"We're picking up on the spirit of volunteerism that is sweeping America," says Mike Bishop, Conference president.

The proclamation is "a symbol of our commitment to the communities which support us so strongly," says Bishop. It calls for April 2, 1983 to be Junior Achievement Community Action Day. On this day, Achievers from all over the country will give their time to community public service projects.

The purpose of the proclamation is to show that Junior Achievers are just working for themselves; they can also contribute to the well-being of their community by becoming more active in local service efforts.

The idea for the Junior Achievement Community Service Day is the brainchild of Mike Bishop and Chip Hardt, Conference vice president. Each JA area can take the initiative by helping charity and service organizations and by doing JA center work.

JA center improvements will show that the Achievers really care about the environment they work in, and the environment that their advisors counsel in.

Hardt hopes the proclamation will "integrate Achievers Associations towards a common national cause. Achievers have had little personal guidance in the past, he says, and he predicts this project will be the first time that youth across the country have gotten together to show support—volunteering to help their country on a massive scale."

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Products on show tomorrow

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What does an ex-prisoner of war have to say to over 2,500 young folks who weren't even born when his plane went down? Plenty. Charlie Plumb said a lot about life, and success, and faith and the fabric of everything he feels about America as the General Assembly Monday night.

Plumb, a former Achiever from Kansas, was shot down south of Hanoi on May 19, 1967, and spent nearly six years in a prisoner of war camp in North Vietnam. During that time, he was tortured, humiliated and isolated. Forced to play games with toilet paper for entertainment, he and his fellow prisoners spent hours inventing elaborate communications systems to keep one another sane.

Plumb told his story with humor and joked fun at the most gruesome things he had to endure during his captivity. The message was simple: "When you come to a fork in the road you can either cry about it or laugh about it." Charlie Plumb chose to laugh.

In spite of the laughter, the delegates got a serious message. He taught them the three principles of survival, learned from a fellow prisoner in the cell next door. "First, you have to have faith. The guys who live are the guys who believe, the guys who don't are the guys who give up. The second thing you need is commitment. You gotta be committed to your country, your flag, your home town and the things that make America great to you. And the third thing you need is pride.

He related anecdote after anecdote, sharing the philosophy which enabled him to start three successful corporations throughout, and made it very clear that "you gotta jump in the water if you want to swim...You have to take risks."

Plumb never presented himself as a hero, never asked for, or got any pity for the years he gave up. He presented himself as an ordinary fellow who served his country to the best of his ability and emerged a better man for it. That was the best part of his presentation.

Charlie Plumb didn't pretend to be special, his audience understood that he was, and that given the same set of circumstances, they could be special too. But then, heroes have always been ordinary men like Charlie Plumb, who made the best of extraordinary circumstances.

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and pricing. Once the five finalists have been selected, representatives of each product will be interviewed. The Product of the Year will be announced Friday at the awards session. The Achiever representing the winning product will receive $250. Second place will receive $150. Third, fourth, and fifth place winners will receive $50 each, with all representatives receiving trophies.

Achievers are encouraged to attend the product fair and vote for the product which they feel is the best.

Weldon noted that former product winners were selected on the basis of their quality, creativity, and the ability to blend sales with production.

The Top Sales Product this year comes from "Tulsa Games," a JA company in Tulsa, OK. The product, which grossed $15,000, is a board game about the city of Tulsa.
Scholarships and Travelships

Awards available to Achievers

This article is the first in a four-part series that will appear in the Achiever this week. Each story will examine a different contest in detail. "Most of the information about national competitions, as well as an application form, is available at the local JA offices," explained Baffie Kaufman, national manager of program administration for Junior Achievement. She urges interested Achievers to contact their local area offices for details, then write or phone the national office of necessary.

The series schedule is: today, The Readers Digest Seminar and Operation Enterprise Travelships; Wednesday, The Royal Little Graduation Fellowship; Thursday, The National Essay Contest; and Friday, the Disney Scholarship.

"It was one of the best experiences of my life—after NAJAC, of course." That was how Conference Secretary Karen Hill described Operation Enterprise, a seminar she attended due to a national JA travel scholarship. Each year, dozens of Achievers and JA graduates supplement their JA experience with cash awards and travelships, won in competition organized by national Junior Achievement.

Congratles and best of luck to all potential candidates and contest semi-finalists. Congratulations are also in order to the members of the top ten Achievers Associations, who will have their final interviews today.

If you enjoyed last night's Disco/Soul Dance competition, get ready for even more fun tonight. Our theme this evening is "Beach Boys and Babes," which features golden oldies from the 60's and the "Frankie and Annette" look. So bring your towels and come prepared to have a great time.

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will need more people with technical backgrounds, more teachers, and more overall generalists. It's a tremendous opportunity to be involved with an organization, which holds the best of both worlds—the private and non-profit sectors," Evans related.

Did Frank Evans picture himself as Conference Director when attending NAJAC as a delegate? "Back in my high school days, if somebody told me I would have to stand up in front of this Conference [as its director], I would have told them they were crazy. I was a bit of a wallflower." What words of wisdom does he have for the first-time NAJAC delegate? "Be persistent. Set some goals. Go after them. Don't set your sights too low. Take advantage of opportunities."

Frank Evans is a phantom no more.
NAJAC gets a Dutch treat

For most of the 3,000-plus delegates attending NAJAC, English is a language grunted by the virtue of citizenship, but for some delegates like Jiske Kuitse, English is a new experience.

Four years ago Jiske Kuitse came with her family to the United States from Texel, an island off the coast of the Netherlands. Kuitse's family came to America when her father accepted a position with M.B.S. Biblical Seminaries in Elkhart, IN, position with M.B.S. Biblical Seminaries in Elkhart, IN.

Her first encounter with Junior Achievement came through her older brother, who joined JA when he first arrived in the U.S. However, it wasn't until her senior year in high school that Kuitse joined the program.

It wasn't long after Kuitse joined JA that she was elected vice president of administration. Her company manufactured three products—custom mirrors, tweets and candles—all of which are in competition in the NAJAC product fair. Her company is also in the running for Manufacturing Company of the Year.

An outstanding Achiever, Kuitse was a finalist in her local area for Outstanding Young Businesswoman, vice president of administration and Achiever of the Year.

After NAJAC, Kuitse will return to the Netherlands where she will begin her senior year. Because of the highly advanced school system in the Netherlands, Kuitse was able to graduate from high school in Elkhart at 16. Kuitse will return to her native country to get an equivalent degree.

Kuitse's parents returned to the Netherlands in June, at the completion of her father's work. Kuitse remained just to attend NAJAC. Once she completes her education in the Netherlands, Kuitse will return to the U.S. and attend Goshen College in Indiana. Kuitse has not decided on a major, but if she attacks this challenge with the same enthusiasm that she attacked the English language, you can bet she'll be a success.

‘’The Phantom’’ is here

Earlier this summer, when Assistant Conference Director Buffie Kaufman mailed a preliminary list to prospective grad staff with their NAJAC assignments, ‘’The Phantom’’ was listed as Conference Director.

That’s because the job of National Director of Program Operations was vacant at the time. That individual heads up NAJAC as part of his responsibilities.

Three weeks ago, ‘’The Phantom’’ became Frank Evans. Evans is an eleven-year JA professional who was transferred from the Western Regional office in Denver to the national program operations job.

He is no stranger to NAJAC, having attended the last four Conferences, most recently as administration director.

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If there is anything tough about his job as Conference Director, Evans predicted, it will be choosing future staff members. ‘’We’re going to be choosy, a lot of good people, with a lot of potential. That’ll be tough.’’

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Another important area for the Conference Director is revealing the tremendous career opportunities in JA to younger counselors completing their college education. ‘’We are really on the threshold of giant steps in our program organization and structure,’’ he stated.

All of these major steps will require a continuous need for new professional staff, he says. ‘’We need to have their interest for five years. If someone is in a career education program, we have the opportunity and responsibility to expose them to the potential of what we can do.’’

They can do that by making them part of the Conference staff. ‘’That’s why we do a lot of internships, selected for the right people,’’ Evans said.

‘’We have a tentative position for an additional intern, and we are looking for more,’’ Evans said.

‘’We are working very closely with our area directors about this,’’ he said. ‘’That’s an area of great importance.’’

Some of the people who have been chosen are former conference members, Evans said.

For example, this year’s student intern from Western Region is a former conference member, Evans said. ‘’There’s no better way to learn about the business of Conference than by being an intern. We have a good connection with our area directors, and this helps the areas to build the base they need to have a good intern.’’

The student intern, he said, is doing a fine job.

For the first two weeks of conference, he worked with the computer, and was ‘’in’’ the Conference every day, with no time off of his responsibilities.

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The Incredible Journey

"Where did you say registration was?"
Let's see... through these doors to my... left? Fenie, memie, memie, mo, left or right, which way to go? Left it is. Up the walk, down the street, around the corner—it's on the right.
That was...
Too late, he's gone. Well, maybe I can find it on my own.

FROM THE GRAPEVINE

Group 51 challenges any group in volleyball. To set up a game call 5-9139 Wednesday at 4.

Results from Achiever Elections Committee Elections: Chairman, Michael Ziegler, Chicago, IL; Validation Committee, Tom Fannara, Mississippi Valley; Larry Schwartz, Baltimore; Candidate Liaison, Kimberly Murd, Toledo, OH; Promotions, Stacey Strawn, Hampton; Rules & Debate Committee, Christy Colgan, New York; Brad Duncan, Greensboro; Polling, Gary Friedman, Orlando, FL; Pat Vesey, Dallas, TX; Operations, Michael Asebrook.

Foster Information will be raffling a "Share Yourself" bulletin board. To enter you must contribute something to the board. An "autograph wall" will also be given away. All staff and delegates are encouraged to sign. Paffle will be held on Thursday.

Staff member Rob Ray has just been selected an Outstanding Young Man of America, 1982 for excellence in professional endeavors and civic activities.

Are you one of a kind? Are you the only member of your delegation? Then we want you. If your delegation has three or fewer representatives, please come to the Public Relations Office in Briscoe "A" this afternoon during your free time. We need one of a kind delegates for interviews.

All delegates are invited to become members of the 9 vine. Just ask members of the vine for details.

A brown leather suitcase has been lost! It contains all personal belongings for the week. If you happen to come across a suitcase that is wandering hopelessly around looking for me, please detain it or return it to the Foster Dorm or to the Foster Info. desk in Harper, or call 3-2567.

Attention Chris: Group 31, 1981 is desperately trying to find you. Please meet us Saturday at the McNutt Flagpole at 4:30 pm Tuesday.

Mark Topash, if you are here, please meet Elizabeth Laughlin at the Foster Flagpole Tuesday at 4:30 pm.

Happy birthday to Bob Tibbet who turns on Tuesday.


The Buffalo delegation will meet at the Buffalo tree outside McNutt on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 4 pm.

Our hearts go out to Captain Mimeo, heartlessly replaced by a copy machine.

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- An epidemic of mononucleosis will occur and will be traced to "**A**S**T**F" (Trans American Smooching Team) members.
- The upper balcony of the auditorium will collapse during "We've got spirit, how 'bout you?" chanting rounds.
- Richard Simmons will become a "Pink Fink" to lead group jogs to and from the general assemblies.
- Radio Free NAJAC will produce an album called "She's a NAJAC Girl" that will hit the top Ten.
- The Public Speaking impromptu speech contest topic will be "Why I Think Extraterrestrials are sexy."
- A "new and improved" generic placebo will be marketed by a JA company next year. It will be sold as a combination toothpaste, deodorant and decorative cake icing.
- At least one person will be homeless by a prankster who fills up shampoo bottles with "Nair."
- Donna Howell, Orlando

Swami Prediction

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GOURMET

TUESDAY P.M.
Pork Chops, Scrambled Eggs, Dressing, Potatoes, Green Beans, Apples, Cole Slaw, Cherry Pie, Peach Slices

WEDNESDAY A.M.
Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Goulash, Toast

WEDNESDAY NOON
Chicken Soup, Ham Sandwiches, Sloppy Joes, Tomatoes, Peaches, Brovvies, Bananas, Pear

HAVE A HAPPY DAY!