Central High: Dak Grove High, Maine: Easton, Presque Isie: Wichigan: Lakers; Ubby, Bryon, Dwosso: Charlotte, Hopkins; Coruna: Minnesota: Pipe-stone: Lakefield, Willmar, Missiesippi: Neshoba Central, Carthage: Anony, Mis souri: Four Rivers AVTS; Washington, Souri: Four Rivers AVIS-Washington, Owensville, Halfway: Carl Junction; Au-rora, Chillicothe; Cass County Vo-Tech, Mouni Vernon; Montana: Fairlied; New Hampshire: Much-To-Do; New Jersey: Warren Hills, New York: Lisbon; Sidney, Hampshire: Much To Do. New Jersey: Warren Hils, Wer Vark: Liebon: Sidney, Chateugay, Nerth Carolina: Creswell: Weit Carter, Punceton, Nerth Dakola: Solion Valley, Lisbon: Maddock A.S. Mathematical Carolina (State States) New York (States), Solia (States), Solia (States), Neurona (States), Solia (States), Solia (States), Solia (States), Solia (States), Frankston, Nacobaches, Westaco, Soliybaria, West Vin-gina: Caroli County, Electron Frost, Valia (States), Soliybaria, West Vin-gina; Caroll County, Back Hawk-South Ware



National FFA Alumni Presidents The 1985-86 National FFA Alumni President, Gary Maricle of Columbus, Ne-braska received his gavel from retiring President, Jay Householder.

Outstanding FFA Alumni Affiliate Awards

The FFA Alumni recognizes FFA Alumni attiliates for their outstanding accom-plishments in supporting and serving vocational agriculture/FFA.

National Winner—Bushnell-Prairie City tilinois

Runner-Up-Buckeye Vattey, Ohlo

Gold

Kansas: Washington; Kentucky: Apollo; Nebraska: East Butler, West Point, North Carolina: South Rowan; Okla-homa: Owasso, South Dakota; Flandreau: Wisconsin: Blair, Denmark, Lancacte

Silver

Kansas: Hill City; Minnesota: New Uim; Montana: Missoula; Nebraska: Norfolk; Washington: Yelm/Rainier; Wisconsin: Black Hawk, Sunng, West De Pere

Bronze

Georgia: Gikmer County; Indiana: Delta, towa: North Polk: Maryland: Walkers-ville; Mississippi: Carthage; Missouri: Milan; Montana: Fairtield; North Caro-lina: Drange County









Outstanding FFA Alumni Achievement Awards

Exceptional leadership and supenor ac-complishments in service to vocational agriculture/FFA and the agriculture in-dustry are recognized by the National

FFA Alumni with this award. This year the recipients were Monte Reese of Kan-sas and Phyllis J. Sokolosky of Oklahoma.

58th National FFA Convention PROCEEDINGS

November 14-16 1985

Agricultural Proficiency Awards



Proceedings

A national winner was announced in each proliciency award areas during the Apricultural Proliciency Awards Pageant Friday evening. National win-ners were announced with brief siles shows of their projects while on stage. These members show the skills needed to develop the potential of their Supervised Occupational Experience enterprises.

A star by the name indicates the national winner in each proficiency area

Agricultural Electrification

Sponsored by National Food and Energy Council, Inc.; Klein Tools, inc

★Central—Bryan Seidel, Altamont, Illinois Eastern-Curt Wells, Anna, Ohio Southern-Kyle Hearn, Opelika, Alahama Western-Patrick Beck, Yuba City, California

Agricultural Mechanics

Sponsored by J I Case, A Tenneco

Company Central-Clyde Zelch, Rosebud Aissouri

Eastern-Lynwood Everett, Kinston, lorth Carolina

*Southern-Randy Wright, Avon Park

Florida Western-Vincent Nunes, Merced Calilornia

Agricultural Processing

Sponsored by National FFA Foundation General Fund Central-Roudell Weber, Cuba City

Wisconsin ★Eastern—Jeffrey Simmons, Penn Yan, New York Southern-Billy Edwards, Jefferson Georgia Western-Karen Scheuble, Brooks

Agricultural Sales and/ or Service

Sponsored by Deutz-Allis Corporation

Central-Steven Fevold, Gowrie, Iowa Eastern-William Boothe, Fawn Grove, Pennsvivania Southern-Marty Wootten, Ider

Alabama

Western-Jennifer Henderson, Rough and Ready, California

Beef Production

Sponsored by Nasco International. Inc. and Sperry New Holland

Central-Rich Falkenstien, Oswego Kansas *Eastern-Ronald Parks, New Concord,

- Ohio Southern-Mike Ouke, Munford
- Alabama Western-Steve Jensen, El Reno Oklahoma

Cereal Grain Production

Sponsored by Du Pont

Agricultural Chemicals ★Central—Bryan Hayenga, Kings, Illinois Eastern-Daniel Hale, Galena, Ohio Southern-John Janes, Oak Grove, Louisiana Western-Michael Klann, Flagler

Dairy Production

Sponsored by New Idea Farm Equipment Corporation: Alfa aval, Inc.; Agri-Group, and American Breeders Service

Central-Gary Van De Hei, OePere Wisconsin -Barbara Miller, South Wood-

Eastern-Barbara I stock, Connecticut Southern-Oensie Smith, Arab, Alabama ★Western-Kevin Gomes, Tulare,

Diversified Crop Production

California

Sponsored by Cargill, Incorporated

- ★Central—Bruce Boyum, Wanamingo Minnesota Eastern-Todd Kelly, Newport, North Carolina
- Southern-Andrew Nash, Greenbrier Tennessee Western-Bryan Smith, Tipton Oklahoma

Diversified Livestock Production

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

★Central-Mike Spitzbarth, Fennimore. Wisconsin Eastern-Bob Niederman, Hamilton,

Ohio Southern-Marty Coley, Lafayette, Tennessee

Western-Shane Frost, Randlett, Utah Feed Grain Production

Sponsored by Pioneer Hi-Bred

mational, Incoporated + Central-Scott Travis, Taylorsville Kentucky

Eastern-Arthur Taylor, New Holland, Ohio

Southern-Pat Malphurs, Alachua, Florida Western-Michael Newbanks, Yuma,

Fiber Crop Production

Sponsored by The Shell Companies Foundation, Incorporated and Valmont Industries, Incorporated

★ Southern—Cindy Carmack, Gates. Tennessee Western-Scotty Scott, Seanraves Texas

Floriculture

Sponsored by The Lerio Corporation; and The Paul Ecke Poinsettla Ranch

- Central-Daniel Cremeans Ashland Kentuck Eastern—Peler Ramsay, Southington, Connecticut
- ★Southern—Todd Wilkinson, White House, Tennessee

Western-Tina Holder, Klein, Texas



Forage Crop

Sponsored by Hesston Corporation, United Agri Products, Gehl Foundation, Inc. Northrup King Company

+Central-Mike Pachta, Belleville, Kansas Eastern-Oereck Atkins, Troy, North Carolina

-Marshall Johnson, Harro Southern-Mars gate, Tennessee

Western-Jeff Chachere, Dayton, Texas Forest Management

Sponsored by Weyerhaeuse Company Foundation

Central-Scott Davis, Spencer, Indiana Eastern-William Wright, West Green wich, Rhode Island Southern-Jeff Boutwell, Oaleville

*Western-William Schlosser, Bremer ton, Washington

Fruit and/or Vegetable Production

Sponsored by Briggs & Stratton Corporation Foundation, Inc.

Central-Nancy Trecker, Carrington North Dakota ★Eastern-Bill Lamalie, Fremont, Ohio

Southern-Gary Rogers, Jr., Webster, Florida Western-Busty Kaulman, Spring

Home and/or Farmstead Improvement

Sponsored by Upjohn, TUCO,

Asgrow and Cobb, Agricultural Division of The Upjohn Company Central-James Maher, Milan, Missouri

- Eastern-Aaron Wood, Graffon, West Virginia ★Southern—Kevin Turner, Chunchula, Alabama
- Western-Donald Games, Yakima, Washington

Horse Proficiency

Sponsored by The American Quarter Horse Association

Central-John Larsen, Redwood Falls. Minnesola Eastern-Robert Overholt, Montvale, Virginia

uthern-Robert Burns, Jr., Ralph, Alabama Western-Oenise Ruhl, Kingfisher, Oklahoma

Nursery Operations

Sponsored by Weyerhaeuse **Company Foundation**

Central---Glenn Switzer, Northfield,

*Eastern-Wayne Beal, Jr., Bridgeton, New Jersey Southern-Michael Panter McMinnville Tennessee Western-Cindy Tryon, Dateland, Arizona

Oil Crop Production

Sponsored by The Shell Companies Foundation Incorporated

+ Central-Kurt Kottke Buffalo Lake Minnesota Eastern-Frank Howey, Jr., Monroe, North Carolina Southern-Michael Sumrow, Halls Теппессее

Western-Lawrence Jones, Oavton

Outdoor Recreation

Sponsored by the National FFA Foundation General Fund

- Central-Phillip Muench, Lancaster, Wisconsir *Fastern-Matthew Smith, Bowlinn Green, Ohio Southern-Ray Hornick, Avon Park,
- Western—Paul Tingley, Mt. Vernon, Washington

Placement in **Agricultural Production**

Sponsored by CIBA GEIGY Corporation and Claas of America, Inc.

- Central-William Wysocki, Custer, Viscons
- * Eastern-Richard Keyser, Jefferson, Maryland Southern-Kyle Savage, Gainesville, Georgia

-Steve Thompson, Ardmore stern Oklahoma

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Poultry Production

Sponsored by Kentucky Fried Chicken of Oklahoma; Red Brand fence/Made by Keystona Steel and Wire Company; and Pilgrims Prida Central-David Dallon, Washburn

Missouri

Easlern-David Harrison, Bradford, Ohio ★Southern—Randall Hewitt, Mayo, Florida

Western-Kevin Jervis, Midwest City,

Sheep Production

Sponsored by Carnation Company—Milling Division and American Sheep Producers! Council, Inc./Sheep Industry Development Program, Inc.

Central-Bartley Marshall, Allen chigan Fastern-Nancy MacCauley Atolen Pennsylvania

Southern-Kelly Ware, Longville, Louisiana

. –Kimberly Knutson, Clyde ★ Weslern—Kim Park, Monlana

Soil and Water Management

Sponsored by Ford Motor Company Fund

Central-Marcus Moore, Winchester, litinois ★ Easlern -Matthew Sowers, Burkittsville,

Maryland Southern-James Maxey, Natchiloches Louisiana

Western-David Vap, Newkirk, Dklahoma

Specialty Animal Production

Sponsored by the National FFA Foundation General Fund

Central-Shavne Ulmer, New Haven, Indiana Eastern-Adrienne Shaffer, Knoxville, Maryland

Southern-Bart Hains, Rayne, Louisiana * Western-Chris Snyder, Tacoma, Washington

Specialty Crop Production

Sponsored by R. J. Reynolds Industries, Incorporated

Central-Kyle Petersen, Murdock Minnesota * Eastern-Kelly Freeman, Bennett, North Carolina Southern-Brian Ralliff, Limeslone Tennessee Western-Matthew Guidotti, Soledad, California

Swine Production

Sponsored by Pfizer Inc. + Central-James Gardner, Cave City Kentucky Eastern-Rodney Herr, Gettysburg Pennsylvania Southern-Clint Oliver, Reidsville Georgia Western-Lyle Blakley, Dologah, Dklahom:

Turf and Landscape Management

Sponsored by O. M. Scott & Sons Central-Mark Hilligoss, Sharpsville,

Indiana -Charles Hughes, III, Grifton * Eastern-North Carolina Southern-Kevin Kovac, Dak Grove, Louisiana Western-Charles Ahsmuhs, College Place, Washington

Wildlife Management

Sponsored by Philip Morris Incorporated

* Central-Dennis Thireault, Blackduck Eastern-Nathan Moody, Zanesville, Ohio Southern Alabama ern-Stanley Clarke, Delta Weslern-Christopher Clements, Pi cacho, New Mexico



Each state is eligible to be represented in the National FFA Contests held during the convention. These contests let members demonstrate the skills and knowledge developed in vocational agriculture and FFA in a competitive spirit. Teams are ranked gold, silver and bronze in an undesignated order, except for the announce ment of the first place team and high induvidual

Farm Business

Management

Sponsored by Deere & Co.

First Piece Tasm—Glenn Anderson, Dan Snyder, Bruce Henson; Mandelia, Minnesota

High Individual-Gary Lockell, Lynden,

Sponsored by the National FFA Foundation General Fund

First Place Team—Maurice Teague, Joel Didham, Sean Webster; Bear Creek, North Carolina

High Individual-Sean Webster; Bear Creek, North Carolina

Floriculture

Contest

Contest

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Agricultural Mechanics Contest

Sponsored by Firestone Trust Fund

First Place Team-Neal Harrell, Jim Young, Doug Schieffer; Troy, Missouri

High Individual—Neal Harrell; Troy, Missouri

Dairy Contest Sponsored by Associated Milk

roducers. Inc First Place Team—Tina Larson, William Dinse, Liz Zeman, Dwalonna, Minnesota

High Individual-Tina Larson; Owatonna, Minnesota

Dairy Foods Contest

Sponsored by Mid-America Dairymen, inc. and Patz Sales, inc. First Place Team-Deena Maxwell,

Sandy Harvey, Anissa Willhelm; Atascadero, California High Individual—Anissa Wilhelm, Atascadero, California

First Place Team—Michael Druitt. Dwaine CowenI. Randy Pilgrim; Richton, Mississippi High Individual—Michael Orutt; Richton, Mississippi

Forestry

Contest



Sponsored by Homelita Division of Textron, inc.; Tample-Eastex, inc.; and Hammermili Paper Co.



Livestock Contest

Sponsored by Purina Mills, Inc. First Place Team—Ron Fläharty, Don Randall, Canssa Wreden; Atascadero, California

High Individual—Carissa Wreden, Atascadero, California

Meats Contests

Sponsored by Geo. A. Hormel & Co. and Oscar Mayer Foods Corporation

First Place Team-Lani Leavill, Sleve Simmons, Judy Ellison, Clovis, California

High Individual—Judy Ellison; Clovis,

Nurserv/ Landscape Contest

Sponsored by American Association of Nurseryman, inc.; Wholesale Nursery Growers of America, inc.; Kubota Tractor Corporation; and True Value Hardware Stores—Professiona Lawn Care Program

First Place Team—Christy Youngblood Jody Harris, Gary Hart; Bear Creek, North Carolina od

High Individual—Christy Youngblood, Bear Creek, North Carolina

Poultry Contest

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

First Place Team—Tonya Skaggs, Doug Archer, Jesse Horton; Springdale, Arkansas

High Individual—Tonya Skaggs, Spnngdale, Arkansas

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The National Apricultural Career Show is a cooperative effort of the National FFA Organization, trade associations, professional societies, educational institutions and agribusiness firms. Exhibitors demonstrate new products, answer questions and give conventioneers an overview of today's agriculture industry from products to career opportunities. Those exhibitors with numbers in parentheses after thern anne were reconside at the Officer-Delegate-Career Show Schibtor's Luncheon for having consistently displayed their product or service for a number of years at the National Agricultural Career Show.

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Public Speaking Contests

Extemporaneous Public Speaking

Sponsored by American Farm Bureau Federation

Burbay receration The national winner was chosen from four regional winners each of who presented his or her speech from the stage of the Miniopal Audionum's Music All Finday morning. The national winner was then anonunced fruitay evening before the conventioneers and spain presented their winning speech, Contestina had 30 minutes to pretare a lour to six minute speech on agriculture using the participant's knowledge and the printer resources. Judging was based on quality, delivery of the speech and ability to answer questions from judges.



Hatbeal Winer—Jim Willox, Dougless, Wyoming First Rume-Up—Billy Wood, Nastiville, Arkansas Second Rume-Up—Glen Enander, Frankfort, South Dakota Third Rume-Up—Carl I. Merchant, 8loomery, West Virginia

"The Implications of American Trade Policies For American Agriculture"

American agriculture is in a time of crisis Farm prices are down and the American tamere's monole is low. What has caused the problems that the American Farmers are in and what can be done to solve them are questions that are heard across this country and across the world. What has caused the American tammer's problem? One of the American tammer's problem? One of the been over production. But, that is behind us and wan sust leam from that and look to the future. But what can be done now and in the future to ensure better angicutural economy. Trade polcies with other cautivities and the future is with other cautivities and the future valuable and politable to the American Tamer and to the world's targets ecopert or of apticultural goods. We expert or with the world's targets ecoper or of apticultural goods. We expert or with the world's targets ecoper to experi-tural goods. We expert or with the world's targets ecoper to experi-tural goods. We expert ower 48 8 billion (dalin's world of ecogy). Done Hind the world's appicture exports come from the United States. Yett, it is not we do to insure we all know there are people starving in this world. What cause A function and an experiment of the starts and the American farmer must be the world's appiced and the American farmer must be the world's appiced and the American farmer must be though and the American eso that you start, is communication Recently delegations from the United States is were written and the American China working out vays and taking with three counties in order to estation that is be trade to a largements we can read an data wery pool market (to beel and for grann Japan, but due to their integer pollems and working with valuable trade agreements a full work for many people, hut what it does is not more the start in the out of the origin the start in the start working with valuable trade agreements a full work for many people, hut what it does is not must be origin and the origin the start is does in the start in the start in the start in the start working with valuable trade to the start in the start working with valuable trade to that it is does in envirous the origin at th to buy apricultural goods. What this program does is in the end result the country ends up paying this much, the famer receives this much and the governmett makes up the difference and the set of the set of the set of the payer methy the set of help improve American agriculture exports. Because the country is having the set of help improve American agriculture exports. Because the country is having the sign of the base and the American Tamer is happy because he receives a fair process of the set of the the set of the sign of the the United States is still the sign of the set import of action the sign of the sign of the United States is still and of the 10.9 billion is competitive with American to and competitive the American to and the United States. Thereby making it more competitive the American to and the United States. Thereby making it more than the states of the solution that the theorem of the solution to the set of the solution of the solution to the set of the solution of the solution that the solution of the solution to the set of the solution of the solution that the solution of the solution the solution of the solution of the solution that the solution of the solution the solution of the solution of the solution that the solution of the solution that the solution of the solution of the solution that age amanution, could provide to the the solution of the solution of the solution that age amanution the solution of the solution the solution of the solution of the solution the solution the solution the solution the solution t

Prepared Public Speaking

Sponsored by FMC Foundation

Four regional winners wrote and presented a six to eight minute speech related to agriculture before the convention on Thursday affer noon. All four were judged upon third elivery from the convention stage, content and composition and their ability to answer questions from the judges. The national winner was announced during the Friday evening coverision session.

Hatten Wenz-Lee Hores, Tease Fissi Rhamerlup-Joseph Wi Gulfer, Bolfin Winpinis Second Runner-Up-Josey Bulfer, Smitholle, Tennessee Thrid Runner-Up-Anthony Ostome, Springlied, Kentucky

"Exports and the American Farmer"

Ouring the summers when I was small I would sit with my grandfather on the lawn of his farm house. As daylight would creep away into night, he would tell me stories of farming life These stories were full of the hard times as well as the good times. The stories were funny and at times, said. However, the one thing that stays in my memory of these stories is the pride load feel coming from my grandfather. This was a probe built on the inveltiop due has a done something inveltiop due has a proceidand and that the country, as a whole, understood the impact of his work. My grandfaher also due taked of the history of agriculture. He was proud that this country had its beginnings in an economy that was predominantly agrarian. However, this pride that came from my grandfather's stories has been replaced by despair.

Since our nation's beginning, the unparalleled gains in American agriculture have resulted in a broader choice of nutritius loods available for a declining portion of income. The inevitable results from a failure to provide adequate diets are political and economic instability, a comprised national security, and ultimately chaos.

Ity, and utilimately chaos. Today as we watch the news on television or ratio newspaper headlines, we learn about the pilpht of the American farmer. They are in critical financial trouble. The products do trouble. The products do Apricultural exports are a major determiner of farm income. Over one dollar Apricultural exports are a major determiner of farm income. Over one dollar States farmers comes from export sets. In 1683. United States farmers are cont of their ottom corp. and for the exposided enough of these commodities to supply four lowers of transit, and the farmers states exports provided enough of these commodities to supply four lowers of transit, and the farmers and the set of the set

In addition to the farm sector, agricultural commodity exports provide nonagriarian community. These lobs are in the areas of processing, assembly, and distribution. Every dollar received from farm exports is more than doubled in the economy. In 1983, \$43.8 billion worth of farm exports generated over \$88 billion in total U.S. business activity.

Rising agricultural exports have been a major lactor suppressing the United States' trade deficit in recent years The agricultural trade surplus in 1983 stood at \$26.5 billion as exports of \$43.8 billion offset \$17.3 billion in imports. The nonagricultural trade



account was in deficit by \$56.6 billion. Agricultural exports are important to our economy for reasons besides the income and jobs they create in agriculture. The narrow trade surplus helps strengthen the American dollar, which reduces the prices of imported goods and contributes to a lower inflation rate.

The importance of exports to American larming is apparent. The impact that federal government has on the United States farm export market is inescapable. Previously, the United States government offered programs to enhance United States exports. Our government must continue to develop these types of programs if our farmers are to survive.

Since the 1950's, the United States Operatment of Apriculture has operated a variety of programs designed to increase apriculture exports. Centered in the Foreign Agriculture Service of the United States Operationent of Agriculture, the programs include cooperator programs, expedit incentive program, and the Agriculture Attache program, and Programs, expediture Sarvice operates the export cradit programs.

Under the concessional croft law, Title 1 of Public Law 460, the United States extends long term dollar crefts to eligible countries at low interest rates with repayment periods of up to the state states and the state states at the top of the state states and the states states and the states and the states states and the states and the states states and the states and the states and the states programs are credited with common states are considered and the states and the states are not and crafts commonties, Kores and Taiwan are the such crafts.

two such cases, Even with these and other export incentive programs, fam income has staadly declined during the past three vars. The United States Department of Agriculture has improved efforts to expand fam exports in order to secand an exports in order to the Repand Andhenisticnion in its propoed fam legislation for 1958 through 1990 has called for incertainties in the port money for fames. This proposal calls for a year by year dudicutor in during the themselves by they are dudicutor in during the themselves by they year 1990. The work that the federal government is doing in the field of exports must not be hampered by this action.

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allow this to happen? A country's stability and growth depend on its ability to feed its people. Our government must not turn a deal ear to the famers' problems. It must strive to keep prices up and surplus down for the sake of the fumers and for the sake of the United States.

In 1776 the United States was founded on a principle. The base of that principle was agriculture. Let us not cast aside our roots. Our strength is in and continuing improved growth in this area, famers like my grandlather can again feel the pride that comes from knowing they are appreciated and that the help they need to keep the United States like work's supermarked is there. 58th National FFA Convention PROCEEDINGS

Delegate Business



It was moved and passed by the delegates of the 58th National FFA Convention to raise the national dues to \$3 00.

The delegates also adopted the following as proposed by the National FFA Board of Directors: Add: States meeting their quota (of American Farmer Candidates) may submit up to five (5) additional, ranked, qualified candidates for consideration to fill quotas not met by other States.

All the committee reports were approved and the delegates unanimously coepted the new state charter of Washington, DC.

National Convention Committee Reports





Auditing Committee

We, the auditing committee of the 58th National FFA Convention, recommend to the National FFA organization

The audit report of Stoy, Malone and Company found satisfactory and meeting the requirements of Public Law 740 for the fiscal year of September 1, 1984 to August 31, 1985, be accepted

2) A condensed financial report he 2) A condensed innancia report be again distribute to each official delegate. The report should include balance sheets of assets and liabilities, statements of revenue and expenses, and changes in fund balances as taken from the audio's report with the addition of a simplified, concise summary of total revenue, total liabilities, and under and over

A full auditor's report be availa upon request from the National FFA Center

4) The FFA dues be expanded only within the FFA organization We thank Mr. David Miller, National Treasurer, and Mr. Wilson Cames, Administrative Director, for their help and guidance in our committee meeting

Respectfully submitted Respectfully submitted: 1985 Auditing Committee Anthony Osborne, Kentucky, Chairman Drew Fletcher, New York, Co-Chairman Karen Hurst, Florida, Secretary Linceln Dahl, Nevada Shawn Newport, Michigan Kathy Equires, Hawaii Breit Neynolds, Idaho

Collegiate Aa Ed Development Committee

We, the members of the 1985 Colle-giate Ad Ed Development Committee after having been oriented to the cur-rent conditions of the collegate level of membership, feel that these conditions can be improved. After having deliber-ated on the proposed recommendations set fourth by the 1984 Collegate Ag Ed Development Committee and the advice diac computations we have accordinged of our consultants, we have concluded that many of last years recommenda-tions are worthwhile and should be reconsidered. These are.

1. The Collegiate FFA be the umbrella for all collegiate organizations affiliated with the National Future Farmers of

America. 2. Establish a national scholarship pro gram (trust) under the auspices of the National FEA Foundation to recognize outstanding leadership and academic oerformances

performances. 3. We suggest that the annual meeting be held each year in Kansas City, Mis-souri simultaneously with the Nationa Convention of the Future Farmers of

America 4 The Board of Directors and National 4 The Board of Directors and Mat Statf initiate the appointment of a National Collegiate FFA Advisory Committee of Agricultural educatio leaders at the January 1986 board meeting

In addition, we proposed the foli

1 The national program staff develop a collegiate information and recruitment brochure promoting collegiate FFA. 2. The National FFA Executive Secretary distribute a leffer to exits state association encouraging 11 to involve collegiate FA chapters in a many state activities as possible. 3. National FAF soundation FAF soundation for luture collegiate awards. 4. Recognize outstanding collegiate organizations and members at the National FAF contaction and in the National FAF contactions and the National FAF contaction and the National FAF contaction and collegiate FAF workshops in the Networks that data Stillwater, Okahoma Aon finality works that data tary distribute a letter to each state

And finally, we propose that state associations encourage collegiate FFA chapters to pay state dues in order to increase state membership.

We, the members of the 1985 Colle-glate Ag Ed Development Committee, alter considerable discussion, feel that these recommendations when acted

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upon will greatly improve our already well-rounded collegiate FFA organization

Respectively submitted Holly Craig, Dregon, Chairman Jimbo Coleman, Georgia, Co-Chairman Cheryl Helmeid, Wisconsin, Secretary K C Jones, New Mexico Brad Carlow, Texas

National Contests Committee

We the National Contest Committee of the SBN National FFA Convention of the Future Farmers of America, in hopes of paparing leaders for the new tional agriculture, and to continue the betterment of our national contests, which provide the youth of our organi-zation with the skills and abilities to commend the following individuals for the plexep agriculture #1, would like to commend the following individuals for assisted our infolmate contests program. assisted our national contest program

We would like to thank, Mack V. Smith & Alan A. Kabler, Dept. of Agn-cultural Education, Iowa State Univer-sity, for developing the report on "Edusity, no developing the report of redu-cational objectives and administrative critena lor the National FFA Contest program "George Wardlow and Glen Boettcher, University of Minnesota, for developing the research report on agrib-usiness education and related incentive programs.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the committee which con-ducted the study on the possibility of establishing a National Parliamentary Procedure Contest. We commend you on your hard work and conclusions. We the National Contest Committee, after careful discussion and analysis submit the following recommendations:

Callel discussion and analysis bothin the following commendations: mention on the appendix of the National mention on the appendix of the National establishing this contest on the national networks of the National mention of the National Appendix Heel. We fell this is a contest of great importance and should include such areas as join increaves, including some parliamentary procedure. Such a con-pende that are valuable in the agricul-tural indixtry. 2 We recommend that a National Agri-culture Marketing procedures be akills in marketing agricultural commose facilities and operating Dordsking the Board of Directors as a possible future analonal contest.

from a committee to investigate the possibility of implementing horse judg-ing as a part of the National Livestock judging contest 4. That new areas such as landscape

4. That new sreas such as landscape design be implemented into the Nur-sery/Landscape Centest in order to test its students ability to apply his/her knowledge in practical structures. Vention planners that the National Extemporaneous and Prepared Public Speaking Contests both should have the opportunity to present their finalists before the national convention in the bloce that have recently been implemented mented

6 That the possibility of a National



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Crops Judging Contest be studied by the Board of Directors or by an appointed committee to determine value of establishing a National Cr Contest. mine the

Recognizing the need for stronge Recognizing the need for stronger writing ability in our organization and the agriculture industry we the commit-tee feel that in the near tuture we may need to implement a National Essay contest or strengthen some of the critie rai in the National Public Speaking Contests

And last after reviewing the possibil-ity of holding a National Creed Contest, we the committee, feel it would not be effective to support such a contest. We feel that learning to recite and answer guestions about the FFA Creed is a pre-Questions about the PPA creat is a pr liminary exercise to prepare and develop an individual for the National Prepared Public Speaking Contest or the National Extemporaneous Contest

We would sincerely like to thank ou consultants, Mr. Robert Crawley, Arkansas State Advisor, and Mr. Arkansas State Advisor, and Mr. Richard Wilkins, Delaware Executive Secretary, for their tremendous input and contribution to our committee. Du sincere gratitude is expressed by our committee to the National FFA Board of Directors, and you, the participants in the National FFA Contests

Respectfully submitted, Damon De La Pena, Arizona, Chairman Jones Lottin, North Carolina, Co Chairman Michelle Miller, South Carolina, Secretary Matthew Kirkpatrick, Indiana Anthony Kuloloia, Hawaii Mike Johnston, North Dakota Greg Messenger, New Hampshire Troy McCue, Colorado

International Committee

We, the International Programs Committee of the 58th National Convention of the Future Farmers of America, in hopes of promoting WEA International Program, submit the following recommendations:

tollowing recommendations: 1) Develop a thank you letter for the United States Information Agery for their helg and support in International Programs Irom the National FFA Digmitization. 2) Forward to state stalf information about grants available through the National FFA Digmitization by such methods as Ag (EG) Network The National FFTDRE FARRER Negation. Jumni nervisiters, and other

The National HTURE FARMER Hegala. Journin revesters, and other publications such as revestetters 3) Recommend past participants, inbourd participants and state associations put on workshops and side shows at state conventions 4) Recommend state associations to develop WEA Alumin programs. 5) We request a motivational workshop for WEA at the national convention.

convention. 6) Inbound participants be recognized at State President's Conference and more participation from

them. 7) Develop a WEA program for the Washington Conference Program. 8) Develop on the national level a special project awareness week including international programs. 9) Encourage WEA participants to seek college credits 10) Recommend more audio-visuals for WEA programs to be used by states and chapters through the mail order system.

order system. 11) Dfter discount programs for

red a set number of host families. 12) Have host tamilies recognized secured on the state level

on the state level 13) Work with national and state alumn for more WEA awareness. 14) Feature articles on inbound and outbound host families and participants in **The Netional FUTURE FRMIER Magnata**, Alumn: Newsletters, Between Issues, Update, Ag Ed

Network, and state newsletters 15) Secure WEA host families through the alumni. 16) Recommend the past WEA

participants to make contact with members, state officers, possible host lamilies and other people interested in

the WEA program. 17) Have the international 17) Have the international department send pre-written articles to state FFA offices for use in their respective state FFA publications: 18) Reinstate the luncheen for In and Outbound participants and deligates at the national convention. 19) Encourage WEA Alumni to promote International programs. 20) We of the International Committee hour later unon nurselves

Committee have taken upon ourselves to personally thank the United States Information Agency by composing a

We as the International Committee wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Saralyn Johnson— Program Assistant for the International Program Assistant for the Internationa Department and Steve Brown from the Missoun State Staff Respectfully Submitted Lisa Moss, Chairman, Indiana Justin Awil, Co Chairman, Alaska Justin Avil, Co'chairman, . Tim Barry, Louisiana Lisa Bryan, North Carolina Loninda Hall, Rhode Island Rector Miller, Tennessee Andy Butler, New Jersey

Membership Development Committee

We, the Membership Development Committee believe that recruitment and retention of FFA members must be given a high priority at all levels, for the on going growth of our organization.

Publicity, aggressive recruitment and a challenging Program of Activities are the key factors in developing membership. In order to meet these ends, we propose the following recommendations

13 Membership development be

 1) Membership development be incorporated as a 12th Standing Committee in the Program of Activities. 2) Encourage the national organization to professionally develop a resource kit for the recruitment of members. This kit should provide members. This kit should provide chapter members with recruiting materials for junior high students, non-FFA vocational agriculture students and with resource material for high school counselors, administration and parents 3) Membership development idea sharing sessions be incorporated into the 1988 WOP, NLCSD, and the State

the 1986 WCP, NLCSD, and the State Presidents' Conference 4) National FFA Organization promote the development of articles spotlighting former FFA members in their perspective careers. These professional profiles should be used in protessional proties should be used in state and local magazines and newsielters to encourage the public awareness of the scope and impact of vocational agriculture and the FFA.

vocational agriculture and the FFA. 5) The national organization review and research the effectiveness of the 10+ program 6) We would like to commend the national organization for their assistance in compiling this report

We believe that the adoption of these recommendations will initiate a significant change in the current membership trend and will insure the continued quality of the Future Farmers of America

Respectfully Submitted, Respectfully Submitted, Tom Hemmer, Kansas, Charman Julie Hess, Pennsylvania, Co-chairman Neal Perry, Vermont Ann Henkels, Minnesota Kelly R. Smith, Kentucky Shawn Peterson, Montana David Parmer, Alabama Steve Davis, California

National Awards Program Committee

We the members of the 1985 National Awards Program Committee, recommend the following

 We recommend that the National Convention Planning Committee continue showing 8-10 slides of National Proticiency Award winners and to make copies of these available to FFA chapters for motivational C-

FA chapters for motivational purposes. 2. We encourage all chapter, state, and national award winners to send thank-you's to national award sponsors 3. We recommend that pulp wood be considered under the Fiber Crop Proficiency. Award and Chnstmas trees be considered under Specialty Crop

Area. 4. To increase proticiency award opportunities for members involved in agnicultural business, we encourage development of a Professional Placement in Agricultural Business Proficiency Award. 5. We recommend that BDAC.

5. We recommend that BOAC, National Chapter and National Chapter Salely awards be made available on computer discs

computer discs 6. We encourage chapters to use the new Student and Advisors Handbocks to help build stronger SDE programs. 7. We encourage all chapters to use ethical practices in applying lor national avards. 8. We recommend to build more llexibility mito proficiency award applications and to increase the apportunities to list leadership and coporarity a citivities.

cooperative activities. 9. To help the national staff, we recommend that all national award applications include a space for the chapter identification number. 10. We would like to thank Mr. Kevin Keith and Miss Adele Lemke for

this committee meeting Respectfully submitted, Scott Symken, Texas Po Driscoll, Michigan Don Hayden, Washington Teresa Hendrix, Arkansas Kurt E Gehrke, Connecticut, Co-Chairman Kevin Paul, Wisconsin, Chairman David Wright, Virginia

National **FFA Alumni** Committee

We, the delegates serving on the National FFA Alumni Committee wish to express our thanks to Robert Oox, Jay Householder, Gary Mancle and Contributions to our committee. We also want to thank these Alumni members who have worked on our behalt throughout the past year We feel that a strong FFA Alumni is of vital importance to the development teet that a strong FFA Autimin is of vital importance to the development and continued growth of past and pres-ent members and other friends of the Future Farmers of America.

The National FFA Drganization realizes that the key to success for the national, state and local alumni atfiliates 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

a continue to overage strength and support in governmental affairs. a. Maintain the vitality of the governmental affairs committee by rotating it's membership and by keeping two intems on the national level. b Encourage national, state and

b. Encourage national, state and local atfliates to develop a video of successful individuals intal are products of the program explaining how the pro-gram tast helped them and how the pro-ducts to be used as part of a plan to solicit membership and support from. (1) Local government officials a. tocal school bacent members b. other school administrators d town, village and city officials (2) Direc comunity interest groups

(2) Other community interest groups husiness community a business b parents

c. those who have been in vo-ag
 d. other community leaders.

 Suggest alumni affiliates work close with state officer teams by:
 a. Request that the National Alumni Newsletter be sent to each state

office (1) The state president be mailed a copy of all alumni correspondence (2) Suggest that a workshop be presented during NLCSD's dealing spe-

cilically with alumni relations. (3) Suggest that each state recog-nize at their state FFA convention the outstanding alumni aftiliates in their state

(4) Suggest that a list of successful alumni activities from all states be compiled and distributed nationally to all alumni affiliates and State FFA

all atumni affiliates and State FFA Associations. (5) Suggest that invitations be sent to atumni to put on workshops at state conventions and vocational agriculture teacher conterences and that they be willing to meet and work with state electric staff

staff 3 Encourage Washington Conterence Program coordinators to allow more time to the alumni to explain the impor-tance of their program 4 Request that the National FFA

Alumni distribute information directly into the hands of FFA members and eir parents by working cooperatively ith The National FUTURE FARMER

Magazine 5 Encourage local alumni to work with the FFA chapter in recruiting potential FFA members

We also encourage state officer teams to become Legion of Merit Award winners and challenge them to work toward receiving national recognit tion by the entire officer team by becoming lifetime alumni members.

We, the National FFA Alumni Com-mitte, hope that these suggestions will help to continue producing leaders for the new fields of agriculture

Respectively submitted. Crystal Wooton, New Mexico, (Melissa Lopes, Massachusetts, exico. Chairmar

Melissa Lopes, massacrase Co-Chairman Richard Brock, Connecticut Duane Weems, Mississippi Eugene Rodberg, towa Mary Alden, New York Randy Meyer, Wisconsin Nancy Crane, Missouri Jay Hays, Texas

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There's someone else





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rative activities.

their support and cooperation during

58th National FFA Convention PROCEEDINGS

National FFA Convention Committee

We, the members of the 1985 National Convention Committee, on behalf of the delegate body, after care-tid revaluation of the 58th National FFA Convention, wish to extend our sincer-est appreciation to those hard working individuals who have made this conven-tion a next screee. tion a great success

1. Our National FFA Officers---Steve Meredith, Michael Gayaldo, Graham Boyd, Nanci Mason, 8rad Bass, and Mike Barrett Mike Barrett. 2 Our National Executive Secretary

2 Our National Executive Secretary Mr Coleman Hams, our National Advi-sor Or. Larry D. Case, and our National Treasurer Mr. David A. Miller, 3. Chuck Duggar for the opening invention.

Chick Duggal for the opening invocation
 Richard L. Berkley, mayor of Kansas City and Harold Adxins, Executive Vice President, Agricultural Hall of Fame for heir warmth and hospitality in velcom-ing us to Kansas City, Missouri
 Mr. 72 g Zglar tor his inspiring and molivating remarks which gave our connections or not short.

convention a great start 6. Mr. Bart Conner for his continu support and optimism of the FFA

ganization Mr. Carl F. Gerhardt for his optimism Mr. Call P. Gernards for his optimise and leadership, as the 1985 Chairman of the Foundation Sponsors' Board.
 B. Mr. Bill Munsell for his ambotious optimism for the coming year as the Chairman of the Foundation Sponsors' Academic Sponsors' Sector Sponsors' Sponsors'

Board. 9 All the sponsors in recognition of their unselfish support which has belowd our organization to grow and prosper. 10. Mr. Willard Scott of the NBC "Today" Show tor his time and support in stressing the importance of

Agriculture. 11. Todd Blackledge, Duarterback Kan-sas City Chiefs, for his comments and time at our first National Prayer

Intel at an una neurosa i rayar 12. The Horoconki Josh stock, Unice of the States Secretary of Aproduce for his works of widdom and knowledge 13. Mr. Dens Walter/ of his motiva-tional and ingeritation at the optimum FA Officer, for his contrast support and belief in our optimum for the optimum Steffer forball performer fittburg Steffer forball performer fittburg Steffer forball performer for though the The Officer (bory Stans, call Smith, Del Wood, H.C. Morgan and Razya Bally for the special

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Racy battey to user special appearances
17. Charly McClain and Wayne Massey for entertaining at the American Royal 18. The National FFA Alumni for con-ducting the leadership workshops.
19. The dedicated judges and time transport.

20. The National FFA Courtesy Corps members for their hard work and effort to make this convention successful. 21. A very special thanks to the National FFA Band directed by Mr. Roger Heath, the National FFA Chorus Hoger Heath, the National FFA Cho directed by Mr. Stan Kingma, and th National Talent directed by Don and Martha Erickson. 22. Participants, sponsors and exhit

22. Participants, sponsors and exhibi-tors of the Career Show for their tors or use Career Show for their worthwhile endeavors throughout their twenty years at the national conven-tion. We sincerely wish that this Career Show will continually grow and educate all these attractions alf those attending. 23. Illene Porath, Minnesota-the con-

vention organist. 24. All speakers at the various meal

24. All speakers at the various meal functions and leadership programs throughout the week 25. Thanks and congratulations to the Newsroom and to the FFA TIMES Statt for another successful convention 26. A special thank you to Bill Caraway for anchoring the "FFA Today." 27. All FFA members and guests who attended the 58th National FFA Convention.

Convention. 28. The National FFA Convention Committee consultant staff and state staff for their words of advice and

stan to brown guidance. 29. A special thanks to all those who helped set-up and decorate the conven

We also submit the following items as suggestions for possible improve ments in future National FFA Conventions

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

terrific year. 2. We recommend that the vespers pro-gram and its strong spiritual inspiration

be continued and that the audience be be continued and that the audience be clearly directed on their response so that they do not detract from the fabu-lous message being presented so effectively 3. Career Show

3. Career Show a We recommend that a map of the Career Show he layed out at all entran-ces to the Career Show to provide bet-ter access to all exhibits. b. We recommend that alternating rows of the Career Show he made one way to insure less confusion and reduce connection.

congestion. 4. We recommend to turther encoura

official dress to be worn while m are in attendance to the national convention. 5. We recommend that a better orienta-

tion session be looked into and the pos-sibility of small groups for more effec-tive results of the Courtesy Corps tive r

6. We rec nd that Courtesy Corps members be instructed to inform the people entering the convention sessions of the activities inside and encourage them to quietly take their seats and respect the efforts of the chorus, band spec, nd talent

We recommend that the spacing of 7. We recommend that the spacing of the delgate chains and tables be organized in a more comfortable manner. We delgate chains and tables be organized in a more comfortable manner. A subtle shall be commended that the 2000 members plus and the quests in attendance at this, the 58th National Commention continue to recognize the importance of our organization and support the young leaders for the new fields of agriculture!

Respectfully submitted, Joe Giovonnettone, Chairman, South

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Dakota David Knight, Co-Chairman, Texas Angie Ryan, Secretary, Ohio Sonia Wright, Nevada Michael Fields, Massachusetts Jose Cardona, Puerto Rico Jack Loffin, Delaware

National FFA Supply Service Committee

We the members of the 1985 National FFA Supply Service Commit-tee have reviewed the Supply Service Catalog and offer the tollowing recon ADDITIONS

Slip on collar bar w/FFA emblem Blue and gold candles tor banquets
 FFA vase tor banquets (optional

S. FFA vase for banquets (optional chapter name)
 4. Letterhead with new theme
 5. FFA rugby shirt, lettering similar to item LST
 6. Grewneck sweater
 7. Drose head

Dress bel

8 Card holder similar to compact (Item 1001) REVISIONS

Sweetheart jacket style same as licial jacket except white

2 Make embroidening available on Make entropy available on nylon jacket
 Reduce size and change location of patch on bib overalls,
 Reduce membership card to credit

car size 5. Produce n CALENDAR. duce more affordable FFA blanket

CALENDAH. 1. Specialized printing of calendar for individual states 2. Continue current program of promot-ing calendar 3. Encourage chapters to sell adver-tissment for EFA calendars as a tun-

tisement for FFA calendars as a tu draising activity 4 Possibility of having a different sponsor each month 5 Dates of national FFA activities indicated by special lettering

Indicated by special retrening This report is respectially submitted by: Brad Hasenjaeger, Missouri, Chairman Jetry A. Cole, Texas, Co-Chairman Kim Rohr, Alaska Enc Shipley, Pennsylvama Dan Poston, South Carolina Consultants: Dennis Shafer, National Statt

Statt Paul Kidd National Staff

The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine Committee

We, the members of The 1985 National FUTURE FARMER Magazing Committee, on behalf of the membership of the National FFA Dimanization wish to express our

ere thanks and apprecration to The mal FUTURE FARMER Magazine staff and commend them on a tob well done

Proceedings

We feel **To National FUTURE FARMER** has done a great tob of informing the public about the activities and purposes of the FFA, and keeping in touch with the members and the outlook of agriculture. After careful consideration, up activity the fellowing we submit the following andations

1) Continue to encourage FFA members, state officers, and state staff to send in stories and articles. 2) We encourage the magazine

staff to continue to monitor the readers We encourage putting students' personal addresses on rosters in order that they may receive the magazine at their hore.

4) We encourage vocational agriculture instructors to:

aptocilize institucizes to a) use the magazine more in their classroom curroulum. b) order extrin sisses of the slap publications of the magazine for the incoming Greenhands. c) plane Botween Issues with chapter officers and members 5) We suggest printing a special introductory sisse of Greenhands 0) We suggest that a newsetter which includes and printed quarterity issues, and information and deas, from state associations state associations

state associations. 7) We encourage the magazine to print a subscription order in each issue, and encourage chapters to subscribe businesses and members of the community to the magazine. 8) We suggest the following idea for new articles: (This will be an addition to the articles that are used member in the articles that are used members.

a) Articles that encoura

a) Anotics that bitcourage handicapped or disadvantaged students to participate in vocational agriculture/FFA. b) Have an article by/or about a national officer in each issue. c) Articles dealing with farm

financing financing. d) Articles that tell of the many agricultural and FFA scholarships offered to sludents e) Articles that discuss farm safety which includes teenage stress and alcohd, drug, and tobacco abuse f. Articles that help promote FFA resultment.

FFA recruitment. 9) We encourage success stories of past FFA members.

 We encourage the magazine staff to use good discretion in their nhc

11) We encourage the magazine staff to reach a wide representation of FFA members across the nation.

12) We encourage the Alumn ociation to submit articles and ideas

to the magazine. 13) We strongly believe in the tradition and pride which has been incorporated into the magazine and its

name

name. 14) We suggest that a year-end report be made to this committee next year which entials the progress made on the above stated recommendations 15) We recommend that the national otticers and beard of directors seriously consider a change in production policy of The National FJITURE FAMERI Magzine, including exploration Production policy of The National FUT FARMER Magazine, including explora ot independent publishing firms and voluntary subscription.

Volaniary subscription. Respectively: Submitted, Joe Campbell-Chairman, Alyoning Jody Brewer-Co-Chairman, Albann David W Shaffer, Oklahoma Norman K. Thuiston, Utah Leann Enckson, North Dakota Kathy Shininger, Dhio Steve Kavlart Vermont Steve Kayhart, Vermont Evoch Goyaly, Puerto Rico John Marti and all other consultants

National Information Services Committee

We the members of the 1985 National Information Services Committee, make the following





rendations to improve and further develop the informational services in the national, regional, state and local la

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improve the public's understanding of vocational agriculture and FFA,

of an objective study of the National FFA Center statt etticiency by an outside consultant, to aid the national statt in their daily operations

Items of concern: effective use of

Spent to work accomptioned III. Contest Relevancy The Committee strongly endorses the proposal entitled "Administrative Criteria for adding, discontinung and changing contests" compliments the people responsible for it and hopes that these suparticing will be immegraphed

IV Issue-Gathering Proposal We recommend that procedures be established to gather concerns and issues from members and alumni of all

Issues from members and alumni of all states so that they are available to all delegate committees pror to each National FFA Convention, and to be specifically addressed by the Issues Committee.

Further the committee recomm

Further the committee recommends that the National Academy of Science take into consideration the issue *il* as above as a part of their current study of agnouttural education in the secondary school. We would like to take this time to thank, Dr. Duane Nelson, Deputy Director, Divisso of Innovation and Development, U.S. Dept. of Edi ; Reb Hovis, Oho Executive Secretary, and Larry Reser, Florids Staff member.

Respectfully submitted by: 8ob Gestring, Nebraska, Chairman Annie Perkins, West Virginia,

Tami J. Craig, Illinois, Secretary Chad Barnes, Georgia

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Leadership

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Conferences

The National Leadership Conference for State Officers Committee met on November 12, DBS at 7.30 pm. in the Court B Saliscon-A. Mr. Dean Harder, baland the committee. David Valsion chained the committee. David Valsion served as co-chairman. Consultants resent vers Tory Mallike. Finded Island Association, Mancy Heininger-Vermont Association, and Nancy Schritter. New Jersty Association. Members and consultants.

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ottered suggestions and feelings about past conferences, members of the committee then shared their experien-

committee then shared their experiences ces from their respective conferences Then we reviewed the report of the 1984 committee on this subject. The

committee then began to compile a list of concerns about the leadership con-ferences. It appears below

Should a rotation date be devised? Should the format for the conference

Should there be structured recreation on free time?
 Should there be a lengthening in the recreasing in the structured recreasing in the

ference? (3 days to 4 days?) The committee then discussed the concerns, identified the probable causes

concerns, identified the propage cause and proposed solutions It was neces-sary that a subcommittee be formed t continue the committee work, the writ ing of a survey was to be part of the final report.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, November 13, 1985 at 9.00 a.m. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The subcommittee then

The National Leadership Conference for State Officers subcommittee con-veined at 9:30 p m. on November 12,

Network at 930 pm. on November 12, 1985. The committee was composed of Dean Hardrer Minnesola Association, David Walker-Mississippi Association, Debite Nabonite-Anizona Association and Lee Arnigoto-Virgina Association and Learnington-Virgina Association and Carrie Estes (Ca. Asso.).

The committee discussed the format for a date and content survey. The

format was decided upon. Work on the tinal report was also continued. The subcommittee then adjourned at 10:30.

The National Leadership Conference for State Officers committee met on

began work on a survey of dates information that is part of the con

tee's recommendation

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those suggestions will be imp in the near future.

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II. Efficiency Study

We recommend the imp

1. To encourage teacher educators to mote the successes of their vocational agriculture curriculum and vocational agriculture students in order to improve the image of FFA and the vo-ag program throughout the local

 That the national organization continue to broaden vocational agriculture and the FFA program by placing stronger emphasis on the agn-business portion of the agricultural industry just as it promotes production agniculture. This should be done through all available public relations tools

3. The State Difficers promote the chapter resource system to chapter levels so that they may fully utilize the system and its benefits.

 That the new chapter resource system be used by college level teacher educators in their teaching plans for the unapplicated association advertised. vocational agriculture education students

5. State officers give constructive leas and promote chapter participation uring FFA Week at the local level.

6. That local and National Public Service Announcements be utilized by chapters on the local level.

We would like to commend the national staft for their tremendous accomplishments in the information services area during the 1984-85 year and that they continue to promote the new and (uture, invaluable information

Respectfully Submitted Kevin Eblen, Iowa, Chairman Serena Benadum, Ca., Co-Chairman Serena Benadum, La., Lo-Char Lynn Granky, Illinois Ray Harrington, Delaware Thomas Spencer, Alabama Greg Stewart, Utah Rebecca Ferguson, Washington

Additions by delegation: That we add to report "Promotional FFA ads be published in other non-ag magazines and papers such as Newsweek, Time etc."

National **FFA** Issues Committee

We, the members of the National Issues Committee, have met to identify, clarify, pnontize and discuss the issues facing the National FFA Organization

Tacing the National FFA Drganization now as well as in the future. The recommendations for resolving these issues will lie in the control of 1 National FFA Board of Directors and student officers. We therefore submit the following report on FFA issues of 1005.0c1 the follow 1985-86!

A. We, the National Issues Committee, recommend that the National FFA Board of Directors initiate a program that will build consistent,

a program that will build consistent, high quality standards that will prepare students for all phases of agriculture including more non-production agricultural occupations. 8. The increasing of Enrollment 1. Increase enrollment by

inng interest in and greater depth and content of the vo-ag curriculum. Increased enrollment would allow mo students to take part in opportunities

2. Recommend that vocation

2. Recommend that vocations apriculture bar wixed to quality for ordel in a high school business or science craft to encourage all students who have an interest in agriculture to use the vocational agriculture class and FFA for extended learning. 3. Recommend that consideration be given to the California Standards of Duality program as a model for other states C. Image of Vo-Ag and FFA.

C. Image of Vo-Ag and FFA. 1. Promote any new or revised agniculture programs to educators, counselors and administration of all

2 We compliment the current national FFA public relations thrust, specifically the Eddie Albert public service announcements and encourage further utilization of media resources a the chapter, state and national levels

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November 13, 1985 at 9 00 in the Count B Ballcom-A Consultants Tony Malles, Narcy Heinger, and Mancy Smitzar were present. Committee members: Debbie Naborne, Carrie Estes, Lee Arrington, Terri Hames, Scotty Jacobs, David Walker (Co-Thamman) and Dean Harder (Chairman) were also present

The proposed survey was discussed and changes were made to reflect the committee wishes. The final report was read and few adjustments were made to make it clear: to the readers. The meet-ing was adjourned at 11 20 a m.

NLCSO Committee Report

Due to the failure of the National FFA Due to the failure of the National FFA. Staff to act upon the previous commit-tee's recommendations, we, the 1985 valuational Leadership Conference tor State Officers Committee require a summary of NLESD circluses and a report of the national conterfs actions not or recommendations in order for the onto a recommendations in order for the sont or meet. The following are our ipmany concerns which we strongly recommend be acted upon.

PROBLEM: Lack of flexibility to modify the NLCSO to suit regional needs, (ie) 1. topics to be covered in the program. 2. use of local resource people and facilities

RECOMMENDATION: Send survey to the state executive secretary that would best facilitate an opportunity to elaborate on the state officers needs of their respective states. (See Appendix A) A suggested survey is attached.

PROBLEM. Lack of professionalism respect to attitude and atmosphere in respect to attitude and atmosphere of selected NLCSO's RECOMMENDATION Encourage the

use of official dress and the develop-ment of the proper attitude by state and national officers.

PROBLEM: Particular as

PHOBLEM Particular associations are denied participation in NLCSO programs because of scheduling RECOMMENDATION. In order to facilitate the participating state officers in NLCSD programs we recommend to rotate the regions on the exsisting cohadule

We, the delegates comprising the 1985 NLCSO Committee upon the eva-luation of the previous year's report and our own respective conferences realize changes are needed tor future NLCSO's to be successful. As committee to be successful. As committee members we recognize this is both a privilege and a responsibility and request that the national staff address these issues with the same conviction that they were presented

The National Officers would like to have input from your state association tor your regional NLCSO Please com-

plete the following torm, indicating the areas of training which you would like

areas of training which you would like to see emphasized Preferred Topics for National Officers to cover: Eye openers, BDAC, WEA, WCP, Membership Recruitment, Prepared and Extemporaneous Public Speaking, Group Dynamics, Alumni, Flag Ceremonies.

National Leadership Conferences for State Officers Committee

We, the members of the National Leadership Conferences Committee, have carefully analyzed and evaluated the 1985 Washington Conference Program and State President Conference. With our primary objective being to improve the leadership training at these contenences of our fellow, FFA members, we do hereby submit the following recommendat -

1. We recommend that the conference staff encourage more exchanging of ideas between WCP particip icipants by a) Continuing to separate

participants from the same chapter or state when making lodging

igements. b) Incorporating tormal idea

exchanges sessions. 2. We encourage the conference staff to continue activities to develop personnal leadership skills but place a stronger emphasis on teamwork and hold more activities dealing with C000 3. We recommend that the

S. We recommend that the conference staff spend more time explaining the National FFA awards programs, activities, and services to the participants and encourage them to help the staff spend of the services to the participants and encourage them to be the service of the services to the services of the services of the services of the services of the service of the services of t relay this information on to their fellow cha ter members

4 We request that staff members ontinue to utilize National Officer's alents and skills by requiring the resence of one officer during each of the conferences and encouraging them to interact with WCP participants on a one-on-one basis

5 We recommend that advisors be 5 We recommend that advisors b encouraged to participate in the conterence by a) Highlighting the advisor program on the WCP pamplet b) Promoting the WCP Advisor

program more extensively in the NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER

MAGAZINE as well as the AVATA publications 6. We recommend that FFA members be encouraged to participate in the

a) Producing a promotional film or slide show for the Washington Conference Program and similar FFA leadership workshops

b) Giving promotional materials to the state officers at NLCSO's to utilize in their chapter visits.
 7 We recommend that the National FFA organization help alleviate the cost

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of the program by: a) Encouraging state and national alumni to provide funds for WCP

scholarships. b) Providing chapters with ideas and information to utilize while soliciting sponsors in their local communities

communities c) We encourage the national organization to negotiate with businesses in order to obtain discounted travel and lodging rates. d) We request that the national organization estimate the budget more

accurately to avoid surpluses which result in over charging of WCP

State Presidents Conference State Presidents Contennee 1 We encourage the national organization to continue utilizing National Officers as conference directors and increase the number of past national officers to share motivational and inspirational material

motivational and inspirational materi with the delegates. 2 We recommend that conference directors provide more complete educational backgrounds to the participants in the areas of vocational directors and the second se

participants in the areas of vocational education, vocational agriculture, and the agricultural industry by: a) Emphasizing the different career opportunities in Agriculture. b) Explaining the problems and possible solutions of vocational education and Vo-Ag categoria drawser asport for the

question and answer period for the delegates to discuss current agricultural

3. We recommend that co increase the emphasis on the exchange of views and methods of operation between the states lessen the emphasis on the national budget and foundation reports

a) Incorporating a formal idea exchange for participants in one of the

exchange for participants in one of the conferences sessions. b) Initiating a P.O.A exchange between state presidents. 4. We recommend that WCP counselors treat state president's conference participants in a more mature and adult-like mamers on the participants can express their maturity and undersomation.

participants can express their maturity and professionalism. 5. We encourage counselors and staff members to observe and closely follow the scheduled agenda so appointments with congressmen and senators can be upheld. To follow up the 1985 National

to follow up the 1995 National Leadership Conference, we recommend the following resolution go on record at the 58th National FFA Convention: 1. Be it resolved that the National Leadership Committee at the national

convention be provided a summary of Conference Program and the Washington Conference Program and the State President's Conterence in order to mak more educated and informed decisions 2 Be it resolved that the National er to make FFA Organization sincerely appreciate the efforts, cooperation, and support o the efforts, cooperation, and support o all the people involved in the planning, executing, and funding of the Washington Conference Program and the State FFA President's Conference. A special thanks is evended to the the State FFA Presiden's Conference A special thanks is exended to the National FFA Alumni for the scolarships they sponsored as well as the Chevrolet Oivision of the General Motors Corporation for their sponsroship of the State FFA Presidents Conference

As members of the Na As members of the National Leadership Conferences Committee we sincerely believe that these recommendations will indeed help us as we prepare leaders for the new fields of accepting. agricu

Respectfully submitted, Kevin Ochsner, Colorado, Cł Kevin Dehsner, Colorado, Chairman Charles Schare, Illinois, Co-Chairman Dave Koepke, Nebraska Jennifer Moyer, New Hampshire Arthur Hill, Arkansas Todd O'Hair, Montana Donne Alt, West Virginia Jose Rivera, Puerto Rico

National Program of Activities Committee

As members of the 1985 National Program of Activities Committee we have carefully evaluated the National Program of Activities and have made Program of Activities and nave made recommendations in the best interests of the members We thank our state staff consultants and Mr. C. Coleman Harris for their time and efforts

Harrs for their time and extons After carefully examining the 1985-86 National Program of Activities, we submit the following recommendations 1. Expose the National Program of Activities to the state associations by creating an audio visual to be presented at NLCS0 and/or State Presidents' Conference Confe

 Continue and enhance the use of promotional materials (ex PSA's, television programs, audio-visuals) to increase the public's knowledge of the educational values of FFA and vocational agriculture, especially non-rural communities.

rural communities. 3. We commend the national st for their efforts in promoting FFA, vocational agriculture, and the agnoultural industry and encouraging the development of an informational nal staff pamphlet specifically for guidance pamphiet specifically for guidance counselors, as well as a career packet to promote agricultural occupations any vocational agriculture enrollment. The material would be developed by the national staff, in conjunction with exhibitors of the National Agricultural Career Chevine and the National Agricultural ne and Career Show and the National FEA Alum

4. Encourage continued use of the Chapter Resource System and keep it

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5. Recommend states to follo National Contest guidelines for sta contests

6. Recommend that a recognition

6. Recommend that a recognition program similar to the BOAC Achievement in Volunteensm be organized for the National Chapter Safety Program. 7. Reinstate the National FUTURE FARMER Mapazite insert, regarding opportunities and awards available directly to members.

In closing, we commend the national staff for their strategic plan for utilizing our resources in those areas which are most productive.

We also commend the staff tor preparing a complete and informative National Program of Activities.

These recommendations have been respectively presented by the followin members of the National Program of Activities Committee Kathy Smulle, New Jersey-Chairman Glen Enander, South Dakota-Glen Enander, Sourr Caret Co-Chairman Melanie Mainquist, Kansas-Secretary Andy Nash, Tennessee Tony Schwartz, Dregon Schwartz, Dregon John Steelhammer, Texas Jona Kay Horton, Oklahoma

Nominating Committee

We, the Nominating Committee, have given careful and deliberate consideration to all applicants numing for national office. The committee nominates the following state of candidates to the delegates of the 58th National Convention to serve as national offices for the year 1985-86.

President—Rick Malir, Kansas Secretary—Coby Shorter, III, Texas Vice President, Central Region—Kevin Coffman, Missouri Vice President, Eastern Region—Robert Weaver, Alabama

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Respectfully submitted Bradley J. Parrish, Michigan, Chairman Jarnes D. Ringo, Washington, Courbairman James D. Ringo, Washington, Co-Chairman Brenda Kalvuda, North Dakota Kelly M. Oomelly, Rhode Island Allen J. Broussard, Louisiana Oave Schaeter, Wisconsin Terry Parrish, Florida John M. Sabastiano, New Jersey Aaron Alejandro, Texas James W. Warren, Consultant James P. Glouse, Consultant

FFA Leaders for the New Fields of Agriculture

To assist in educating the American public about the scope of agriculture and the variety of agricultural careers available, a special nationwide edu cational public relations campaign has been planned for 1986 by the Na-fional FFA Drganization. The various elements of the campaign were introduced during the convention

"Think About It" Audio-Visual

Sponsored by The Wrangler Brand

Introduced as this year's theme show and meant to be a complement to last year's "Be All You Can Oream," the

National **Televison Special**

upported by advartising from Monsanto Agricultural Products Company and two other leading agricultural advartisers, to be announced following the convention

"Agriculture in Transition" will be aired nationwide in March 1986. The special will emphasize the importance of the American tarmer and the pivotal role he/ she plays in America's largest industry The public will also be educated on the diversity of the industry and the variety of careers anriculture can offer

show emphasized the variety of agricul tural careers available today Eight min-utes in length, the show is ideal for po-tential students of vocational agriculture and the FFA

Public Service Announcements & NEW Career Brochure

Sponsored by Monsanto Agricultural Products Company

Both the PSA's and the brochure pro-mote "Over 200 Careers in Agriculture." They stress the vital, high-tech industry of agriculture and the role vocational ag-riculture and FFA play in educating America's future leaders.

NEW Food For America

Sponsored by Mobay Chemical Corporation, Agricultural Chemicals Division

This program has been revitalized and is This program has been revitalized and is ready for use in helping to educate Amenca's elementary children about ag-riculture. The program has all of the old features, but includes a new activity and color wall chart to show elementary stu-dents the variety of agricultural careers allable today

National FFA Week

onsored by Estech, Inc.

FFA Week will be the week of February 15-22, 1986 Many new items will be available. Members are urged to show your community that Vocational Agricul-ture and the FFA do indeed prepare "Leaders for the New Fields of Agriculħ.



The new Food For America materials were introduced at the convention. Three chapters trom Virginia, Michigan and South Dakota presented six Kansas City metropolitan schools with the Food For America program utilizing the new materials. materials

Chapters participating included the Bioomfield Hills FFA, Michigan; Lennox FFA, South Dakota; and the Turner Ashby FFA, Dayton, Virginia.

NEW Newspaper Special Section Kit

Sponsored by Beatrice Companies, Inc.

Mailed nationwide in January, this kit will provide newspapers with camera-ready news articles about agriculture, ag careers and most importantly, teatures on vocational agriculture and the FFA.

NEW FFA Newsbreak & Video Conventionin-Review

Sponsored by CIBA-GEIGY Corporation

Three special FFA Newsbreaks were pre-sented during the National FFA Conven-tion via FFA's closed-circuit television system. The programs brought to the Municipal Auditorium's Main Arena news about FFA activities around Kansas City City The five-minute newsbreaks were aired Thursday morning, Thursday evening and Friday evening, Bill Caraway, 1983-84 National FFA Secretary, acted as an-chorman for the newsbreaks and State FFA Reporters working on the FFA Newstroom News Corps acted as on-scene reporters.

scene reporters. Participants in the Saturday afternoon convention session were treated to a new ten-minute video Convention-In-Review. This popular show, produced in the past utilizing slides, assisted in cap-ping off a successful 58th National FFA Convention.

The people who feed America.

They don't just own the land, they're part of it. They don't just

work at a job, they live it. They get soaked in the rain, freeze in the winter, and bake in the summer

They're up in the morning at an hour when sane folks are still sleeping. They go to bed long after the exhausted have fallen asleep.

They must have the judgement of a supreme court justice, the decision-making ability of

a corporate executive, and the survival instincts of a tightwire walker.

They wouldn't take other jobs because, for them, there are no other jobs.

Everyone in America relies on them for food, but nobody ever thinks of them.

So, we're going to stop for just a minute to say two words to America's farmers Thank you.