Excitement mounts as delegates arrive

39th NAJAC is ready to roll

It’s finally here! The 39th annual National Junior Achievers Conference (NAJAC). All your efforts during the past year have led to a coveted spot on the campus of Indiana University for a week of fun and study.

"Reach for Success," theme of the 39th National Junior Achievers Conference, has been selected to spotlight the abilities of outstanding Achievers chosen as delegates and contestants by their local Junior Achievement areas. Conference Chairman Gilbert P. Folloher will set the theme in motion tonight at 8 p.m. in the auditorium, when he greets the 3,000 delegates, 350 staff members and 130 area staff persons and volunteers who have been invited for the week.

He will then turn the meeting over to the National Conference Officers—President Michael Bishop, Vice President Chip Hardt, Secretary Julie Wetherell and NAA Chairwoman Karen Hill— and the week will be officially underway.

As in years past, the Conference theme is the subject on which the National Public Speaking Contestants will build their presentations.

Since delegates are chosen from among those Achievers and officers most active and successful in their local programs, this year’s Conference theme is an appropriate one. All delegates attained a degree of success during the past year, and will reach for more by taking part in discussions and workshops offered here on various aspects of the private enterprise system.

Roughly 30 percent of the delegates attending NAJAC will be involved in competitions for national awards such as President-of-the-Year, Marketing Executive and Finance Executive. The Conference serves as a final round of competition for titles and scholarships provided by the national associations sponsoring each event.

Representatives from national business associations judge the contests on the basis of written tests, interviews and extemporaneous presentations.

This year, a new contest, judged earlier in the year, has been added to the already impressive list of competitions. Sponsored by the National Association of Investment Clubs, it is a National Essay Contest. Rules required that entrants write an essay in at least 1,000, but not more than 1,500, words on “The Importance of Stock Ownership in America.”

Deadline for submitting essays to NAJAC Headquarters was May 15, and winners will receive their awards this week.

The Conference schedule includes a wide variety of activities to reflect the many different interests of Achievers. In addition to those delegates entering the first stages of contests and validations for elections, hundreds more will work on committees and another 200 will attend the National Achievers Association meetings. Delegates will also be participating in workshops on such topics as Stock Market/Investments, Selling, and Public Speaking.

Thursday is always an exciting day. Delegates vote for their new Conference Officers at noon, enjoy final discussion groups that review the NAJAC experience, and dance 'til midnight at the semi-formal President’s Ball.

Every NAJAC is better than the one before, and with the speakers, entertainment and executive visitors waiting in the wings for this one, NAJAC should, once again, top them all.

Survival is for everyone

No Hero," but heroes come in all sizes, and Charlie’s handling of his experiences during nearly six years as a POW in Vietnam prisons surely qualifies him for the role.

Plumb grew up in Kansas. He was interested in music, drama, sports and fishing, and was always an active member of religious youth groups in the towns where he lived.

In 1960, when he left his home for the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, he became a part of the drum and bugle corps and played in the Naval Academy orchestra. His religious affiliation at Annapolis was through the Officers’ Christian Union, which prepares Naval Officers for lay work aboard ships where Chaplains are not available.

Following his graduation from the Academy, he entered flight training, stepping onto the path that led directly to the USS Kitty Hawk, bound for the South China Sea.

On May 19, 1967, he was shot down just south of Hanoi while he was on a fighter cover mission, captured immediately, and taken to the Hanoi prison complex.

During the next five years and nine months, he suffered brutality, degradation and humiliation at the hands of his captors. He became an expert in underground communica-

tion and did his best to keep up the morale of his fellow prisoners with his quick smile and words of encouragement.

In 1970, his fellow prisoners appointed him Chaplain of his prison unit, and he served them in that capacity for two years.

United Press International wrote of him, “As a POW, his body stagnated but his soul flourished.”

Plumb’s message brings pride to all Americans. It’s not a story of war, nor a diary of imprisonment, but a message telling how one man dealt with adversity, and how self-discipline, personal strength and faith can be applied in everyday life.
New National President welcomes delegates

Welcome to the 39th National Junior Achievers Conference. As the new National President of Junior Achievement, it is my pleasure to congratulate all of you on earning the high honor of representing your area in Bloomington this week. We are proud of you. You should be equally proud of your achievement.

Of the more than 227,000 Achievers enrolled in JA, only 3,000 of you have made it to Bloomington. This puts you in the top 1% of an already outstanding group. NAJAC delegates are JA's showcase of winners.

The Johnston Report On The Teen Environment, which Junior Achievement sponsored recently, reveals that peer pressure is one of the most important influences on teenagers today. I'm sure you all know this, because you are teenagers—tomorrow's hope.

Think of the effect each of you can have as you influence your peers to give a little extra to the community and themselves through membership in JA. Individually you are powerful. Collectively, you're an overwhelming force for greatness that is sorely needed in our nation today.

While you are here, enjoy yourselves. This is your conference...your reward for excellence that has brought you new experiences, new friends, and additional self-confidence that will never desert you.

Although workshops and contests are major functions of this conference, it is also filled with entertainment, as returning Achievers know.

A high point of the week is on Wednesday—Business, Industry and Education (BI&E) Day—a combination of learning and fun. On that day, hundreds of your supporters from the corporate world will break their busy routines to spend a day in Bloomington talking to you.

They believe in Junior Achievement, and are as proud of you as we are. Among them will be Dennis R. Hendrix, National JA Board Chairman and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Texas Gas Transmission Corporation. All of the executives are here to answer your questions, ask some of their own, and share ideas and business knowledge with you.

Talent night is another high point of the week, as is the President's Ball—the night when the shorts, jeans, and crazy hats vanish for a few hours, and the glamour of long dresses and suits and ties take their place.

Best of luck to all you contestants who have worked so hard in your competitions. You won't all win, but you'll all be better people for having tried.

Give everything you've got this week, and you'll leave with memories that will last a lifetime.

You are our best!

Editors Note: Karl Flemke was elected National Junior Achievement President in June by the National Board of Directors. He succeeds Richard Beazley, who retired after 19 years of outstanding leadership, which is reflected by JA's record growth.

Top ten AAs

Representatives of the top Achievers Associations (AA) arrived on campus today, ready for the final round of judging this week. AAs sponsor all kinds of activities to support both their local JA and their community as a whole. They hold dance-a-thons, bowl-a-thons, rock-a-thons and many other kinds of thons. They host dances, picnics, barbecues and hayrides. They present valentine chocolates to sponsors and advisers, and flowers to the JA office secretaries who do so much to help them.

In short, they deal in fund raising, public relations and fun, and here are the ten AAs judged top-of-the-heap for the 1981-82 program year.


From these ten, the top five will be selected by the NAA Council members and certain JA staff members, through an evaluation of their annual reports and interviews.

National Officers greet 1982 delegates

Congratulations! You have reached the summit! The long-awaited 1982 National Junior Achievers Conference is finally here, and you are one of the 3,000 Achievers special enough to be a part of it.

This week will be filled with fun and excitement, with making new friendships to last a lifetime, taking part in discussion groups, workshops, contests, committees...not to mention the dances and many social activities. Of course, what you bring to the conference is what will make it great, so let your own enthusiasm shine through, and help make this one of your best experiences!

When you reach out to your fellow delegates, you'll find that NAJAC becomes more than just a week at Bloomington, Indiana, attending a JA conference. It becomes more even than a happy memory at the end of a productive year in Junior
NAA Office is phased out

Officer duties are restructured

Are You A COEPer?

Centenarian receives special award

I don't want to think of myself as anyone special, I just want to be one of you." With these modest words, Robert Picking, 102, of Bucyrus, Ohio accepted a special National Achievement Award for outstanding service to the local JA program.

Junior Achievement came to Bucyrus in 1969, thanks largely to Picking's efforts. During the past 11 years, he has served as board member and president, fund drive chairman and major contributor. But aside from his formal contributions, he is JA ambassador-at-large and an inspiration to Achievers, who turn to him for guidance as they run their businesses and plan their future careers.

Henry Hefner, National Vice President, Financial Field Services, presented the plaque at the Future Unlimited Banquet where Picking was keynote speaker. The inscription reads:

"In recognition of your lasting and enduring contributions to Junior Achievement. Since 1969, when you became a founding father of Junior Achievement in Bucyrus, your generous gifts of capital, leadership and wisdom have enabled the American private enterprise message to be carried to hundreds of young people, and have strengthened the bonds of understanding among the home, school, and business communities."

Picking spoke directly to Achievers during his talk at their year-end banquet.

"To the young people, I'd like to say, don't ever be afraid to work. I'll pay off in the end. And if your job requires just a little bit more work, do it. It's up to you, though, to have a happy life in the work that you have to do."

Robert Picking exemplifies the truth of his own philosophy. Dedicated to his business, as he is to his community, he still works daily in the copper company; established in 1886 by his father. For the past 106 years, D. Picking & Company has been widely known for their fine hand-crafted copper coal shovels, baskets, kettle drums and kettles.

At 102, his life is full, busy and happy, and JA in Bucyrus, Ohio is a flourishing program because he cares.
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### Where to Register

**For Contests:** Registration for individual and company contests is Sunday, 8 a.m., to 6 p.m. Register in the contest office in Briscoe "A" Lounge. Contestants will receive instructions for their specific contest when they register.

**For Elections:** All candidates must register before 6 p.m., Sunday. Registration is in the contest office, Briscoe "A" Lounge. Late registration will be Sunday evening in the elections office, McNutt Lounge (upstairs).

**For Talent Night:** Talent Night contestants must register with talent director in the contest office in Briscoe "A" Lounge by 6 p.m., Sunday. Information about auditions will be distributed at registration.

**For Product Fair:** Exhibitors register products Monday, 4-6 p.m., in the contest office in Briscoe "A" Lounge.

**For J.A. Bowl:** All participants must register before 6 p.m. on Sunday in the contest office in Briscoe "A" Lounge.

### Lunch Today

A special lunch is being provided on Sunday, from 12 noon to 1:15 p.m., in the McNutt dining hall. The cost of the meal is $3.20. For all other meals, eat in the dining room of your dorm. Your name card is your meal card, so use it at all times.