

60TH NATIONAL
FFA CONVENTION

Proceedings

NOVEMBER 12-14, 1987

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI



Perceptions Reflections

What shocks them the most, first timers will tell you, is the sheer size of it.

Thousands of blue jackets and FFA neckties and black shoes. Every hotel room within 50 miles booked up. Meandering lines of yellow school buses snaking down Thirteenth Street. Countless Big Macs and Cokes disappearing down ravenous throats. And a record attendance of 24,125.

And there's the sound of it. The National FFA Band booms its way through the spotlight arena for the Grand Entry. Eloquent young men and women deliver speeches as naturally as they might a conversation with an old friend. And, of course, there is the applause, thunderous applause that threatens to raise the roof of Municipal Auditorium.

Then they look and listen again, these first timers. Beneath the enormity, the immense mass of blue and gold, they find the essence of a National FFA Convention—it's people.

Wide Eyes

Nicole Newman was no newcomer to the National Convention, but she seemed awed at her third trip to Kansas City as she did at her first.

"Just being with people from all over is wonderful," said Nicole as she walked through the Agricultural Career Show where her chapter presented Mississippi's contribution to the Hall of States. Nicole's dad and advisor at the Vicksburg-Warren chapter was pleased at his daughter's interest in the convention. "Young people," Jimmy Newman said, "they go home fired up. They watch what happens on stage and they realize, 'hey, I might do that, too.'" As for Nicole, she wasn't

eager to head back to Mississippi. "Being here helps me," she says. "At home I'm sort of shy, but here everybody is so friendly. It's just like everybody's one big family."

"I don't ever want to go home."



Anticipation

One thing about going through the Nominating Committee, said National Officer Candidate Kevin Ochsner, was that it gave a person time to think. While most people didn't roll into Kansas City until Wednesday, candidates had been caught up in the nominating process since Monday.

And when a person was waiting for his name to be called for an interview, there was plenty of time to ponder the experience.

"It's the biggest challenge and the biggest risk I've ever taken," said the Colorado FFA'er. "We're putting our personalities on the line," explained Kevin as he took a break, "dishing out our character to be analyzed."

One of 37 contenders for six national offices, Kevin said candidates had to tell committee members things a person ordinarily wouldn't share. "They want to know more than how much money I made last year; they want to know 'who am I, really?'"

Hardest to face for most candidates was the idea that some would have to cope with not being nominated, and Kevin was no exception. "It's a frightening time," he said, to know that it would all be over in a few short days.

The brighter side was also easy to find, said Kevin who cherished the friendships he made. "People are supportive and helpful. It makes us feel better to know other people are going through the same thing."



Satisfaction

When Robert Lanphier talked about the Thursday night convention session, excitement lit his face and eyes. The Foundation Sponsoring Committee chairman for 1987 was a walking, talking advertisement for FFA, a man who believes in what the organization accomplishes for young people.

"There isn't a one of us who doesn't say this isn't our adrenaline for the year," said the president and CEO of DICKEY-john Corporation, referring to the electrifying Foundation recognition program and announcement of funds raised in the past year.

"I meant it when I said I did not believe we were going to make our goal," said Lanphier, referring to the challenge of raising \$2,600,000 in times that might be described as depressed for the agricultural industry. He finds the final record-breaking sum of \$3,010,000 to be particularly satisfying.

"Here you are among winners," he said. "Is there anything better?"



of a week for a lifetime



Pride

After the gavel had fallen, the eight regional Star Farmers and Agribusinessmen had been hustled off to the newsroom with a beaming crowd of their parents, wives, children and friends. There was something special about this crowd: they had just watched their loved ones achieve one of FFA's highest honors.

Arlyce Ruchling, mother of Star Agribusinessman Dan Ruchling, said that seeing her son excel in FFA has filled her to "bursting." She said she and husband Bob came to Kansas City with a "win or lose—this is great" attitude. When son Dan's name was called, she was shocked.

"You hear the name and you say, 'is it right?' and then I thought, 'He did it, he just really did it!'"

Mrs. Ruchling's feelings seemed to resemble those of her peers—other moms and dads who came to the convention to show how proud they were of their sons and daughters.

National Officer Dean Harder's parents were no exception. Carol and Don Harder attended their second convention, again impressed with the attitude of FFA members. "It's a wonderful thing to see them work together—that's what we need to get back to in this country."

Emotion

Christine Hall said she couldn't imagine what the convention would be like in advance. She certainly never dreamed she'd meet the Vice President of the United States.

Christine played flute in the National FFA Band. After performing at a convention session, the group filed off the stage. Unknown to them, Vice President Bush was behind the curtain, and when Band Director Roger Heath took most of the group another way, Christine was left. Suddenly she found herself waving at the second in command. Before she knew it, her picture was being snapped.

"He asked my name and where I was from," she said. "I didn't really believe it at first, but then I went around and told everybody!"

Meeting the vice president wasn't the only surprise for Christine at the convention. "Funny thing, I'm not nervous up there playing. At home I am, but up there I just enjoy myself and concentrate on what I'm doing."

And then there were the new friends, the bonds formed from a common purpose in an inspiring setting. "I feel emotional," said Christine. "We're all very close, and it's going to be tough to leave."

Christine's feelings were not uncommon to participants in the 60th National FFA Convention. In the Municipal Auditorium there exists a pull, a sense of those who have come before and those who will come again to celebrate FFA. It's more than the sights and the sounds of the convention; it's the spirit of the people who belong to FFA, and who support and nurture its future.



Honors & Awards

Building Our American Communities

Sponsored by R/R Nabisco, Inc.

The Building Our American Communities (BOAC) awards program salutes FFA chapters who continually work at making their communities a better place to live and work through beneficial improvement projects. Since 1971, BOAC has been recognizing chapters for outstanding community development.

National Winner

Summer Chapter, Washington Western Region

Summer FFA members felt that knowledge and understanding was a key way to combat community problems. They identified five problems and planned the following activities: "The Farm Connection" to take agriculture into the city classroom; "Refusal Skills," a program to help grade schoolers learn to live with peer pressure; "Respect Yourself," a high school assembly dealing with the concerns of students; "Kid Safety Day," a cooperative activity with a hospital to teach emergency skills; and "Wool Away Day," a sheep fitting demonstration and showing contest for the handicapped.



BOAC national winner at left and the volunteerism award above.

Second Place

Holland Chapter, Iowa Central Region

The chapter converted an abandoned railroad track between Alton and Orange City into a two-mile nature trail.

Third Place

Bunnell Chapter, Florida Southern Region

The chapter conducted a home owner's fire damage survey to increase fire danger awareness, planted 4700 acres of trees, conducted a tree survival survey, and established weather stations in their community.

GOLD

FLORIDA: Apopka Junior; Bunnell; ILLINOIS: Franklin Center; Eastland; Somonauk-Leland; DeKalb; Bluffs; INDIANA: Randolph Southern; IOWA: Stamont; Sibley; Algona; North Polk; Marengo; Wilton; Maple Valley; Akron-Westfield; Valley; Western Dubuque; Buffalo Center Bison; Rockwell; Webster City; Cresion; Estherville; Holland; KANSAS: Arkansas City; Markato; KENTUCKY: Spencer; Lyon County; MISSOURI: Union; OHIO: Amanda-Clearcreek; Elgin; Olsego; WASHINGTON: North Thurston; Marlboro; Sumner; Elma; WEST VIRGINIA: Marion County; WISCONSIN: Janesville-Parker; Denmark;

SILVER

ALABAMA: Grand Bay; ARIZONA: Caclius; ARKANSAS: Delaplane; Lavaca; CALIFORNIA: Polytechnic; COLORADO: Rocky Ford; DELAWARE: Millard; FLORIDA: Sarasota Junior; GEORGIA: Perry; Newton County; HAWAII: Kona; ILLINOIS: Octavia; Warsaw; Bushnell-Prairie City; Winchester; INDIANA: Hagerstown; Scottsburg; Carroll Fort Wayne; Clinton Central; KANSAS: Hill City; Holcomb; Key Center; Cotteville; Plainville; KENTUCKY: Oldham; Garrard; MAINE: Limestone; MARYLAND: Clear Spring; MICHIGAN: Fowlerville; MINNESOTA: Luverne; Lanesboro; MISSISSIPPI: East Marion; MISSOURI: Owensville; Galena;

South Shelby; Cathage; MONTANA: Missoula; NEBRASKA: Blue Hill; Leigh; Ravenna; NEVADA: Diamond Mountain-Eureka; NEW MEXICO: Raton; NORTH CAROLINA: Northeastern; OHIO: Bowling Green; West Muskingum; Bloom Carroll; River Valley; OKLAHOMA: Jankis; OREGON: Clatsop; PENNSYLVANIA: Clearfield; Twin Valley; Elizabethtown; SOUTH CAROLINA: Mullins; Dorman; Thurmond; SOUTH DAKOTA: Elkton; Bowdle; Clark; TENNESSEE: Bartlett; Utah; Granite Mt.; WASHINGTON: WIAK; WEST VIRGINIA: Mason County Vocational; WISCONSIN: Turtle Lake; Monroe; Bloomer; WYOMING: Buffalo; Gillette;

BRONZE

ALABAMA: Jacksonville Gold; George W. Long; Opelika; Houston City; Idar; ALASKA: Palmer; ARIZONA: St. David; CALIFORNIA: M. Whitney-Visalia; COLORADO: Dolores; CONNECTICUT: Northwestern Regional; DELAWARE: Sussex Central; Caesar Rodney; Florida; Trenton; HAWAII: Kailua; IDAHO: Kuna; Cambridge; ILLINOIS: Sycamore; Leaf River; Westmer; Georgetown-Ridge; LOUISIANA: Bemise; Lee Road Junior; Sumner; MAINE: Caribou; MASSACHUSETTS: Silver Lake; Bristol; MICHIGAN: Marshall; MINNESOTA: Marshall; Sherburn; Belle Plaine; New London; Spicop; New Ulm; MISSISSIPPI: Pine Grove; MISSOURI: Carrollton Area Vo. Tech.; West

Plains; NEBRASKA: Franklin; NEVADA: Ruby Mountain; NEW HAMPSHIRE: Exeter Area; Coe-Brown Much-To-Do; NEW JERSEY: Warren Hills; Allentown; NEW MEXICO: Goddard; NEW YORK: Chateaugay; Greenwich; NORTH CAROLINA: North Fredrick; West Carteret; Northwest; Mountain Heritage; NORTH DAKOTA: Bottineau; Williston; OKLAHOMA: Weleetka; John Marshall; OREGON: Glider; PENNSYLVANIA: Warfordsburg; Big Spring; RHODE ISLAND: Charcho; SOUTH DAKOTA: Mann; TENNESSEE: Bradley; TEXAS: Callalen; Lona; Clear Creek; Overton; Banquete High School; UTAH: Lehi; VERMONT: Central Vermont; VIRGINIA: Abingdon; Broadway; Patrick Henry; Park View; Essex; Northampton; WEST VIRGINIA: Jefferson; WISCONSIN: Madison East; Marion; Clear Lake; Marshfield; Evansville; Green Bay Preble; Blanchardville-Pecatonica; New Holstein; Black Hawk; Mount Horeb; Oskosh West; Auburndale; New Auburn



National Chapter Safety Awards

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

FFA chapters exhibiting superior efforts in promoting health and safety in their communities, homes and schools were recognized. A total of 33 gold, 66 silver and 62 bronze emblems were presented Thursday morning in the Municipal Auditorium.

GOLD

ALABAMA: West Limestone; Daleville ARKANSAS: Pleasant View FLORIDA: Sarasota Vo-Ad ILLINOIS: Bluffs; Winchester INDIANA: Southwestern-Hanover; Clinton Central IOWA: Cascade; Buffalo Center Bison KENTUCKY: Spencer County; Gallatin County LOUISIANA: Denham Springs; Crowley MARYLAND: Frederick MINNESOTA: Madelia MISSOURI: Osceola; Slater; Union; Owensville NEBRASKA: Lakeview NEW MEXICO: Goddard Ohio: Bowling Green SOUTH CAROLINA: Green Sea Floods

SOUTH DAKOTA: Menno; Bowdle TEXAS: Barbers Hill WISCONSIN: Denmark; New Holston; Beaver Dam; Marshfield; New Auburn WYOMING: Douglas

SILVER

ALABAMA: Crossville; Houston County; Douglas; Jacksonville Gold ARIZONA: Antelope ARKANSAS: Hartford COLORADO: Byers; Las Animas FLORIDA: Lake Butler Junior GEORGIA: Perry ILLINOIS: Warsaw; Somonauk-Leland; Sycamore; DeKalb; Clinton; Georgetown; LeRoy; Cissna Park INDIANA: Carroll Fort Wayne; Woodlan IOWA: Estherville; Creston; Marengo; Emmelsburg; Dyan; Geneseo; Vinson KANSAS: Cotteville; Centralia; Markato; Plainville; Wamego LOUISIANA: Franklin St. MAINE: Limestone MARYLAND: Walkersville MINNESOTA: New Ulm MISSISSIPPI: East Marion MISSOURI: Carl Junction; Carthage NEBRASKA: Ravenna; Leigh NEW MEXICO:

Raton NEW YORK: Chateaugay; Sherman NORTH CAROLINA: Forest Hills; Bartlett; Yancey OHIO: Miami Trace OKLAHOMA: Purcell OREGON: McKay RHODE ISLAND: Charino SOUTH CAROLINA: Pleasant Hill SOUTH DAKOTA: Roslyn TENNESSEE: Bartlett UTAH: Lehi VIRGINIA: Liberty Junior WASHINGTON: Winlock; Elma WEST VIRGINIA: Mason County Vocational WISCONSIN: Monroe; Mauston; Oregon; Green Bay Preble; Clear Lake; Mt. Horeb; Janesville-Parker WYOMING: Wind River

BRONZE

ALABAMA: Dale County DELAWARE: Buckeye CALIFORNIA: M. Whitney Arizona; Millard FLORIDA: Lake Field GEORGIA: Cook ILLINOIS: Mt. Carroll; Westmer; Waterman IOWA: Webster City; Orient-Macksburg KANSAS: Jetmore; Marysville MAINE: Presque Isle MASSACHUSETTS: Essex MICHIGAN: Fowlerville; Charlotte

MINNESOTA: Willmar; Truman; Lanesboro; Worthington; Marshall; MISSISSIPPI: Pine Grove MONTANA: Roundup; Fairfield NEBRASKA: Blue Hill; Verdigris; Franklin NEVADA: Carson Valley; Ruby Mountain NEW HAMPSHIRE: Exeter Area NEW JERSEY: Cumberland Regional; Newton NORTH CAROLINA: East Montgomery; Sun Valley; North Lenoir; North Iredell NORTH DAKOTA: Elgin; J. E. Eastgate OHIO: East Clinton; River Valley; West Muskingum OKLAHOMA: Morrison OREGON: Forest Grove PENNSYLVANIA: Elizabethtown SOUTH CAROLINA: Loris TENNESSEE: Lexington TEXAS: Clear Creek VIRGINIA: Broadway; Stonewall Jackson Jr.; Essex; Morleyville Intermediate; Jefferson Forest; Bluestone Middle; Northampton; Carroll County WASHINGTON: Yelm WEST VIRGINIA: Clay WISCONSIN: De Pere; Green Bay West; Chilton; Fall Creek



Agricultural Proficiency Awards

Through FFA and agriculture classes, many members become highly proficient in their chosen areas. From production of food and fiber to agrishusiness pursuits, these members earned top honors as national winners in 29 proficiency areas. Each received a plaque, \$1000 and an expense-paid agricultural tour of Europe to be taken in 1988. The national winners appear in bold.

AGRICULTURAL ELECTRIFICATION

Klein Tools, Incorporated; National Food & Energy Council, Incorporated; and the General Fund of the National FFA Foundation

Eastern-Larry Brandt, Archbold, Ohio
Central-Corey M. Popma, Pipestone, Minnesota
Southern-Jim Nussbamer, Groveland, Florida
Western-Randall Gardner, Kaufman, Texas

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS

Case III

Eastern-Greg Burhick, Columblana, Ohio
Central-Rich Bergstrom, Adams, Minnesota
Southern-Eddie Rollins, Cleveland, Tennessee
Western-Ronnie Bass, Chowchilla, California

AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING

Carnation Company

Western-Brett Ramsey, Jones, Oklahoma
Central-Howard Ritz, Willmar, Minnesota
Eastern-David M. Shriver, Emmisburg, Maryland
Southern-Chaloes Bozeman, Harrogette, Tennessee

AGRICULTURAL SALES AND/OR SERVICE

Babson Bros. Co.; General Motors Corporation; ICI Americas Inc.

Central-David K. Perkins, Hudson, Indiana
Eastern-John Andrew, Ackley, Bridgeport, New Jersey
Southern-Kerry B. McLanney, Geneva, Alabama
Western-Jack Chapman, Le Grand, California

BEEF PRODUCTION

Ford New Holland Inc. and Nasco Division/Nasco International, Incorporated

Central-Clay Crumbough, Breckenridge, Michigan
Eastern-Brenda S. Liu, Lexington, Ohio
Southern-Adrian I. Land, Hatchbend, Florida
Western-Tina Marie Guest, Hawk Springs, Wyoming

CHEER GRAB PRODUCTION

Crysler Motors and Unocal Corporation

Eastern-Kirk Keefer, Athens, Ohio
Central-Neal Hayenga, Kings, Illinois
Southern-Russell Meeks, Halls, Tennessee

Western-Scott Leroy Johnson, Afton, Oklahoma

DAIRY PRODUCTION

American Breeders Service; Ajo-Laval Agri, Inc. and Manna Pro Corporation

Western-Tim Souza, Tulare, California
Central-Jim Good, Caledonia, Michigan
Eastern-Jonathan S. Ward, Lexington, North Carolina
Southern-Thomas Brian Beaty, McDonald, Tennessee

DIVERSIFIED CROP PRODUCTION

Cargill, Incorporated

Eastern-John Davis, Delaware, Ohio
Central-Sieven R. Malcolm, Huntertown, Indiana
Southern-Chadwick A. Hodges, Elkmont, Alabama
Western-David W. Stolworthy, Shelley, Idaho

DIVERSIFIED LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

P Harris Diversified Investments, Inc. and Wayne Feed Division/Continental Grain Company

Eastern-David F. Gerfen, Prospect, Ohio
Central-Kim Lischey, Berne, Indiana
Southern-Brian Keith Clinkscales, Starr, South Carolina
Western-William F. Steel, Eaton, Colorado

FEED GRAIN PRODUCTION

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Incorporated

Central-Brian M. Chausse, Nokomis, Illinois
Eastern-Scott Steiner, Kenton, Ohio
Southern-Cindy F. Carmack, Gates, Tennessee
Western-Robert M. Brown, Jr., Victoria, Texas

FIBER CROP PRODUCTION

Sandoz Crop Protection Corporation and the General Fund of the National FFA Foundation

Eastern-Michael S. McLamb, Roseboro, North Carolina
Central-Kevin McClung, Parma, Missouri
Southern-Ryan Burchfiel, Newbern, Tennessee
Western-Kyle Smith, Tipon, Oklahoma

FLORICULTURE

American Floral Endowment and The Lerio Corporation and The Paul Ecke Pointsettia Ranch; and the General Fund of the National FFA Foundation

Central-John Joseph Porlor, Oshkosh, Wisconsin
Eastern-Tabitha L. Woodlieff, Dunn, North Carolina
Southern-Ronnie Allen Hughes, Arlington, Tennessee
Western-Jason R. Grant, Fairbanks, Alaska

FORAGE PRODUCTION

Northrup King Company; Gehl Company and the General Fund of the National FFA Foundation

Central-John Vandenberg, Greenwood, Indiana
Eastern-Jerry L. Hom, Jr., New Philadelphia, Ohio
Southern-David Moyers, Speedwell, Tennessee
Western-Neal Velthuizen, Everson, Washington

FOREST MANAGEMENT

Stone Container Corporation and the General Fund of the National FFA Foundation

Western-Dennis Prante, Elma, Washington
Central-Brad Tolzman, Ogilvie, Minnesota
Eastern-John Baughman, Stephens City, Virginia
Southern-Larry Williams, Madison, Alabama

FRUIT AND/OR VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

Briggs & Stratton Corporation Foundation, Incorporated

Central-Matthew A. Rekeweg, Woodburn, Indiana
Eastern-Charles J. Ax, III, Middleburg, Pennsylvania
Southern-Bobby Brian Pullen, Boxz, Alabama
Western-John Tobol, Roman, Montana

HOME AND/OR FARMSTEAD IMPROVEMENT

Upjohn, TUCO, Agrow and O's Gold, Agricultural Division of The Upjohn Company

Eastern-Todd Raines, Seaman, Ohio
Central-Timothy D. Scheiderer, Woodburn, Indiana
Southern-Raymond Hornick, Avon Park, Florida
Western-Mark Chatelain, Cody, Wyoming

HORSE PRODUCTION

American Quarter Horse Association

Central-Tee Jay Miller, Ashby, Nebraska
Eastern-Donald Ben Munro, Ashboro, North Carolina
Southern-Reed Kelly, Dyersburg, Tennessee
Western-Loree Crow, Hilmar, California

NURSERY OPERATIONS

MSD ACVET Division of Merck & Company, Incorporated and the General Fund of the National FFA Foundation

Southern-Anthony Lee Curtis, McInnaville, Tennessee
Central-Kevin DeYoung, DeMonte, Indiana
Eastern-Nicholas W. Baughman, Bokins, Ohio
Western-Lisa Riemstra, Fallbrook, California

OIL CROP PRODUCTION

The Chicago Board of Trade; FMC Corporation and the General Fund of the National FFA Foundation

Central-Paul Miles, Owensboro, Kentucky
Eastern-Rodney Deas Miller, Jr., Washington Court House, Ohio
Southern-James Dale Ladd, Lake City, Arkansas
Western-Christie Merriman, Atwood, Oklahoma

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A.

Central-Pam Peterson, Berwyn, Nebraska
Eastern-Roxanne L. Rowan, Middletown, Delaware
Southern-Roger D. Free, Benton, Tennessee
Western-Joe Wescott, Elma, Washington

PLACEMENT IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

DEKALB Corporation

Western-Paul F. LaDue, Elma, Washington
Central-Robert Purinton, Evansville, Wisconsin
Eastern-Dale Balmer, Lebanon, Pennsylvania
Southern-Walt Carter, Avon Park, Florida

POLITY PRODUCTION

Pitman-More, Inc.; Red-Time Equipment, Incorporated and Chord Brand Jene/Made by Keystone Steel and Wire Company

Central-Paul Foss, Maddock, North Dakota
Eastern-Ron Kelly, Candor, North Carolina
Southern-James Terry Madewell, Cottontown, Tennessee
Western-Preston Harward, Richfield, Utah

SHEEP PRODUCTION

American Sheep Producers Council, Incorporated/Sheep Industry Development Program, Incorporated; and the General Fund of the National FFA Foundation

Southern-Tim Sumrow, Halls, Tennessee
Central-Ty A. Coil, Greenfield, Indiana
Eastern-Larry Todd Garber, Pleasant Valley, Virginia
Western-Wendy Lynn Gehrath, Broadview, New Mexico

SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT

Ford New Holland, Inc.

Central-John Brian Peritt, Diagonal, Iowa
Eastern-Brian Dermott, Leart, West Virginia
Southern-Mark Wayne Phoenix, Welsh, Louisiana
Western-Kelby Swallow, Flowell, Utah

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National FFA Contests

Proficiency Award

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SPECIALTY ANIMAL PRODUCTION

Purina Mills, Incorporated and the General Fund of the National FFA Foundation
 Eastern-Rueben Bilton, Collins, Ohio
 Central-Daniel D. Piechowski, Redgranite, Wisconsin
 Southern-Clayton Richardson, Gresham, South Carolina
 Western-Freddy Wells, Mounds, Oklahoma

SPECIALTY CROP PRODUCTION

RJR Nabisco, Inc.
 Southern-Tim Carver, Gray, Tennessee
 Central-Allan David Spahn, DeForest, Wisconsin
 Eastern-Timothy Worley, Leicester, North Carolina
 Western-Dewayne Hondo, Burley, Idaho

SWINE PRODUCTION

Pfizer Incorporated/Agricultural Division
 Eastern-Scott Stauffer, Arlington, Ohio
 Central-Roger T. Ritchey, Burlington, Indiana
 Southern-Bryan S. Romine, Rogersville, Alabama
 Western-Dale Schwartz, San Angelo, Texas

TURF AND LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT

O. M. Scott & Sons
 Central-Karen Anderson, Crestwood, Kentucky
 Eastern-Patrick J. Manfreda, Bloomfield, Connecticut
 Southern-Monty C. McWilliams, Halls, Tennessee
 Western-Ken Eriksen, Puyallap, Washington

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

The Prudential Foundation
 Central-Robert Zellmer, Waupaca, Wisconsin
 Eastern-Tim Moody, Zanesville, Ohio
 Southern-Frank Scott, Avon Park, Florida
 Western-Rod Carder, Kerman, California



National Contests

National FFA Contests promote a spirit of competition among students. Participating FFA members demonstrated skills and techniques they acquired through classwork and FFA. Contests were held at locations around the Kansas City area—from the Kansas City Stockyards to the Hyatt Regency Hotel to Swope Park. Winning teams were announced at meal functions in their honor and recognized on stage.

Agricultural Mechanics

Sponsored by Firestone Trust Fund
 First Place Team: Troy, Missouri, Coyle Justus, Mark Leitman, Michael Burris
 High Individual: Michael Burris, Troy, Missouri

Dairy

Sponsored by Associated Milk Producers, Incorporated
 First Place Team: Owatonna, Minnesota, Dan Jirele, Pamela Jackel, Brad Lewison
 High Individual: Brad Lewison, Owatonna, Minnesota

Dairy Foods

Sponsored by Mid-America Dairymen, Incorporated and Patz Sales, Inc.
 First Place Team: Hanford, California, Isabel Oliveira, Cara Giacomazzi, Michelle Rochetti
 High Individual: Eric Heims, Coggon, Iowa

Farm Business Management

Sponsored by John Deere
 First Place Team: Madelia, Minnesota, Lori Michels, Jen Slutter, Gary Schmiesing
 High Individual: Brent Boettcher, Spencer, Nebraska

Floriculture

Sponsored by the National FFA Foundation General Fund
 First Place Team: Junction City, Oregon, Earl Freepons, Patricia Sorenson, Don Biswell
 High Individual: Earl Freepons, Junction City, Oregon

Forestry

Sponsored by Homelite Division of Textron, Inc. and Temple-Eastex, Incorporated
 First Place Team: Atlanta, Georgia, Chris Johnston, Walt Register, Steve Denard
 High Individual: Chris Johnston, Atlanta, Georgia

Livestock

Sponsored by Purina Mills, Inc.
 First Place Team: Mason, Texas, Julie Jordan, Jason Marek, Glen E. Martin
 High Individual: Glen E. Martin, Mason, Texas

Meats

Sponsored by Geo. A. Hormel & Co. and Oscar Mayer Foods Corporation
 First Place Team: Clovis, California, Robert Allen, Brandon Beal, Jenni Simons
 High Individual: Daryl Real, San Antonio, Texas

Nursery/Landscape

Sponsored by American Association of Nurserymen, Inc.; Cotter & Company; Kubota Tractor Corporation and Wholesale Nursery Growers of America, Incorporated
 First Place Team: Milwaukie, Oregon, Dennis Jones, Jeff Graham, Shannon Yost
 High Individual: Robert Ragland, Lovingson, Virginia

Poultry

Sponsored by Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and Tyson Foods, Inc. and National Foundation
 First Place Team: San Antonio, Texas, Shane Zoeller, Kyle Morgenroth, Glenn Sulowski
 High Individual: Kyle Morgenroth, San Antonio, Texas



National Chapter Award

Sponsored by the National FFA Foundation
General Fund

The National FFA Chapter Award Program has been honoring superior FFA chapters for their excellence in chapter activities since 1930. Each chapter was judged on performance in 11 areas: Supervised Occupational Experience Program (SOEP), alumni relations, cooperative activities, community service, leadership development, earning and savings, state and national activities, conduct of meetings, scholarship, public relations and recreation. Schools were ranked as gold, silver or bronze emblem chapters.

GOLD

ARIZONA: Peoria ARKANSAS: Riverside CALIFORNIA: Kingsburg COLORADO: Flagler Valley GEORGIA: Perry High; Colquitt County; Berrien IDAHO: Kuna ILLINOIS: Sycamore; Bushnell-Prairie City; Clinton; Leroy; DeKalb; Amboy; Salem; Cissna Park Chicago Ag Sciences; Sparland; Waterman; Georgetown-Ridgeland; Warsaw INDIANA: Woodlin; Clinton Central IOWA: North Linn; Algon; Manchester; Creson KANSAS: Markale; Jackson Heights; Hill City; Plainville KENTUCKY: Spencer County; Oldham County; Lyon County; Scott County; Reidland LOUISIANA: Carencro; Hathaway High School MICHIGAN: Unionville-Sebewaing Area; Corunna MINNESOTA: New Ulm; Cannon Falls MISSOURI: Troy; Union; Carthage; Owensville NEBRASKA: Leigh NEW MEXICO: Goddard; Las Cruces; Aransas OHIO: New Lexington; Anna; Marysville; East Clinton OKLAHOMA: Elgin; Central High; Morriston; Adair; Ahls; Ripley SOUTH DAKOTA: Elkton; Roslyn TENNESSEE: Chenoweth; White House; Bradley; McMinn County; Bartlett TEXAS: Kingwood; Cleburne; Calallen; Mansfield; Dumas VIRGINIA: James Wood; Broadway; Strasburg; Spotswood; Montevideo Inter-Medical; Laurel Park WASHINGTON: Elma; Winlock; Evergreen; Mountain View WISCONSIN: Denmark; Marshfield; Clear Lake WYOMING: Gillette

SILVER

ALABAMA: Marbury; Crossville; Dale County; Ider ARKANSAS: Lonoke CALIFORNIA: M. Whitney-Visalia COLORADO: Delta FLORIDA: Sarasota Vo Ag; Trenton; Avon Park; Chiefland Senior; Galther; Ponce de Leon Senior GEORGIA: Banks County; Gilmer County IDAHO: Meridian ILLINOIS: Westfield; Hampshire; Teulopolis; Winchester; Franklin Center; Somanauk-Leland INDIANA: Shenandoah; Benton Central; Southmont;

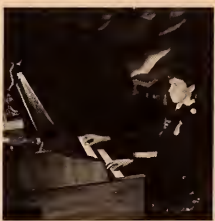


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Computers in Agriculture

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FFA members who are on top of computer technology were recognized for their achievements on stage. Already awarded their honors at the National Computers in Agriculture Seminar in Washington, D.C. in August, winners took another bow at the 60th convention.

This program recognizes FFA members who have achieved and made the most progress in using computers in agriculture and agribusiness. They are judged on their ability to adapt computer technology to benefit themselves, their Supervised Occupational Experience Program and the local FFA chapter.

National Winner — Robert L. Nickolaus, Hampton FFA Chapter, Hampton, Nebraska

1st Runner-Up — Ellen Maria Williams, Eastem Randolph FFA Chapter, Staley, North Carolina

2nd Runner-Up — Randi Ray, Chowchilla FFA Chapter, Chowchilla, California

3rd Runner-Up — Scott McKee, Liberal FFA Chapter, Liberal, Missouri

4th Runner-Up — John Rygh, Hermiston FFA Chapter, Hermiston, Oregon

ALABAMA: Kenneth James Thomas, Geneva; ALASKA: Michell D. Mason, Palmer; ARKANSAS: Bar Barber, Lake City; CALIFORNIA: Rand Ray, Chowchilla; COLORADO: Keith W. Melcher, Holly; CONNECTICUT: James R. Allyn, Ledyard; DELAWARE: Jacqueline Draper, Fellon;

FLORIDA: Ronny Brane, Newberry; GEORGIA: Tim Brooks, Summerville; IDAHO: Laurie Olen, Meridian; ILLINOIS: Derek A. Einyre, Thomson; INDIANA: Dale Davis, Frankfort; IOWA: Mark Poedstha, Alleman; KANSAS: David Berg, Neodesha; KENTUCKY: Glenn Morgan Salyer, Stanton; MAINE: Scott Goldberg, Limestone; MICHIGAN: Matt Howard, Lowell; MINNESOTA: Kim Noting, Orionville; MISSISSIPPI: Lynn Biddis, Ripley; MISSOURI: Scott McKee, Liberal; MONTANA: Tony Hartman, Joliet; NEBRASKA: Robert L. Nickolaus, Hampton; NEVADA: Matthew James Dahl, Wells; NEW JERSEY: Ann Andrews, Columbus; NEW MEXICO: Deanna Veck, Animas; NEW YORK: Cynthia Dawn Lighthall, Munsville; NORTH CAROLINA:

Ellen Maria Williams, Ramsour; NORTH DAKOTA: Paul Sandstrom, Lisbon; OHIO: Dick C. Reichenbach, Auk; OKLAHOMA: Jay Lee Overton, Pond Creek; OREGON: John Rygh, Hermiston; PENNSYLVANIA: Gary Lightner, Dover; SOUTH CAROLINA: Billy Carter, Spartanburg; SOUTH DAKOTA: Troy Deusch, Roslyn; TENNESSEE: Darryl W. McCampbell, Maryville; TEXAS: Tracy Nolen, Sealy; UTAH: Greg Ross Snow, Vernal; VIRGINIA: Jennifer Lee Schottstall, Damascus; WASHINGTON: Rick A. Shankerburg, Lynden; WEST VIRGINIA: Michael Stiles, Hamblen; WISCONSIN: Leslie W. Danielson, Cadott; WYOMING: Mike Lynch, Encampment

Speaking Contests

Extemporaneous Speaking

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Jeff Gilliam
Lexington FFA Chapter Lexington, Tenn.

'Using the Science and Business Agriculture to Improve the Agricultural Industry'

Fellow future farmers, honorable judges and distinguished guests, let us look at how we can use the science and business of agriculture to improve the agricultural industry.

Before we look at any improvements or changes that can take place, let us pause just a moment and look at where we are today in American agriculture. The 2.17 million farmers in America this year, even with 20 percent of their land set aside through government programs, raised 7.14 billion bushels of corn. Now this probably would have been a record crop, but as I said the government laid aside the land, and the American farmer has become so productive that he still produced over seven billion bushels of corn.

Now let us look at what has happened in the past 60 years to make the American farmer so productive. We have seen steel-wheeled machines called tractors revolutionize how we till our soil. We have seen an industry called biochemistry revolutionize with genetic hybrids and come up with new species of corn plants and animals that grow faster and much more efficiently than they did in the past. And last, but certainly not least, we have seen a small machine called the computer revolutionize how American farmers manage their money and keep records on their farm.

With all these improvements, let us look to



agriculture's bright future. Developments in the science of agriculture, including new techniques in farming, that have developed at colleges and businesses around America. Most of these developments have been to stem the farm stragler — erosion. No-till planting, contour planting and other developments have again revolutionized how American farmers grow their crops.

Biotechnology, new improvements in genetics, have made faster growing plants and animals. And specifically, new developments. PST for example. Porcine somatotropin has increased hog growth 14 percent, increased feed efficiency 20 percent while decreasing the percentage of fat on a swine's body by 30 percent.

Now in the business aspect of agriculture, recent mergers in the agricultural business industry have made businesses far more efficient than they have been in the past.

Mergers in the agricultural implement industry, such as Case International Harvester and Ford New Holland have developed some of the newest, most efficient diesel engines that have ever been invented by mankind. And last but not least, computers in agriculture and agricultural business have improved record keeping and management techniques. And in the future, they will be used to use scenarios so that farmers may look ahead and input different variables as to how they might plant their land or what animals they might raise.

Last but certainly not least, we must look at the management aspect of agriculture. It has been said that the good manager in the future will raise the food and the sorry manager will be for the food. American agriculture is looking up with new management techniques that are being taught

through the Future Farmers of America and vocational agriculture. New management techniques that are being taught in agricultural colleges on campuses all across America. And yet still the American farmers' number is continually dwindling. How with this dwindling number of farmers can the American farmer keep up and continue to feed the world?

With these new developments that I mentioned and developments on the horizon that we cannot even imagine. Say for instance we go to space and build a space station on the moon. Then who knows what lies ahead and what developments? Maybe possibly we could split the genes of an apple tree and corn plant and have an apple tree that instead of apples it produces ears of corn. Or maybe on the moon, we could invent a substance or herbicide that kills all of the pests and plants known to mankind today that rob our soil of nutrients needed by our corn, soybeans, wheat and milo.

Who is to say what changes lie ahead, but the changes will be guided by you and I, the Future Farmers of America. I want to leave you with a thought about change and opinion of Mr. Lane Palmer, the editor of *Farm Journal*.

There is a new America every morning when we wake up. This new America is the summation of many small changes, a new industry here, a new school there or a new parking lot where there had only been swampland before. But changes nonetheless that add up to a broad transformation of our own lives. Our task is to simply guide these changes. For though change is inevitable, change for the better is a fulfillable job.

If you and I continue to guide these changes and the changes that will come in the future then we will as Lane Palmer put it, be an ever renewing society that matures into a system of continuous renewal and rebirth.

Prepared Public Speaking

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'Going, Going, But Not Gone!'

Scott Stewart
Bethel FFA Chapter
Bethel High School
Stillwater, Oklahoma
(Auction Chant)

Going once, going twice, going three times, gone. A single tear rolls down the weathered cheek of a fifty-eight year old entrepreneur as he takes a final look across his farm that has just been sold to the highest bidder at a foreclosure auction. He has put twenty-five years' worth of days, which stretched from dawn to dark, seven days a week into all his farm. Now, a pile of old calendars is that he has to show for his twenty-five years of dedication to the people of the world.

The American farmer is facing serious problems — problems that if left unchecked

will become everyone's problem. Problems in the agricultural sector are so threatening because of the wide scope of the agriculture — one of the most uncertain industries of this decade.

Despite its uncertainties, agriculture remains one of the strongest economic influences in the United States. However, governmental monetary, fiscal, and trade policies, and economic influences outside of agriculture continue to create conditions which gravely endanger the American farmer. Experts estimate that 238 farmers fail in America each day. Victims of low income, rising debt-to-asset ratios, unstable interest rates, and asset values which have declined approximately 50% since 1981, are being forced to develop other work skills because their farms have been sold to satisfy creditors.

Outside factors have contributed to the conditions that are endangering our farms; however, they are in no way exclusively to blame. The failing farmers have brought much of this misfortune upon themselves simply because they have been unable and, at times, unwilling to make businesslike management decisions that are essential to this troubled industry. Farmers have purchased land that cannot cash flow, bought new equipment when it would be cheaper to buy used equipment or lease, and continued to pursue enterprises which are losing money solely because of family tradition. Pride, emotion, and tradition have been allowed to influence management decisions. If continued, this practice will sanction the death of the family farm. The death of the family farm represents not only the loss of a

form of agriculture and the phasing out of an important part of this industry, but also represents loss of equipment, land, homes, and a way of life for thousands of rural Americans.

But there is promise in the future of agriculture — an opportunity to apply appropriate management skills that can reverse negative cash flows and resolve many of today's problems relative to traditional agriculture. It represents the most recent and innovative development in farm business management — alternative agriculture.

Alternative agriculture is not an alternative to agriculture nor the solution in every situation, but it is a new and exciting management method that encourages operators to become creative in enterprise selection. Through alternative agriculture, a grain producer may choose to convert a few acres of land to fruit or vegetable production. A livestock producer might consider modifying a stock pond to raise catfish or perhaps raise a small herd of angora goats. These alternatives and others can, by themselves or in conjunction with complementary enterprises, broaden the financial base of a farm, making sudden market fluctuations, crop failure, or other money-losing situations less devastating to the farm as a whole. However, incorporating alternative agricultural strategies and avoiding many of the external influences causing problems today does not remove that danger of pride, emotion, and tradition.

In order to survive, agriculturalists must apply the management practices necessary to compete in this industry. Vocational education is training our high school students, through vocational agriculture and

the FFA, to make intelligent decisions based upon the practical application of business skills. I feel confident that I have developed the business skills that will be my tools in pursuing an agricultural career. The agricultural economy may be weak, but the FFA is making certain that the future of agriculture will be strong. If today's FFA members are any indication of what tomorrow holds, we can be assured of a productive and profitable farm economy in the near future.

The FFA is encouraging tomorrow's producers to become familiar with accurate record keeping, cash flow projections, partial budgeting, and other business management tools necessary to put profits into farming. It is supplying its members with marketing skills which are particularly valuable in making decisions about alternative agriculture, and developing an awareness of agricultural legislation affecting today's and tomorrow's management decisions.

By taking advantage of the opportunities being offered by alternative agriculture and implementing the management skills developed through vocational agriculture, today's FFA members will make businesslike management decisions part of the tradition of agriculture. We can look forward to a productive and profitable future in the industry that we love. Through creativity, careful management, and determination, tomorrow will be a better day — a day when our rural way of life will be removed from the endangered list and fewer farmers will be forced to look out across land that was once theirs and hear the auctioneer's voice calling, "Going once, going twice, going three times — gone!"



Stars Over America



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The pinnacle for many FFA members is the sought-after Star Farmer and Star Agribusinessman of America awards. Each state may submit a candidate for each, and four regional winners in each category were recognized in the Stars Over America pageant, held Thursday night before a packed convention hall. Star Farmer Franklin W. Howey of Monroe, N.C., and Star Agribusinessman Daniel Ruchling of Belle Plaine, Minn., were rewarded with thunderous applause and \$2000. Each regional star received \$1000, and a trip to Europe in 1988.



Star Farmer

Franklin Howey, Jr. Eastern Region

Franklin Howey, Jr. of Monroe, N.C., has put together a farming operation comparable to that of farmers with many more years experience. Howey's operation includes 1,250 acres of full season and double-cropped soybeans, 480 acres wheat, 50 acres oats, 280 acres grain sorghum, 7 acres of fruits and vegetables, and 66 head of cattle. A senior at North Carolina State University majoring in agronomy, he is responsible for taking care of the NCSU Research Greenhouses.

Barry McWilliams Southern Region

Diversity is a watchword for Barry McWilliams of Halls, Tenn. He started farming with less than 100 acres and a handful of cattle. By 1986, his farming operation had swelled to over 3600 acres, 2100 which he actively farms. He grows 6 different crops, raises 95 cattle and 9 horses. McWilliams attends the University of Tennessee at Marion, double majoring in animal science and agribusiness.

Michael Porter Central Region

Michael Porter, of Fennimore, Wis., purchased his family's 318-acre dairy farm from his parents in 1986. He manages 110 head of dairy calves along with his 110-cow herd. Currently, Porter produces an average of 15,000 pounds of milk per cow per year and is striving to reach his goal of a 19,000-pound average within the next five years. Porter's long-term objective is to purchase a neighboring farm.

Lyle Blakley Western Region

Lyle Blakley of Oologah, Okla. began his vo-ag experience with 63 head of beef, 151 head of swine and several acres of crops. By 1986, he had expanded to 240 head of cattle and 916 head of hogs, along with added responsibility for crops. Blakley is majoring in agricultural economics at Oklahoma State University. He expects to graduate by Spring 1988, return to the farm and possibly enter law school in a few years.

Star Agribusinessman

Dan Ruchling Central Region

Dan Ruchling runs a profitable milk hauling business southwest of Minneapolis near Belle Plaine, Minnesota. While in FFA, Ruchling's net worth has gone from less than \$1,000 to over \$70,000. With no financial assistance from his family, he went from working part-time for farmers to hauling 70,000 pounds of milk daily in his own truck.

Phillip Willis Southern Region

Phillip Willis is one-half owner of his family's logging business near Philadelphia, Miss. He started working on an hourly basis for his father when he was 10 years old, and has worked his way up from laborer, to assistant foreman, and now works as a foreman in management. Willis plans to take over the family business after his graduation from Mississippi State University in 1989.

Jeffrey Simmons Eastern Region

Jeffrey Simmons opened a roadside fruit stand as a high school freshman and today works to improve production and increase markets for his family's vineyards near Penn Yan, N.Y. There are now also three roadside stands and a fledgling grape brush business in which vines are sold to a dried flower company. Simmons attends Cornell University where he is working toward degrees in farm management and finance.

Scott Standridge Western Region

Scott Standridge came up with the idea of working as a hay broker in 1984 after talking to Texas ranchers plagued by severe drought. Hay was plentiful near his home in Lindsay, Okla., and he sold over 315 tons in 1984. By 1986, sales had jumped to more than 7300 tons. Today, he serves over 150 producers in five states. Eventually, Standridge would like to produce hay himself.

Renewing ourselves

"Caped Crusaders"



Kevin Eblen
National
President

It was a mere seven years ago, almost to the day, when I was sitting up there in section 22 of this Municipal Auditorium. Only a freshman, I had been invited by my chapter advisor to be one of the ten representatives of the Creston, Iowa FFA Chapter to attend the 53rd National FFA Convention. Since that time, I have been fortunate enough to attend every following convention, the 53rd through the 60th. And I have witnessed now for seven years the retiring addresses of many national officers. I still have yet to figure out why the true meaning and purpose of these final elaborate remarks the retiring officers make. Are they to say goodbye, give ideas for the future, to motivate or to recapture an exciting year? And always enjoying listening to these addresses in the past, but now my friends, it is a little strange, possibly even weird, to hear my own voice over the auditorium speakers for my final remarks as an officer. But, nonetheless, here it goes!

I was eight years old and a third grader at time for Elementary School. The school bell had sounded indicating it was time for school to let out. I rushed through the hallways of the building and boarded the school bus for my twenty-minute journey home. When the school bus stopped in front of our driveway, I jumped off, sprinted into the house, and quickly put on my three ten-minute journey home. When the school bus stopped in front of our driveway, I jumped off, sprinted into the house, and quickly put on my three ten-minute journey home. When the school bus stopped in front of our driveway, I jumped off, sprinted into the house, and quickly put on my three ten-minute journey home. When the school bus stopped in front of our driveway, I jumped off, sprinted into the house, and quickly put on my three ten-minute journey home.

Recently, I was at home pondering on my final message to you here this afternoon. I was sitting on the same couch, in the same living room and watching the same TV. The clock once again struck five, I quickly changed the channel to hopefully my favorite show another time. It was someone I surprised to find that no longer were "Batman and Robin" on television. Instead, I was watching the evening news and listening to a news anchor blast and bombard the agricultural industry. The reporter spoke of an agricultural terrorism, termination and an industry that offers no future for young people.

At this moment, I looked beyond our TV set to a picture hanging on the wall of 130 FFA members gathered for this past summer's Washington Conference Program. A picture of 130 members who represent 41,000, this organization who are representing 40 chapters in an industry that this reporter was telling me has no future. It was someone I surprised to find that no longer were "Batman and Robin" on television. Instead, I was watching the evening news and listening to a news anchor blast and bombard the agricultural industry. The reporter spoke of an agricultural terrorism, termination and an industry that offers no future for young people.

"Batman and Robin" may be gone, but yes, I know you have met many of the 41,000, blue and gold caped crusaders in this organization. They are not only caped crusaders for you, but they are caped crusaders for agriculture, for FFA and for America.

Fellow members, put on your

capas and fire up your bamonies. It is time for you to take the challenges as hind, because you're facing a new wave of ideas, and generation of Villains, Jokers and Penguins.

Today, there is so much change taking place in everything we do. Agricultural education, biotechnology and computers will reshape this industry in the years to come. Agricultural jobs in the future will demand skills in a wide array of science, mathematics and business. This very year, 13 percent of the jobs in agriculture, which require a college education, will be held by people who have no background whatsoever in this industry.

"With all of these uncancelable variables, who can say that tomorrow my being" So you see, biotechnology and this villain-like reporter on TV. The answer is not people in agriculture. The answer is people who are willing to become educated in a dynamic and vastly changing industry.

As I have had the opportunity to travel this past year, I have come to realize the many challenges we, as well, are facing in this organization. Many of you are aware of the proposed changes in the FFA. Changes in such things as our name, ceremonies and updated terminology to better reflect the outside world that FFA is inside. The thought of many people involved in our organization is that these changes need not take place because during this exciting time in agricultural America and high school agriculture, we as an organization have done okay. Friends, our organization did not survive simply by making no changes and by merely "doing okay."

Our task as an organization is to perform with grace and, and greatness comes by meeting head on with the challenges and our own challenges. And action possibly calls for changing some things that you and I have become very accustomed to. In our quest for greatness, people that our own selfish attitudes don't diminish our longing for success. As members, we realize the opportunity in this organization as always stands to first and foremost ways to market high school agriculture and FFA and to attract more young people to the benefits we have had. We must continue to find outside what FFA is inside. And we are not facing new situations with old frames of reference.

This year at our annual State FFA President's Conference in Washington, D.C., we held an issues and answers session for state officers to discuss these many challenges. Much heated conversation and ideas were shared among the officers. After I had returned home from the conference, I received a letter from a former national officer who attended the conference. In the letter, this person told me to remember during these controversial and challenging times that diamonds are only created from intense heat and pressure.

Fellow members, this is our 60th anniversary year. Fifteen years from now, in the year 2002, we will celebrate our 75th diamond anniversary. This organization is ready to realize that it's the members who have set the course for the FFA. And this year, six officers for the FFA will be making a bridge to thrust this organization into the future tomorrow. We have recognized that by working as a team with you, together we have secured that the Jokers, Villains, and Penguins won't steal our hearts. We have secured that the Jokers, Villains, and Penguins won't steal our hearts. We have secured that the Jokers, Villains, and Penguins won't steal our hearts.

My intent and purpose this afternoon was not to stand on this stage and simply say, "rah, rah." My goal was to share with you my own perception of our needed direction and to expand your minds, not necessarily to influence your own.

Tuesday, November 14, 1987, the six of us will take off our blue and gold capes for the final time. A feeling of both loss and joy will be the way we leave the organization and joyful for the fond memories of you. With six new people leading this organization and you, the members of the FFA, will build a stronger, wider, and more elaborate bridge for FFA, agriculture, and America than we ever thought of constructing, because that is progressing with the times.

It is important, that as we go forward into another challenging year, that we remember the words of Helen Ross: "If we don't often take risks will be many."

And more than you think you can do."

Often you find you're dragged And you'll find insupportable, too...

But always remember, the hills ahead Are never as steep as they seem, And with faith in your heart start upward

And climb 'til you reach the top, dear man, For nothing in life that is worthy Is ever too hard to achieve

If you have the courage to try it And you have the faith to believe, For faith is a force that is greater Than knowledge or power or skill

And many defeat turn to triumph If you trust in God's wisdom and will...

For faith is a mover of mountains, There's nothing that God cannot do, So start out today with Faith in your heart,

And Climb 'Til Your Dream Comes True!

A wise man once said, "I don't know what the future holds, but I do know who holds the future. In that I am confident." None of us can guess for sure what the future does hold, but I know that you hold the future of your organization, your organization and nation. In that, I proudly say, I am confident.

Friends, with over three decades, wear your blue and gold capes proudly, and jump into your bamonies. For you, my fellow Wondermen, Batman, and Boy-woonders, are the Caped Crusaders.

"Of Rare Character"



Kevin Yost
National
Secretary

How? How can I possibly put all my thoughts and emotions into just a few words? In the history of this organization, referring addresses are commonplace. What can I do to help people understand what I'm thinking? I wish there was a video or song that could convey my thoughts, no, that won't work, I want people to realize that it's the decisions, people, simple things that count. I want to stop time for just a moment and help people realize just what character is.

On January 13, 1992, a cold winter day, a typical day in the busy terminal of Washington National Airport. Seventy-nine people routinely boarded flight nine zero destined for Miami, Fla. However, few realized it was really destined for doom as the crippled aircraft plunged into the Potomac River sending 13 passengers into icy water. Confused people were striving to save themselves as they clung to fragments of the wreckage.

They heard that an Florida plane as separate citizens, individuals with unique lives, in their moments of terror they were united with one mission: to live.

As a helicopter hovered overhead, it dropped its promising "life ring" to a struggling man in the water who almost instinctively gave it up and pulled it toward a nearby woman who was quickly hoisted to safety. The helicopter returned and dropped "the ring" and the world news today is full of reports of a man fighting for his own life, gave the "ring of life" to another passenger.

A third time, the helicopter returned, and a growing crowd gasped as the man gave the ring away to a woman.

Finally, it was this courageous man, he; he fought to pull his cool, steady body into the life support net as the awestruck crowd silently cheered him, and then sank in horror as they witnessed this untamed hero slip underneath the surface of the water, never to be seen again.

And Williams, a 46-year-old young man, an ordinary businessman, yet on this day he was called to do an extraordinary deed. On this day he saved himself, yet his compassion for humanity and his fellow man compelled him

to think of others even in his waning moments. No, Arland Williams wasn't a celebrity, his name isn't even a household name, yet on that morning he exhibited rare character. He defied human nature and answered a higher calling. In his act of courage, he saved the lives of others in his instinctive valiance. He definitely possessed rare character.

FFA members, I have often contemplated that I would most likely not see you again for at least a year of service to you are near. Close. Then I realized that what I most want to share with you are the simple things my belief in agriculture and my belief in rare character.

But what really is rare character? How do we demonstrate it? Is it something we must do for pride? Must we lose something to gain it?

FFA members, you gave me the opportunity to travel this year, and I visited with you at your kitchen table, in your school greenhouse and classroom and you have seen this country through the eyes of an FFA member. I've witnessed many of you, who more than anyone else, exhibit rare character.

You were your own person; you knew you and you; you recognized your own value structure. You had rare character because you were willing to share the everyday pressures of high school.

Yet, even though you knew exactly who you were, you had a vision of the future. A vision of the you, you could be, come. I listened as you shared your plans of making this a reality.

You were not only involved, you were committed to making it work, and, thereby, making the world around you a better place.

Finally, I wished as you strive to continually increase your knowledge through varied experiences and by accepting the challenges of new risks.

It was you who taught me and what I saw in each of you is my definition of rare character. You displayed it like no one else could!

Although you continually displayed your rare character, this year as we go about school and our individual careers, we get caught up in pursuing fortunes that continually escape us. Horace Greeley said:

"Fame is a vapor
Popularity an accident
Riches take wings
And only one thing endures
— and that is character."

As I look at this year in retrospect, my memories are of you, not the fame, nor the found popularity or supposed riches, but of you and people and the times when you shared your rare character with me! The important times when your commitment to the cause was so evident.

Friends, our rare character is needed now more than ever in these changing times. Urgency is calling us!

Certainly, urgency in changing times and transitions are not new to this country. Throughout every transition, people of rare character were the driving force. For example, this year as we go to 211th anniversary of our country's greatest transition: the Revolutionary War. Indeed, the minutemen and revolutionaries were rare character, they had the vision, what their new country would be like and they were willing to fight to make it a reality!

Our FFA members, we are the minutemen and women of the Agricultural Revolution and, like the revolutionaries of the 1700's, our commitment and rare character is needed everyday in order that we may endure today's transition; and insure the reality of our vision.

Throughout the history of the United States, there have been times of agriculture, each of the transitions represent progress and they were and are fueled by men and women who "set the pace" for our country.

Today, transition is no different. We must step up and embrace the Agricultural Revolution or fall by the wayside. As the current future leaders of agriculture, we must not be satisfied to merely keep pace with the times; our job is to set the pace.

We are the most fortunate generation ever. More exciting opportunities await us today than ever before. We have the ability to be the best and the brightest people of our time. If we don't set the pace, we may be the last!

Yes, in reality, it is difficult to be a young person in these transient times. But, as an FFA member, I have learned that if it's not tough to get it, it's not worth having! It is imperative that we our rare character during this revolution.

The words I share with you are simple, yet they are meaningful thoughts exchanged from one FFA member to another.

Yes, it's true, I have often been in trouble, yet they are our rights and rightly so. Yet, in my final exchange of thoughts with you, as an FFA member, please remember not the fame and the riches, but the common, simple, everyday expressions of rare character that exist within us all.

To most people, my parents, just like many others, are common, everyday people. No, they aren't celebrities, nor are they world famous, yet to me they do an extraordinary task.

In American agriculture, it's not one celebrity or leader that makes our food and fiber system the envy of the world. Rather, it is the unity of the community. The unity of the people who each contribute and together insure that agriculture will not only survive, it will thrive and prosper.

Some faces I will always remember as being achieved through a team effort, with each player making a contribution. As a player, with Tom Oboms of the Nebraska Cornucopia as my coach, I recall the words he spoke in the victory locker room prior to the first game of the season. He said:

"Some faces I will always remember and some will leave you when the going gets tough. But the ones who will always be with you, the ones who will ultimately decide whether you win or whether you lose, are the people in his very room."

The rare character of individual players contributes to a winning team, it is sports, in agriculture.

You see, some aspects of the industry of agriculture will be decided by us, the people in this very room.

Lock around you, in your home, in your school. Everywhere we are surrounded by people with rare character. But, more importantly, look within and see the rare character which you possess!

To those of you whose paths I've crossed, thank you for sharing your rare character. My encounters with you are priceless.

I have grown because of what you have given me. If I could give you one thing in return, it would be the ability to see yourselves as I see you; then you would truly realize the rare character you possess!

FFA members, it has been an honor to serve you!

"O-TAY"



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Oh, I've presented! In fact, if ever there was a universal presenter for young and old it would be a presenter!

I remember as a young boy gathering around the kitchen table unwrapping presents and sitting at the kitchen table celebrating a birthday with chocolate cake and presents galore. I remember as a young man, my special time - my present!

The same is true when we come together as Grandchildren of Grandchildren. As the grandchildren and mom's and dad's listen to their elders give and watch their grand, worn and wrinkled faces glow like a candle. Because it was a present is unwrapped, one can't help but feel good inside. The present — the Precious Present!

Once heard of a young boy who

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being taught by Mr. Billy Bryan. I remember going home on Monday night and finding to do what I had feared for weeks. I pounded the ground with my fist as the stallion I had grown up on was sent to pasture by a veterinary student. Only his head fat on the ground, a single tear flowed from his eyes symbolizing the end of a thirteen-year friendship. A mere boy who had the friendship began. As a man I became as, though my tears, I watched him die.

You see, people think being a nation officer is all glory and they almost never know that the glory we receive now is manifested from former fears, sometimes expressed by tears and then put aside. Realizing this, I give to you one last group of thoughts, being that showing you our human side will prove to you that success is not reserved for super humans, those with high IQ's, or those who are gifted, but for average people like me and you who have the drive and persistence to excel.

We all know the kind of world in which we live. We share all the same apprehensions. But there has been a hope in the wind everywhere I have been this year. The hope has been you, your family, your friends. What a glorious feeling it is to be addressing what is to the most enthusiastic, energetic, value-driven group of people in this country. You have encouraged me greatly by being real and sometimes afraid — but you never let fear take control. You realize we do have problems — but there's always a song in your soul.

I am thoroughly convinced that we can be realistic and optimistic at the same time. Considering agriculture, agricultural vocations, the FFA, and our world, we can examine the facts and be positive about our ability to be a part of the solutions. You are the future. What will make us die?

Life, this journey, is too short to be spent in apprehension, doubt, and despondency. There are many opportunities to see, and much joy to be felt. I challenge you to continue to stand up for that in which you believe. And, if you should be labeled as a religious freak, naive or out of touch with society, then be confident that you have become a contributor to a better world. And, please, oh please, cherish life. It is precious indeed. And when we know we've done our best to make a positive impact on our world, we can stand around and shed a single glory tear because we know we did our best and because of our efforts, that others will do the same.

I have taken a great journey
A journey far and near
Sometimes my steps were
filled with doubt
Then filled with glory tears.
I'll remember all the moments
For years and eversmore,
For me it was a hot zone
A chance for me to soar.
You sent me high into the sky
With a new song to sing,
You're the hope, the inspiration
The wind beneath my wings.
I hope that I have given you

Some hope with which to say,
I'm not sure about tomorrow
I'm sure about today
I have taken a great journey
A journey far and near,
Sometimes my steps were
made with doubt
Then filled with glory tears.
I believe, believe that you
And will know all the ways
down life's short
Road while learning as you do.
You will learn that life is
one short trip
From fears to glory tears.
I do know, you can live
Others how to show a fulfilled life,
And where for success to go
And from you, they can see
How to enjoy the best of life and
Where they ought to be.
And if you, do agree
Raise your hands with all your might
And let your light be seen!

I think we all agree that goals are essential. They give meaning to life, a direction, a way to focus energy, and a purpose for existence. Living life without goals is like running a race for which there is no finish line. How can you measure your progress? How do you know when you are finished? Who will win, and how can you tell? Or imagine a Super Bowl game where one team gets the ball and makes for miles and miles because there is no end zone, no goal. If there is no target, why make the attempt? If your life has no goals, what is its purpose?

You must work toward your goals regularly. Only if working on them is the only way to make progress, not to mention that you cannot keep them flexible and stay on track if you are not intimately familiar with your progress.

How much flexibility must we be prepared for? Consider how fast technology is changing. New developments in genetic engineering and artificial intelligence, to name only two, are opening doors to things we never thought possible only years ago. Look at the Voyager probe. FFA Foundation Chairman Robert Lanphier related its story in an address delivered last year. It took 9 years to get to Uranus, weighs a ton, and was able to circle the planet once before it moved on. It is considered one of our greatest engineering triumphs, because it can be completely reprogrammed while in space by scientists here on Earth.

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salvage what a left of the old house and rebuild on a solid foundation. And we can learn from our past mistakes.

Besides that, we have the ability to build flexibility into our plans from the start. As the mouse could have built a home elsewhere and provided more safety, so we can build security into our plans. Maybe the mouse should have built a nest. And we can build flexibility into our own plans.

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Sound far-fetched? Artificial intelligence and genetic engineering technologies already exist. Our technology doubles at an amazing rate: something like once every 7 years, and that time is getting shorter all the time. Who knows what will happen in the next 40 years? I realize that the goals you and I have probably do

not involve space probes. Yet technology is expanding in all areas, and it will affect all of us. In the words of manager William Fink, "Whatever is now current will always be infinitely better in a few months than it ever been now." Situations and circumstances also change, and our plans to achieve goals must be able to respond favorably to those changes.

Even the best laid of the tightest-conceived plans sometimes experience failure. When given the chance, it is important that we keep all of our doors open because it improves our flexibility. In school, if you have a choice between an easy class that meets the minimums or a more difficult class that satisfies more requirements, opt for the tougher one. In your job, but it will also be more rewarding. Don't be afraid to make little adjustments along the way to open your own doors. Concern yourself with maintaining that mobility, rather than always making the rigid decision. At Dale Carnegie instructor Robert Marvewant says, "I don't very often make the right decision. I make a decision, and then make it right."

Many of our American success stories have followed this philosophy. If Thomas Edison had been unwilling to make changes along the way, the light bulb may have never been invented. If Abraham Lincoln had not been willing to make little adjustments to keep trying, he would not have been elected to the U.S. Presidency. If Lee Iacocca had not been willing to make adjustments in his company and keep the opportunities open, he would not have risen to the level of leadership and respect he now holds. On the other hand, if you are willing to make the necessary adjustments, and challenge yourself along the way, who's to stop you from rising to the top?

Flexibility is the key word here, because it's the best-laid schemes of mice and men go awry, flexibility is what prevents goal failure. Computer programmers build flexibility into their programs, because they know that someone will sit out there and try every possible combination of data to make the program crash. Your instructor built flexibility into their curricula to better fit your needs. And you can bet that those who have been nominated to receive the coveted American Farmer degree have been flexible in operating their business enterprises.

Plan for success and expect it, but allow for some failures on the way — it will make you stronger and make you a better person for your needs. And diamonds are made by heat and intense pressure.

Zig Ziglar relates a flying story that has happened to every FFA, and it will happen on the way home as the conclusion of this convention. We will be flying from Kansas City to Salt Lake City when we take off twice in a few minutes, however, we will cease to be headed directly for Salt Lake City. The wind conditions and air traffic patterns will change, and we will be headed in a different direction. Since we will no longer be headed for the intended destination, will the pilot turn around and



Kevin Yost (left) and Kevin Ebin discuss final details for the first convention session.

back to the Kansas City for a fresh start? Or will he make modifications in course so we will once again be headed for our destination? Obviously, he will make adjustments in course. As you head toward your goal, be prepared to make those slight adjustments in your course. If you wait for all of the lights to turn green before you start your trip to the top, you never get there. When you get below off course, you don't change the direction to go, you simply change the direction you will take to get there.

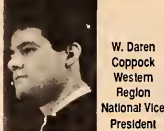
This year has been a year full of course adjustments; adjustments in schedules, adjustments to different personalities, different circumstances, different activities. It hasn't always been easy, but it has always been rewarding, it has always fostered learning and growth, and it has always been fun.

The rest of us have made many course changes this year, in a variety of activities. And because of our willingness to cooperate with each other and accept new ideas, we have been able to function as a team and remain the closest of friends. Guys... we've been through a lot together. We've argued a bit, laughed a lot, expected a lot. I guess that's why I'll always feel so close to you, no matter how many miles may come between us. I hope that you, to whom I owe the collection of opportunities that this year represents, I simply say thank you. You have provided an unforgettable experience for this FFA member, and I hope that in some small way I have been able to help and encourage you.

My friends, when you experience failure or difficulty, you are not alone. The best-laid schemes of mice and men go off track; we have the ability to steer clear of grief and pain, be flexible to change, and arrive at our promised joy.

And that's exactly what we must do. Thank you, and God Bless.

"Of Mice and Men"



W. Darrin Waples
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Region
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*But Mouse, thou art not thyself alone,
in proving foresight may be vain,
The best-laid schemes of mice and men,
oft go awry,
And leave us wretched, but grief and pain,
or promised joy."*

On a cold winter day in 1785, a young Scottish farmer named Robert Burns was plowing a field when he tamed over a mouse nest. Instead of killing the mouse, he stood there watching the helpless creature, realizing how long it had taken the mouse to build this home for its family, and getting that his plow had destroyed it. That night he wrote a poem about it.

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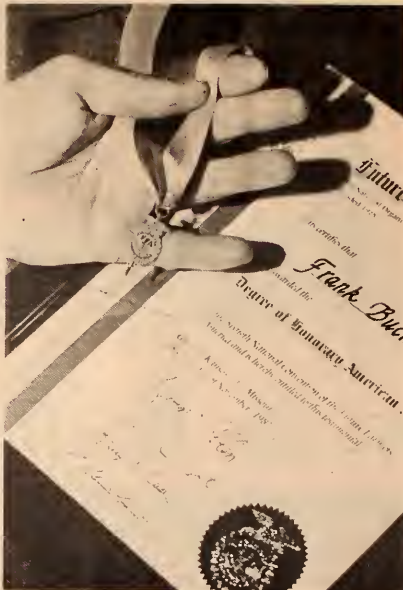
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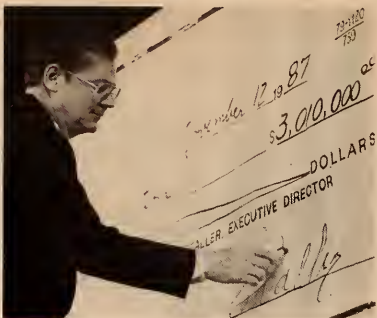
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VIP Citations

The VIP Citation is the highest award presented to adult supporters. This honor salutes outstanding adults who have given continual support and service to the FFA and high school agriculture.

Jim Warren of Silver Spring, Md.

Warren, a former employee of the U.S. Department of Education, served as a member of the National FFA Board of Directors and as an advisor to the FFA's national officers nominating committee. Warren also served as state advisor to the North Carolina association of the New Farmers of America.

Lu Achilles Wall of McPherson, Kan.

Wall has served as National FFA Foundation Chairman, and was the founder of the Gold Key Council, an advisory group to the National FFA Foundation. Wall has also been an active FFA supporter on legislative issues.

Dr. David A. Phillipson of Kalamazoo, Mich.

Phillipson is a senior vice president and general manager of The Upjohn Company/Agricultural Division

Phillipson has served as the chairman of the National FFA Foundation and contin-

ues to serve on the Gold Key Council, an advisory group to the National FFA Foundation.

Dr. James Clouse of Blacksburg, Va.

Clouse, a professor at Virginia Polytechnic

Institute and State University, has served as the advisor to the National FFA Nominating Committee for 17 years and as the National FFA Alumni President.

W.H. Wayman of Charleston, W. Va.

Wayman began his career as a high school agriculture instructor in 1929 and retired in 1968 as the West Virginia State FFA Advisor. During his career, Wayman served as a member of all state boards and committees in West Virginia, was a member of the National FFA Board of Directors and has authored several books on FFA history in West Virginia.

Floyd J. Doering of Madison, Wis. Doering, who began as an FFA member, recently retired as Wisconsin's state FFA advisor. He also served as president of the National FFA Alumni.



Alumni

National FFA Alumni Convention

The 29,000-member National FFA Alumni celebrated its 15th annual convention in conjunction with the National FFA Convention. Six hundred gathered in Bartle Hall to conduct business, hear guest speaker Ed Johnson of Agri Broadcasting Network, applaud award winners and honor incoming and outgoing officers.

The FFA Alumni Association is made up of former FFA members as well as non-FFAer's. The group provides a support system for FFA chapters at the local, state and national levels.

The selling of a 1988, blue and gold Chevrolet half-ton pick-up truck drew a crowd to the second FFA Alumni Convention Auction. Frank Rodgers and Sons Polled Herefords from Castleford, Idaho, came away the owner of the vehicle donated by Chevrolet Motor Division. Other items were donated by individuals, state associations, companies, hotels and restaurants. The auction totaled \$20,000.50 in donations to benefit a general fund to promote the FFA and the FFA Alumni.



(Left) Rick Metzger, of Woodville, Ohio, receives the national president's gavel from Larry Reese. Metzger is vice president of sales and part-time marketing for Seedex Distributors, Inc. and a motivational speaker.

A member-at-large representative was also elected. Josiah Phelps of Fort Valley, Ga., was chosen by delegates to serve a three-year term on the National FFA Alumni Council. Phelps is a farmer and a retired State FFA Executive Secretary.

Thirty alumni affiliates were honored for their outstanding contributions to high school agriculture and FFA. The award-winning chapters were ranked nationally by gold, silver or bronze categories.



Jim Sipiowski of Green Bay, Wis., spots the bidders for the 1988 Chevy pick-up truck that was auctioned.

Outstanding FFA Alumni Achievement Awards

Kenneth Seering, Denmark, Wis.
Virgil Marlinton, Slough, Wis.
LaVerne Nelson, Graham, Wash.

Silver

Gilmer County, Ellijay, Ia.
Cherryvale, Kan.
Apollo, Owensboro, Ky.
Homer, Mich.
New Ulm, Minn.
Scottsbluff, Neb.
South Rowan, China Grove, N.C.

Outstanding Affiliates

Halls, Tenn.
Black Hawk, South Wayne, Wis.
Mauston, Wis.
1st Runner Up: Bonduel, Wis.

Bronze

Suwannee, Live Oak, Fla.
Delta, Munloe, Ind.
North Polk, Alleman, Iowa
City Center, Kan.
Hill City, Kan.
Walkersville, Md.
Red Lodge, Mont.
Norfolk, Neb.
Frederick County, Winchester, Va.
Pomeroy, Wash.

States Increasing Membership by 50 or More

Colorado
Iowa
Michigan
Kentucky
Mississippi
New Mexico
Tennessee
Ohio
West Virginia
Oklahoma
Wisconsin

Workshops

During convention week, FFA members were treated to leadership workshops, conducted by the Alumni and sponsored by Land O'Lakes. Prominent former FFA leaders returned to Kansas City to motivate and encourage participants. Coordinator for the workshops was former Alumni President Ken Seering.

Alumni workshops, always a popular convention feature, took on a new dimension this year when their number was increased along with the type of subjects presented.

Providing leadership workshops were former National FFA Officers Rick Malir, Rhonda Scheulen, Steve Meredith, and Cara Doyle, and Washington Conference Counselor Russ Florence. Offering special interest workshops were Roy Dillon, University of Nebraska; Michael A. Jackson, Agri Business Group; Kim Havens, National FFA Foundation; David C. Thomas, American Institute of Cooperation; Steven McKay, 1986 Agricuture Teacher of the Year, and the Dale Carnegie Institute.

Agriscience Teacher of the Year

Sponsored by ICI Americas Inc.

Lloyd L. McCabe of Chowchilla, Calif., was named the FFA's top high school teacher of agriculture sciences.

The Agriscience Teacher of the Year Award is presented to an outstanding agriculture instructor who places emphasis on agriscience in the classroom — a hi-tech learning tool. Four national finalists received a clock, plaque, \$1,000 and a trophy for their school. An additional \$2,000 and a plaque was awarded to the national winner.

National Finalists:

CENTRAL-South Dakota: James Chilton, Florence; EASTERN-Oho: Steven J. Grace, Westerville; SOUTHERN-Florida: John McCracken, Avon Park; WESTERN-California: Lloyd L. McCabe, Chowchilla;

Regional Winners:

CENTRAL-Illinois: William G. Weeks, Byron; CENTRAL-North Dakota: Steve Zimmerman, Towler; EASTERN-New York: Douglas A. Wright, Ruffalo; EASTERN-West Virginia: Edsel E. Redden, Barnes; SOUTHERN-South Carolina: Darnell W. Ricketts, Nichols; SOUTHERN-Louisiana: Charles E. Hogan, Sr., Choudrant; WESTERN-New Mexico: Jon L. Nunn, Las Cruces; WESTERN-Washington: Andrew J. DeLagans, Marysville;

State Winners:

ALABAMA: Ivan W. Smith, II, Prichville; ARKANSAS: Charles Havill, Paragould; CONNECTICUT: Charles J. Maunillon, Suffield; DELAWARE: Russell D. Simons, Jr., Clayton; GEORGIA: David S. Burton, Mableton; HAWAII: David T. Karamolis, Waijaloa; INDIANA: Dean M. Wren, Columbia City; IOWA: Duane M. Fisher, Mt. Auburn; KANSAS: Velyn "Loe" Weis, Williamsburg; KENTUCKY: Joe Frank Ouzman, Rockford; MASSACHUSETTS: Dennis L. Magel, Taunton; MICHIGAN: Ronald K. Stevens, Woodland; MISSISSIPPI: Monte Ladner, Carthage; MISSOURI: Barbara Rotherberger, Columbia; NEVADA: Thomas H. George, Winnemucca; NEW HAMPSHIRE: Arthur I. Winsor, Jr., Winchester; NEW JERSEY: Cynthia A. Raszel, New Egypt; OKLAHOMA: Joe S. Lott, Tolson; OREGON: Marc K. Stein, Portland; PENNSYLVANIA: Dr. William Shearler, Beaverstown; TENNESSEE: Jonathan Plyer, Athens; TEXAS: Rick Vacum, Coonoc; UTAH: Carl D. Swensen, Payson; VERMONT: Richard F. Lutz, Bennington; VIRGINIA: John E. Downing, Franstown; WISCONSIN: Gary C. Anderson, Sun Prairie.



National Agricultural Career Show

Twenty-two years ago the National Agricultural Career Show was created. The National FFA Organization joined forces with agribusiness firms, educational institutions, professional societies and trade associations to inform FFA members about career opportunities. Exhibitors demonstrated new products, answered questions and gave conveniences an overview of today's agricultural industry from products to career opportunities.

Exhibitors

Ag Ed Network/AgriData Resources, Inc.
 Affiliated Laboratories
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 Agri-Pro-Nickerson American Plant Breeders, Inc.
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 Agricultural Communicators in Education
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 American Gelbvieh Association
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 American Saters Association
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 Auburn University
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 Dupage Horticultural School
 Evans Bio Control, Inc.
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 Florida Department of Citrus
 Florida, University of
 Harwood Enterprises
 ICI Americas Inc.
 Illinois, University of
 Instructional Materials Lab
 International Brangus Breeders Association
 International Minerals and Chemical Corp.
 Interlec Publishing Corp., Book Div.
 Iowa State University
 John Deere
 Kaiser Agricultural Chemicals/Esteh
 Kansas State University
 Lakeshore Technical Institute
 Lincoln University
 Maryland, University of
 Metropolitan Community College
 Mid America Dairymen, Inc.
 Minnesota, University of



The National FFA Career Show (above) began in 1965 with only six companies. This year 189 companies, agri-firms and universities participated. (At left) FFA members visit with company representatives to learn about career opportunities.

Hall of States

Alaska	Nebraska
Arkansas	Nevada
Connecticut	North Carolina
Delaware	New York
Hawaii	Ohio
Idaho	Oklahoma
Illinois	Pennsylvania
Indiana	Puerto Rico
Kansas	South Carolina
Maine	South Dakota
Maryland	Tennessee
Massachusetts	Utah
Montana	Wisconsin
Missouri	Wyoming
Mississippi	

Minnesota-Waseca, University of
 Missouri Chapters of Fisheries Society & Wildlife Society
 Missouri, University of
 Mobay Corporation
 Modesto Junior College
 Na Churs Plant Food Company
 Nashville Auto Diesel College
 National Agricultural Aviation Association
 National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges
 National Cattlemen's Association
 National Farmers Organization
 National FFA Foundation
 National Food & Energy Council, Inc.
 National Grain & Feed Association
 National Guard Bureau
 National Pork Producers Council
 National Rifle Association
 National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association
 Navy Recruiting Command

Nebraska-Lincoln, University of
 North American Limousin Association
 North Dakota State University
 Northeast Louisiana University
 Northwest Missouri State University
 Ohio Agric. Ed. Curriculum Materials Ser. Inc.
 Ohio State University
 Oklahoma CIMC/MAVCC
 Oklahoma State University
 Pecan Valley Nut Company, Inc.
 Penn State—College of Agriculture
 Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.
 Postsecondary Agricultural Students
 Purdue University
 Remington Arms Company, Inc.
 Renco Corporation
 Rutlan National General Fund
 Seald-Sweet Growers, Inc.
 Select Sires, Inc.
 Society of American Florists
 Society for Range Management
 Society of American Foresters

Sunkist Growers, Inc.
 Surge-Babson Bros. Co.
 Texas A&M University
 Texas A&M University
 Texas Tech University
 Tri-State Breeder Cooperative
 Tuskegee University
 U.S. Army
 U.S. Air Force
 U.S. Marine Corps
 Upjohn Company/Tucco Division
 USDA-Federal Crop Insurance Corporation
 USDA Forest Service
 USDA-Soil Conservation Service
 Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
 Vo-Tech Ed Consortium of States
 Westair Engineering
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Entertainment

National FFA Band

Sponsored by **Manna Pro Corporation**
and **Landmark Genetics, Inc.**

With cymbals crashing and trumpets gleaming, the National FFA Band once again proved to be a convention favorite. Musicians from across the country were chosen to perform beautiful music under the direction of Roger Heath of Boulder, Col., and Gene Englerth, assistant director, of Webberville, Mich. Alan and JoAnn Barber of Burlington, Col. and Mary Heath served as chaperones and assistants.



ALABAMA: Kristy Evans, Scottsboro, Bass Clarinet; Cindy Hankey, Cullman, Trumpet; Tony Payne, Grant, Trombone; **ARKANSAS:** Earl Thurston, Hot Springs, Horn; **CALIFORNIA:** Russel Callahan, Mira Loma, Percussion; **GEORGIA:** Michelle Oyster, Homerville, Clarinet; **IDAHO:** Christine Hill, Nampa, Flute; Ned Outslip, Buhl, Alto Sax; Tom Sutton, Midvale, Trumpet; **ILLINOIS:** Susan Johnson, Elmwood, Clarinet; Kelly Marshall, Spring, Trumpet; Trish McLaugh, Bushnell, Alto Sax; Mary O'Brien, LeRoy, Clarinet; Phil Sias, Bushnell, Horn; **INDIANA:** Jeff Alberts, Remington, Tuba; Julia Brown, Greenfield, Trumpet; Eric Chastain, Remington, Horn; Trace Goodnight, Frankfort, Clarinet; Scott Lewis, Huntington, Tuba; Brian White, Morgantown, Trombone; Robert Zolman, La Grange, Baritone; **IOWA:** Chris Brown, Seymour, Percussion; Lisa De Haal, Pleasantville, Bass Sax; Emily Earlwood, Lottville, Flute; Judy Green, Castalia, Tuba; Brian Potlubaam, Macoupin, Percussion; Kim Slagel, Brooklyns, Horn; **KANSAS:** Monty Clark, Eskridge, Alto Sax; Brian Davidson, Delphos, Trombone; Dennis Fry, Fort Scott, Clarinet; Doug Messer, Alma, Trumpet; Todd Schmidt, Mill Hope, Tuba; **KENTUCKY:** T. J. Hale, Franklin, Horn; Mark Morgan, Princeton, Baritone; **LOUISIANA:** Kai Griffin, Cut Off, Bass Guitar; **MICHIGAN:** Becky Gutchal, Jonesville, Tenor Sax; Dar Howard, Romas, Baritone; Nelson Storms, Centerville, Trumpet; **MINNESOTA:** Heidi Anderson, Buffalo Lake, Bass Clarinet; Dawn Bondhus, Storden, Clarinet; Spring Halland, Storden, Flute; Jackie Hendrichsen, New Prague, Flute; Jason Shippy, Ikaheo, Trombone; **MISSISSIPPI:** Keith Thompson, Magee, Trumpet; **MISSOURI:** Scott Burditt, Hunewell, Percussion; Buffy Eckhoff, Sweet Springs, Alto Sax; Bobby Garrett, Sweet Springs, Trumpet; Chris Huffman, Troy, Tuba; David Hinziger, Linn, Trumpet; Mary Hosman, Buffalo, Flute; Phil Schmidt, Troy, Trumpet; Sierden Warren, Dawn, Alto Sax; Allen Zierbarth, Mason, Tuba; **MONTANA:** Susanne Bolstad, Winfield, Flute; Sara Houghton, Melstone, Horn; Stacy Simmons, Judith Gap, Clarinet; James Watts, Fairview, Trombone; **NEBRASKA:** Brian Millard, Verdigris, Clarinet; Sonya Schraier, Norfolk, Bass Sax; Stephanie Sutton, Alliance, Bass Clarinet; **NEW HAMPSHIRE:** Tammy Woodell, Bessemer, Bass Clarinet; **NEW YORK:** Lori Sayah, Albany, Clarinet; **NORTH CAROLINA:** Tim Baklanoff, Biederste, Tuba; Daniel Mills, New London, Trombone; **NORTH DAKOTA:** Gretchen Anderson, Carrington, Horn; David Schlecht, Burlington, Trumpet; **OHIO:** Wayne Delinger, Milford Center, Trumpet; Nathan Drummond, Mill Sterling, Trombone; Jennifer Jackson, Mondova, Flute; Brad Larkin, Bylesville, Percussion; **OKLAHOMA:** Corinna Dolzal, Billings, Clarinet; David Gregg, Tecumseh, Trombone; **MARI HANAU,** Stillwater, Trumpet; Richard Swain, Watonga, Trumpet; Sharon Thale, Pamp, Trumpet; Susan Thompson, Shawnee, Horn; **OREGON:** Amy Barnes, Pendleton, Alto Sax; Chissy Hayhurst, Culver, Flute; Mark Knight, Forest Grove, Trombone; **PENNSYLVANIA:** William Lahr, Stevens, Tuba; **SOUTH DAKOTA:** Deena Lee, Arlingwood, Clarinet; Kyle Mueller, Brookings, Trombone; Eileen Rand, Hartland, Tenor Sax; Karl Walter, Harrisburg, Trumpet; **TENNESSEE:** Angela Lee, Cleveland, Trumpet; Henry Richardson, Bolivar, Trombone; **TEXAS:** Geni Masur, Rockdale, Clarinet; Cate Bask, Odessa, Baritone; Ken Wera, League City, Clarinet; **UTAH:** Jim Wilson, Lehi, Bassoon; **WASHINGTON:** Ed Stocklin, Elma, Trumpet; **WISCONSIN:** Cub Birschnie, Sturgeon Bay, Baritone; Ken Brandt, Cuba City, Trombone; Mark Haines, Hoberus, Percussion; Diane Huppert, River Falls, Trumpet; Tricia Olson, Marion, Tenor Sax



National FFA Chorus

Sponsored by **Ford Division - Ford Motor Company**

Since 1948, the National FFA Chorus has delighted convention-goers, and this year was no exception. Under the direction of Stan Kingma, Stephens City, Va., the accompanist and assistant director, Owen Robbins, Philadelphia, Penn.; assistant directors Marilyn Kingma and son Joe Kingma, Blacksburg, Va., the chorus opened the convention with Vespers and closed it with special music on Saturday afternoon. FFA members come to coast were selected from audition tapes prior to the convention.

ALABAMA: Michael Bankston, Opelika; Lisa Payne, Uiah; **ARIZONA:** Melody Langford, Wellton; **ARKANSAS:** Terra Jeffess, Louann; **FLORIDA:** Kimberly Thornton, Bradley; **IDAHO:** Mike Sutton, Midvale; **ILLINOIS:** Kevin Ayres, Jerseyville; Teresa Benton, Collins; Carrie Gilliam Pagon, Matt Hamilton, Stockton; Brian King, Port Byron; David Sletman, Pleasant Hill; **INDIANA:** John Routh, Clowarda; Melinda Schultz, Argos; Teresa Schwaikhardt, Warren; **IOWA:** Angela Ballanger, Potosi; Jason Carrico, Redfield; Barbie Jo Cook, Center-Point; Joni Patchett, DeWitt; Jason Grave, Guttenberg; Todd Heck, Coon Rapids; Richard Lorenzen, Buckingham; Marj, Ness, Oeslar; Kurt Omsundson, Nashua; CorySomson, Eskon; Daniel Striegel, Delta; Andrea Stromer, Klemme; Glenn VanHorssem, Mauron; Leslie Wells, Milton; **KANSAS:** Scott Aberle, Morrill; Stanley Millan, Williamsburg;

KENTUCKY: Sara Frazer, Marion; **MICHIGAN:** Rebecca Dine, Alto; Kelly Wright, New Lothrop; **MINNESOTA:** Dulcie Anderson, Buffalo Lake; Chris Bars, Dover; Christine Henning, Okabena; Michael Henning, Brewster; Paul Neumann, Ada; Shannon NoHancock; Barry Westman, Rush City; Becky Westrom, Ebow Lake; **MISSISSIPPI:** Michael McGivney, Carthage; **MISSOURI:** Kevin Duwak, California; Brian Davis, Marionville; Alisa Forester Memphis; Shane Geb, Trayer; Angela Hamilton, California; Julia Hendrickson; Sedalia; Dewayne Huff, Sparta; Arfisa Johnston, Rutledge; Ginger Johnstone Hartville; Amy Jones, Halfway; Scott Lane, Liberal; Walter Miller, Arbela; Shannon Rothweiler, Monroe City; Randy Sproat, Warrensburg; Shaun Sweager, Weatherly; Brian Thomas, Eagleville; Trudy Tranham, Willard; Timothy Trullinger, Grant City; **MONTANA:** Candy Johnston, Garnett; **NEBRASKA:** Gina Abner, Blue Hill; Holly Pleack, Swanton; Dustin Premer, Bushkill; Daniel Sandall, Bassett; **NEW YORK:** John Hajdas, Evans Mills; Maia Puffer, Sidney Center; **NORTH CAROLINA:** Ronald Clodfelder, Statesville; **OHIO:** Dan Cox, Eaton; Joseph Durkin, Mansfield; Lynn Hughes, Gambier; BridgetKadel, Covington; David Rodgers, London; **OKLAHOMA:** Tanny Bond, Durant; Bobby Meyer, Lamont; Amy Paul, Stratford; Tawana Scott, Pampa; Yvonne Selzer, Grid; **OREGON:** Emily Johnston, Galloway; **SOUTH CAROLINA:** Gregg Young, Copps; **SOUTH DAKOTA:** Darin Bittner, Woonsocket; Patricia Laisy, Madison; Mark Miller, Hurley; **TENNESSEE:** Leah Carden, Johnson City; **TEXAS:** Jay Edmunds, Anahuac; Chris Stephenson, Liberty; **UTAH:** Richard Hayes, Richfield; **WASHINGTON:** Katrina Bohner, Wilson Creek; Heather Garman, Snohomish; ScottHestman, Uniontown; **WISCONSIN:** Amy Dohs, Denmark; Bill Eney, Hasser City; DeWayne Fossberg, Independence; Marie Lee, Elk Mound; Rick Meritich; Mar-shall; Dan Osborn, Viroqua; Kimberly Olson, Albany; Robert Quinell, Friendship;

National FFA Talent

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National FFA Talent Directors Don and Martha Erickson from Makoti, North Dakota, have coordinated a unique convention program for 39 years. They organized and arranged schedules for talent groups, placing FFA bands, soloists and other entertainers in performances at various convention functions. Past performers were reunited Thursday evening at a reunion-hosted by the Ericksons.

ALABAMA: Chris Campbell, Logan; Waylon Campbell, Logan; Scott McCormick, Vinemont; Michael Johnson, Cullman; **ARKANSAS:** Max Philips, Huntsville; Renea Roberts, Wickes; Melissa Daniels, Lake Hamilton; **ARIZONA:** Rochell Satterfield, Glendale; John Bishop, Higley; Natalie Moore, Mesa; **DELAWARE:** Karen Timmons, Camden; **HAWAII:** Hasting Alo, Hilo; **IOWA:** Bradley VarHorn, Garrison; Kelly Ann Miller, Essau; Brenda Plagge, Denison; **INDIANA:** Jason Fumer, Reynolds; Mike Smolek, Hanlet; **ILLINOIS:** Darisha Coon, Chicago; Kenneth Hill, Chicago; Maria Poelnitz, Chicago; Marita Stennes, Chicago; **KANSAS:** Lori Labouette, Florence; Laura Marks, Gypsum; Annette Janzen, Moundridge; **MAINE:** Kelley Harmon, Carboou; **MICHIGAN:** Ron Zdrojewski, Pains; Lea Lemanske, Uly; **MINNESOTA:** Rodney Krel, Blooming Prairie; Rodney Pesch, Warren; Kerry Schneider, Waltham; Dan Ludwig, Ebow Lake; Gregory Sparr, Herran; Jonathan Olson, Ebow Lake; Becky Westrom, Jewell Lake; Janice Miller, Herman; Greg Hukriede, Long Prairie; Mike Hukriede, Long Prairie; Glen Peta, Long Prairie; Randy Schott, Greg Eagle; Charlie Burgess, Long Prairie; Mike Gugenberger, Long Prairie; Rick Klinhammer, Long Prairie (Alternate); Kim Bruder, Long Prairie (Alternate); **MISSOURI:** Karen Sue Cox, Gower; Christine Sundahl, Myria; Renee Oberholtzer, Thayer; Pamela Allison, Flemington; **MOYTA:** Colleen Robertson, Judith Gap; Leigh Smell, Missy City; NEW



MEXICO: Michael Ware, Las Cruces; **NORTH CAROLINA:** Penny O'Neal, Rope, Fork Road; **NORTH DAKOTA:** Jolene Herke, Gackle; Brian Bendickson, Garrison; Shannon Schutt, Jamestown; Bruce Jorgensen, Powers Lake; Chris Holman, Powers Lake; Lane Tice, Powers Lake; Kaye Grubb, Powers Lake; Britt Evenson, Williston; Carl Rossland, Williston; David Borsham, Williston; **OHIO:** Tracy Carter, Bowling Green; Sharon Walls, Weston; Jim Scott, Tontogay; Rick Bachman, Grand Rapids; Jenny Jones, Bowling Green; Holly Long, Fork Road; Charlyn Chambers, Swanton; **OKLAHOMA:** Kelli Banks, Bridget; Melissa Hentrow, Shawnee; Amy Palmer, Stillwater; Eric Jensen, Red Oak; **OREGON:** Stacie Lyn Saxon, Paisley; **TENNESSEE:** Jaxon Lucy, Humboldt; Jimmy Melton, Hendersonville; **TEXAS:** Glenda Elfrin, Janna Blackman, Blum; David McPherson, Blum; Larry Marindale, Grandview; Darren Rapp, Blum; Allison Moore, Duncanville; Marc Robinson, Cleburne; Karen Lawler, Herington; **UTAH:** Kacia Phillips, Nephi; **WASHINGTON:** Lisa Thom, Shelton; Rob Etkody; **WISCONSIN:** Jennifer Kapinos, Denmark; **WYOMING:** Thea Strick, Kinross.

Special Guests



Miss America, Kaye Lani Rae Rafko



Callum Harvey, of Scotland, traveled about 4,000 miles to attend his first national FFA convention.



Roger Slauhach



William Bennett, Secretary of Education



Senator Robert Dole was scheduled to address the convention on Saturday morning.



David Okerlund



John Block



Dr. Bonnie Guiton, Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, USDE, and John Pope

New At The 60th

"A Glory Piece for FFA"

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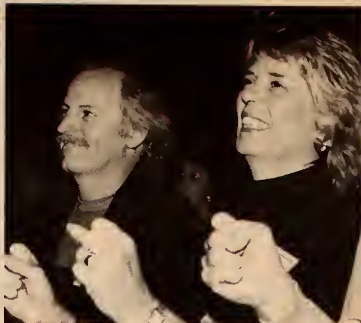
Nashville songwriter Alan Ross has created a catchy rock interpretation of FFA—and provided background music for this year's theme show.

"America—We Are The FFA", a new video, premiered to a thunderous response Thursday morning. The five and one-half minute anthem, introduced on screen by Larry Gatlin, captures the excitement of FFA in a language that appeals

to the youth audience.

Information Intern Jeri Matatics says, "We are trying to get away from the plows and cows image in recruiting new members. We expect the video will be used extensively by chapters."

The video is available in VHS format from the National FFA Supply Service and as a 16 mm film from Venard Films Ltd.



Composer Alan Ross and his wife Ann McCarty Ross

Computer Central

Upstairs, away from the bustle of the FFA newsroom, a long row of Macintosh computers ushered the convention into the world of desktop publishing. Both the *FFA Times* and *Convention Proceedings* were written and laid out with the latest in equipment. Atwood Convention Publishing of Kansas City, Mo., increased the ease and efficiency of producing the publications by helping with design and production.



They Believe in Promotion

Sponsored by Beef Promotion and Research Board

The *FFA Times* is in good company these days. Their new sponsor—the Beef Promotion and Research Board—is also responsible for those tasty beef advertisements starring Cybil Shepherd and James Garner. Known for their innovative promotions, the group administers the beef check-off program.

FFA Sneaks Back In the Classroom

Sponsored by Kraft, Inc.

Elementary school students across the nation will soon be treated to a new film about the production of food and fiber. Because of its young audience, however, "The Case of the Sneaky Snack" is not your typical documentary.

Raimondi Films of Washington, D.C., put together an amusing, tongue-in-cheek detective spoof about a missing boy. With crumbs as clues, our detectives are led to the wise Dr. Freund, who gives some pertinent agricultural lessons.

"The Case of the Sneaky Snack" may be borrowed, free of charge, from Venard Films, Ltd. or purchased from the National FFA Supply Service.



New Award



The first recipient of the "Outstanding American" award was Lee Jacocca, chairman and chief executive officer, Chrysler Corporation.

Three Million and Counting

When Crystal McDaniel put in a jacket order with the National FFA Supply Service, she had no idea she'd end up on stage at her first National convention.

McDaniel, from Evadale, Texas, gave her new jacket back to the FFA in a special presentation. Her jacket then went on display in the auditorium lobby throughout the convention.

Incidentally, McDaniel didn't go home empty-handed. The Supply Service has provided her another blue and gold jacket.



Business

Official Delegates

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Committee Reports

Alumni Committee

We, the Alumni Committee, wish to express our sincere thanks to Worthy Cox, Jim Sipiorksi, Eldon Wit, Mildred Moore, and Rick Metzger for valuable contributions to our committee. We have been enlightened by the knowledge these individuals have presented to us. We feel that the development of the FFA Alumni Affiliates throughout the country will eventually aid in the preservation and promotion of vocational agriculture.

We suggest and support the following items:

1. National Leadership Conferences for State Officers

We recommend to the National Staff and the National Officers to include Alumni programs and presentations at these conferences. This will allow the National Alumni to reveal information and resources available to state officers, so they can become better educated about the Alumni organization.

This will promote a better understanding between FFA and the FFA Alumni and how they can work together to support vocational agriculture.

2. Washington Conference Program

The WCP Staff should initiate programs that will be educational to the FFA members present, concerning the FFA Alumni. This will also help to inform the Alumni about the FFA and its activities. We also encourage the WCP Staff to also include programs that will be motivational and educational for the alumni members present.

3. State Alumni Conventions

We feel that state FFA conventions and state FFA Alumni conventions should be separate functions, based on the success of leading Alumni states. This will allow the Alumni to give one hundred percent support at both the State FFA Convention and the State Alumni Convention. We feel confident that this will increase the alumni attendance at both conventions.

4. Increase Membership

We feel the best way to increase membership on all levels is through the visibility of the FFA Alumni. We feel the *National FUTURE FARMER* Magazine, along with state and local publications, should allow the promotion of the FFA Alumni through articles and advertisement.

We feel that the National Organization, state associations and local chapters, should send information regarding alumni membership to graduating students and adult vocational education groups.

Due to the examples set by National and State officers, we feel they should continue their

association with vocational agriculture by becoming Lifetime Alumni members.

The Alumni is ready and willing to continue their support of FFA and Vocational Agriculture. We, as the Alumni Committee sincerely believe that if implemented, these items would benefit the FFA as well as the FFA Alumni.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Crouch, Indiana; Chairman
Will MacDonald, North Dakota; Co-Chairman
Tina Woodell, New Hampshire
Tim Heeg, Wisconsin
Becky Shaw, Florida
John N. Martin, Missouri
Mitch Thomas, Texas
Norman Ladd, Oklahoma
Kathy Lineburg, Virginia

Auditing Committee

We the Auditing Committee of the 60th National FFA Convention recommend to the National FFA Organization:

1. The audit report of Stoy, Malone and Company found satisfactory and meeting the requirements of Public Law 740 for the fiscal

years September 1, 1986 to August 31, 1987 be accepted.

2. Place a copy of the budget in the delegate convention packages sent to the official delegates and the State FFA staff, before arrival in Kansas City.

3. Continue to distribute a condensed financial report in each delegate package that is received upon registration in Kansas City and encourage these delegates to share this information with their fellow state officers.

4. Continue to provide copies of the Stoy, Malone and Company report available upon request from the National FFA Center.

5. We thank Mr. David Miller, national treasurer, and Mr. Wilson Carnes, administrative director, for the knowledge and wisdom they each provided.

Respectfully submitted:

Brian Davis, North Carolina (Chairman)
Douglas Slott, Utah (Co-Chairman)
Charles Scoville, Michigan
Kell Matsuda, Hawaii
Julie Telft, Rhode Island
Donald Noorda, Nevada
Scott Kettlele, Rhode Island

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Collegiate Agriculture Education Development Committee

We, the members of the 1987 Collegiate Ed Committee, after having been briefed on the current conditions of the collegiate level of membership, feel that the guidelines listed in the Official FFA Manual be more specifically updated by the Constitution and By-laws Committee as follows:

The Collegiate FFA will be an integral part of an ag ed instructional program in two or four-year institutions where agricultural education courses are taught. Other majors in colleges of agriculture wishing to continue as members in FFA would be enrolled in either active or alumni levels of membership.

After specifying more clearly the guidelines as listed above, we feel that the following recommendations can be applied:

1. Develop a national contest format for Collegiate members such as debate, public speaking, etc.
2. Have a booth at the National Agricultural

Career Show promoting the interest in post-secondary education for high school students.

3. Have other members more directly involved with Collegiate FFA Chapters and agricultural education serve as consultants on this committee.

We, the members of the Collegiate Ed Committee, feel that these recommendations will provide a sound basis for national growth for the Collegiate FFA organizations.

Special thanks to Mr. Jack Pizer, Sr., Editor of the *National FUTURE FARMER*, for all of his help and advice concerning our committee work.

Respectfully submitted,

Leanne Rogers, Texas (Chairman)
Elizabeth Daniels, Tennessee (Co-Chairman)
Ronny Nasser, Texas (Secretary)
Dean Huff, Illinois
Glenna Testor, New York
David Byrum, Michigan



National Awards Committee

We, the members of the National Awards Committee, have reviewed the following programs: Achievement Awards, BOAC, the Degree programs, National Chapter, National Safety, and Proficiency Awards program. These are our recommendations to the Contests and Awards standing committee and the National FFA Board of Directors to strengthen the current programs and insure that they are an important part of the instructional program for ALL FFA members.

1. We recommend recognition by placing for the top ten chapters in the National Chapter and National Safety awards programs.

2. We believe that attempts should be made to bring the level of National Chapter and National Safety awards exposure and awareness up to the level of BOAC.

3. We recommend the implementation of an Individual Award within the National Safety Awards Program.

4. We encourage the exploration of more sponsorship for the National Chapter and National Safety programs.

5. We believe that there should be increased continuity amongst the different proficiency applications.

6. We recommend an increase in weight for marketing in the evaluation of proficiency awards.

7. We encourage an expanding of topics covered by our proficiency awards program. Ideas might be to split sales and service, add communications or promotions areas and implement agri-marketing area.

8. We believe that attempts should be made to evaluate proficiency and star awards on the basis of growth and development rather than size alone.

9. We recommend a reviewing of the application and handbook for the American Farmer Degree to make them less intimidating and easier to understand.

10. We advocate the importance of the Achievement Award program and believe that attempts should be made to increase awareness and understanding in the program.

11. We recommend that chapter, state, and national award winners receive a blank thank-you note along with their award to increase the amount of appreciation directed toward our sponsors.

12. We recommend that the members of the FFA extend a tremendous thank you to the National program specialist as well as their assistants for their service and commitment to our organization.

We also extend a word of appreciation to our two consultants Laurie Cunningham, Virginia and Larry Redding, Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Hanson, Iowa (Chairperson)
Mario Flores, California (Co-Chairperson)
Sandy Williams, Washington (Secretary)
Michele Gouveia, Massachusetts
Tim Coleman, Georgia
Whitney Brune, Alaska
Cory Loudemilk, Texas

National Information Service Committee

We the members of the 1987 National Information Service Committee, make the following recommendations to improve and further develop the information services of the National FFA Organization.

1. Put emphasis on modern technical equipment (video etc.), thus reducing printed materials.

A. Produce a video from sponsoring companies and public figures' point of view on why they support our organization.

B. Encourage state officers to utilize national video tapes at state and district meetings.

C. Make public relations tapes of non-traditional proficiency award winners success stories, especially focusing on specialty areas such as agribusiness, agriscience, and computer-related fields.

D. Produce videos promoting the national judging contests to promote awareness of FFA's hands on experience with careers other than farming.

E. Encourage states to promote their state convention activities, just as the national FFA organization, by using video equipment.

2. Utilize the FFA Reporters Handbook by starting a State Reporters Workshop possibly in conjunction with State Presidents Conference.

3. Provide a Reporters Handbook in video form to help train individual chapters with public relations.

4. Produce a computer disk that would aid chapters in recruitment to be included in the

recruitment program packet.

5. Encourage sponsors to publicize the National FFA Organization on their products. (Example, "Prosid Organizer of National FFA Organization" on the back of a milk carton.)

6. Establish display at the Agricultural Career Show at the National FFA Convention in order that every state could participate and share ideas related to public relations.

7. Recommend to the National Future Farmer Magazine to initiate a pull out section in the magazine to promote recruitment.

We thank the staff of information services: Mr. Bill Stagg, director; Ms. Jert Matties, intern; and Mr. Bob Juenker, executive secretary Indiana Association; for their hard work during the National FFA Convention as well as the many programs the National Information Service has initiated this past year.

We challenge the National Information Service to take these recommendations into strong consideration and keep up the good work.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dan Schroer, Ohio (Chairman)
Dan Sorum, Minnesota (Co-Chairman)
Cody Goswick, Arizona
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Dave Fuhr, South Dakota
Keith Phillips, Alabama
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Contests

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International Committee

We, the members of the International Programs Committee, with the purpose of developing agricultural relationships with countries abroad and educating students in agricultural production methods of other countries, present the following recommendations to the 60th National Convention of Future Farmers of America:

1. Provide a video for recruiting sponsors as well as promoting the international program.
2. Have state associations utilize returning WEA students to give presentations on work experience at state conventions.
3. Request that a detailed information packet, similar to BOAC and Food for America, be made available to individual chapters through the National FFA Supply Service.
4. Work with members of the Washington Conference Program staff to allot a time for international interns to present a program on international exchange.
5. Recommend to state governing officials that they recognize participants in the international exchange program.
6. Compile a list of exchange students from the U.S. and participants from inbound countries who will be willing to make presentations on their trips.
7. Gather a list of chapters that are willing to host inbound exchange students on a short term basis and provide the list to inbound students.
8. Set a goal for 100 percent participation of

all states in the international exchange program.

9. Mail promotional information for presentations to state presidents.
10. Invite host families to state conventions and recognize them for their participation.
11. Advise in order to encourage participants to seek college credits for their international exchange.
12. Encourage state foundations and alumni organizations to develop scholarships for international exchange program.
13. Initiate an exchange program with Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

We, the International Committee, extend sincere thanks to sponsors and commend the National FFA Foundation for their support of this program. Also, we thank the International Program Specialists for their work in rapidly developing this program.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Sutherland, Tennessee, (Chairman)
Ed Peck, Wisconsin, (Co-Chairman)
Greg Miner, Utah
Ann Andrews, New Jersey
Susan Knuteson, South Dakota,
Michael Muncy, Alaska
Kathleen Birns, California
Mike Wheatley, Delaware
Melanie Burgess, Consultant, Program Specialist

National Leadership Conferences Committee

We, the members of the National Leadership Conference Committee, have carefully analyzed and evaluated the 1987 Washington Conference Program and State Presidents' Conference, with our primary objective being to improve the leadership training at these conferences for our fellow FFA members. We do hereby submit the following recommendations:

- Washington Conference Program**
1. We recommend that there be more emphasis placed on historic sites and national monuments in our promotional brochure.
 2. The promotional brochure should be worded so that it includes an invitation to any member interested in becoming a chapter leader.
 3. Provide the opportunity for participants to learn and become more aware of other state's structures and chapter activities.
 4. Provide practical, hands-on leadership experiences.
 5. During the Mt. Vernon visit, have a program to emphasize the leadership qualities of George Washington.
 6. Patriotism should continue to be stressed throughout the program.
 7. FFA be promoted as a "positive" organization and make a great emphasis on the area of changes, and opportunities in FFA today so the participants can utilize these in their own chapter and state.
 8. The following areas are considered for individual workshops:
 - a. Self-esteem/confidence
 - b. National pride
 - c. Leadership participation
 - d. Positive public image of FFA

- e. Goal setting
 - f. Team work and effective communication
 - g. Etiquette
 - h. Morals
 - i. Peer Pressure
 - j. Chapter needs - problems and answers
 - k. Careers
 - l. Opportunities
9. Have a National Officer present at least one full day during the week.
 10. Place stronger emphasis advisor participation by:
 - a. Providing idea exchange workshops
 - b. Providing information about awards and scholarships
 - c. Providing special advisor brochures

State Presidents' Conference

1. Allow participants more time at the National FFA Center.
2. Provide handouts on sponsor recruitment for the state level.
3. Create better alumni awareness by utilizing top program leaders and topical workshops.
4. Split state officers and state leaders during Issues and Answers discussion.
5. Have more pictures of participants during slide show.
6. Possibly extending the conference by one day allowing for better utilization of time and location.

In closing, we would like to commend the 1987 Washington Conference Program staff and the national officers for excellent leadership and

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National Future Farmer Magazine Committee

We, the members of the 1987 National Future Farmer Magazine Committee, on behalf of the membership of the National FFA Organization wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the National Future Farmer magazine staff and commend them on a job well done.

After intense discussion and organized planning, we submit the following suggestions:

I. State Reporters should compile a monthly report including photos on their respective state for the National Future Farmer staff.

We stress that other state officers, alumni, state staff, and FFA members are also part of the magazine and should send in articles.

II. We suggest the use of vivid color throughout the magazine, which includes photos, titles, and headings.

III. If members are not receiving their magazine, or would like to receive the magazine at home, they should consult their chapter advisor and request to have it sent directly to their home.

IV. Graduating seniors are encouraged to request membership after high school in the FFA and subscribe to the magazine in order to stay

informed about FFA issues.

- V. The following ideas for articles were recommended for future issues, and items, lettered A, C, and H, will need input from FFA members:
- A. Question and answer column
 - B. Pros and cons of current FFA issues
 - C. A creative corner, where fictional stories, poems, or drawings can be submitted by FFA members
 - D. Explanatory (how-to) articles
 - F. Personal columns featuring a national officer, which will include an update on their activities.

G. Current agricultural issues and how they affect FFA members and the agriculture industry

- H. Regional reports, featuring one state within the region
 - I. Self-confidence and motivation-building articles that members can link directly to themselves
 - J. Dealing with peer pressure and setting a positive example.
- VI. Photo ideas include:
- A. Humorous photos in the joke page sec-

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tion.

B. A cluster page full of photos that are the covers of past issues of the *National Future Farmer* magazine.

C. Action Photos

A longer and more detailed report was compiled for the *National Future Farmer* magazine staff.

Respectfully submitted

Kathy Almond, California (Chairperson)

Michele Moro, New Jersey (Co-Chairperson)

Kelly Linster, North Dakota

Carey Martin, Louisiana

Steve Hines, Idaho

Heidi Bannon, New Mexico

Amanda Hill, North Carolina

Consultants:

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Leadership Conferences

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promotion of agriculture's new spirit. We would also like to commend the National Board of Directors for their development of the National FFA Personal Development Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Shane Stewart, Oklahoma (Chairman)

Ed Rohne, Oregon (Co-Chairman)

Elsie Soto, Puerto Rico

Melissa Spady, Pennsylvania

Al Harman, South Carolina

Lynwood Winslow, Maine

Debbie Powell, Missouri

Scott Streber, Ohio

Membership Development Committee

We, the members of the 1987 Membership Development Committee, wish to express the importance of recruiting new members into our organization.

We feel that even though our organization has an outstanding record of achievement and a large number of members, it is vital to create an influx of new members to both allow more students to gain the numerous benefits of FFA membership and to maintain the high standards that have always been synonymous with our organization.

With this purpose in mind, we wish to submit the following report. We firmly believe that these guidelines are followed, they will be of invaluable assistance to future recruitment endeavors.

1. Recommend that a full eighth grade program be established as well as exploratory classes for grade levels lower than eight.

2. Strongly encourage 100% membership by making membership automatic with enrollment in high school agriculture.

3. Recommend that professional organizations, such as the NVATA be encouraged to provide workshops for agriculture instructors dealing with FFA recruitment and the use of recruiting tools, such as the Monsanto program.

4. Recommend a communication at the national level from the FFA organization to the

Department of Education concerning and supporting an accreditation program for high school agriculture students and FFA members in academic areas pertaining to vocational agriculture.

5. Encourage the development of a four year block membership for post-graduate members to be obtained in their senior year.

6. Suggest that at the end of the year report be provided to the 1988 Membership Development Committee concerning the actions taken on the above recommendations and their discernable results.

We feel that if the previously discussed guidelines are followed in the coming year that this organization will not only continue to provide leadership for the new fields of agriculture, but also play a preeminent role in shaping the agriculture industry of America through Agriculture's New Spirit.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott E. Lilly, Virginia (Chairman)

Laura Wimpfheimer, Conn. (Co-Chairman)

Alan Brown

Dana L. Gates, Maryland

Wayne Thompson, Mississippi

Craig Taylor, Montana

Jenny Newak, Wisconsin

Brian Petty, Alabama

Dave Collins, North Dakota

National Issues Committee

We the members of the 1987 National Issues Committee propose the following recommendations:

1. Name of the Organization

We recommend that the name of the organization should not be changed. We do recognize that an image problem does exist; however, it is the opinion of the committee that the name of the organization is not the source of the problem. It is felt that increased public awareness of our organization would be more beneficial and more practical than changing the name.

2. National Board of Directors

We feel that the national officers should be placed on the National Board of Directors. We also feel that state supervisors' term of service should be increased to provide more stability within the board. These recommendations should be compared to the provisions of Public Law 81-740 to determine what changes may be required in the law.

3. Regional Organization

After reviewing the number of states and members within each region, the committee feels that there is no applicable solution to the problem of their distribution.

4. Limits on the American Farmer Degree

The committee recommends that the quotas

be removed and that the minimum requirements of the American Farmer remain the same.

5. N.L.C.S.O. Dates

The committee feels that all N.L.C.S.O. meetings should be held prior to the State President's Conference to allow for equalized training for all participants.

6. American Royal Queen Contest

The committee recommends that the American Royal revise the current American Royal Queen Contest to include both sexes, and it is not be judged in any way on the basis of physical appearance.

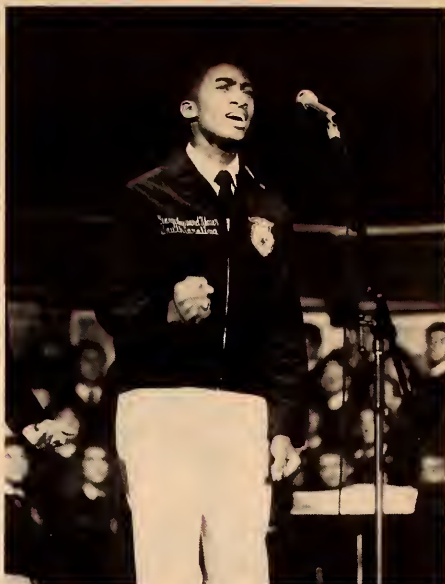
7. Chairmen, Co-Chairman, and Nominating Committee Member Selection

The committee recommends that the selection process for delegate committee chairman, co-chairman, and Nominating Committee members be set up on a rotational basis of states to allow for equal state representation for these positions.

8. Relationship to Alumni

The committee discussed the current status of alumni membership. We feel that adequate information was not available to come to a conclusion.

The Issues Committee feels that these recommendations should be strongly considered by the members. The committee would be more effective if a formal process was established for submitting issues and information, and to



National Contest Committee

We, the National Contest Committee of the 60th National FFA Convention, bring forth the following recommendations:

1. That the National FFA Board of Directors maintain efforts to promote contest opportunities and participation.

2. That current and future contests change with the times by including updated tests dealing with the new technical developments in that area of the agricultural industry.

3. Due to evolving changes in agriculture, we recommend that all contests be periodically evaluated to determine their appropriateness.

4. Once policy has been established for adding, deleting, or changing contests, we recommend that consideration be given to the following possible National Contests:

a. Crops Contest
b. Land Use Judging
c. Parliamentary Procedure with an element of debate on current agricultural issues.

d. Horse Judging

5. We recommend that an appropriate committee consider other dates and sites for National Contests when it is determined not to be feasible to hold the contest(s) in Kansas City during the

National Convention.

If such a situation should arise, we also recommend that:

a. the winner(s) of that contest be awarded a trip to the National Convention and
b. where they will be recognized as the National Winners.

We would like to commend the contest superintendents and sponsors for maintaining a level of excellence in the quality of our National Contests.

The committee as a whole would also like to express our thanks to the special committee for National Contests, particularly committee chairman Dr. Kirby Barick of Ohio State University, for all their efforts throughout the course of the past 16 months on issues facing National Contests.

Respectfully submitted,

Alvie McCormick, Illinois (Chairman)

Dennis Albani, California (Co-Chairman)

Gene Mottolo, North Carolina (Secretary)

Stephen Black, Arkansas

Alex Sowers, West Virginia

Bernard Hampton, South Carolina

National Leadership Conference for State Officers Committee

We as a committee would like to commend the national officers and the national staff on an excellent job in planning and conducting this year's National Leadership Conference for State Officers.

Below are some suggestions and opinions that we feel should be taken into consideration for next year's conferences:

I. Issues and Answers Sessions

The committee felt that some unit on discussion was good but also felt that each topic should be covered thoroughly.

II. Scheduling of N.L.C.S.O.

The committee feels that it is extremely important and feels that each state in each region should have an equal opportunity to

participate. The committee would recommend that each host state should submit a location and a first and second choice to the conference date to the national committee to ensure complete state participation.

III. FFA Knowledge at N.L.C.S.O.

We feel that more stress needs to be put on basic knowledge of FFA and more time spent on the issues that state officers will be confronted with throughout the year. We also feel that the "playing with a full deck" system was very effective and recommend that it be used again in future years. We also feel that more stress be put on public speaking, oral communications skills, and also more information be given about the FFA Alumni Association.

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IV. NLC.S.O. Content

The committee felt that each state and area should have an NLC.S.O. that is adapted to that area. We realize that this may mean more work for the national officers but we feel it is necessary and could be accomplished by their meeting with the state coordinator two months before the conference instead of two weeks.

V. Chapter Visits

The committee feels that more emphasis needs to be placed on actual preparation of the state officers for chapter visits. We felt the national officers needed to actually give "mock" presentations and other activities to the participants and then eventually have the states give their own presentations and at the end of the conference, have a critique of both the national and state officer.

VI. Discussion Periods

We felt that each NLC.S.O. should break the state officers into groups and have a discussion period where the states could compare problems and share ideas. The committee felt that this is one of the most important items that should be included in the conference. Some examples of these topics could be school policy, chapter visits, public relations, workshops, recruitment,

and motivation

VII. Game Plan

The committee felt that every state should receive a "planning packet" that is developed by the national officers in order to give the state officers a plan to use also. We also felt that a three-ring binder should be handed out by the National FFA (a sponsor should be looked into for this) in order to keep our information organized.

This committee felt that the National FFA should keep the state coordinators involved and keep up the good planning techniques. We also feel that this year's national officers were very qualified and were able to relate to the members. In order to have an effective conference that is an essential and we would like to commend this year's national officer team on the job that was done with extreme excellence.

Respectfully submitted:

Tina Guert, Wyoming (Chairman)
Brian Thompson, Nebraska (Co-Chairman)
Tami Austin, Arizona
Brian Eddens, Kentucky
Shawn Egan, Michigan
Sonja Mullins, Florida
Amy Pesse, Vermont

National Convention Committee

We the members of the 1987 National Convention Committee, representing the delegate body, have dedicated ourselves to reviewing and observing the 60th National FFA Convention. After careful consideration, we extend our utmost appreciation to all who contributed their time and themselves to this special anniversary convention.

Kevin Eblen, Kevin Voss, Darren Coggock, Dean Harder, John Loflin, Jayme Feary, Dr. Larry Case, Coleman Harris, David Miller, Tony Hoyt, Rick Malir, Richard L. Berkley, Bob MacGregor, Dr. Bonnie Guiton, Ford Division, Ford Motor Company, National FFA Chapters, Landmarks Genetics Inc., Manna Pro Corporation, Robert Staubach, the Honorable William Bennett, and the Honorable George Bush.

Sponsors of the FFA and the National FFA Foundation, Robert Langhrie III, members of the 1987 Foundation Sponsors Board, Joseph Downey, Lee Isaacs, Kaye Lani Rea Raiko, Judy Jones, lincoopers, Courtesy Corps, Stan King, Roger Heath, Don and Martha Erickson, Sponsors, participants and exhibitors at the 1987 National Agriculture Career Show, Brad VanHorn, inspiring speakers at all the various meals and leadership programs, FFA members and guests who attended the 60th National FFA Convention, Dr. Duane Nielsen, David Okelrand, the Honorable John Block, the Honorable Robert Dole, Charles Frick, the staff of the FFA TIMES and PROCEEDINGS, Beef Promotion and Research Board, Janie Fricke, Sawyer Brown, Sweethearts of the Rodeo.

The National FFA Alumni Organization, Woody Cox, National FFA Chorus, Band, and Talent Program, Bill Stagg, Educational Tours, and William Alan Ross.

We also submit the following suggestions for improvements or changes in future National FFA

Conventions.

1. We wish the newly elected National FFA Officers a terrific year as they show agriculture's new spirit.
2. We recommend that more time be spent on preparation and organization when state delegates are needed to sit on stage in future National FFA Conventions.
3. We recommend that delegation pizzas not be taken during the business session so that state delegates can be in the picture.
4. We highly recommend that all FFA members show proper respect to the official dress at all times.
5. We recommend that proper courtesy be shown to all convention speakers and to members and guests who want to listen to their message.
6. Include maps of Kansas City and convention center in program.
7. We recommend the continuation of the highly artistic cover of the convention program.
8. We recommend that the last session be punctual and adjourn at noon if possible.
9. We recommend that procedures be developed and implemented for assuring a quiet, orderly, concert atmosphere for the joint band and chorus program preceding the Friday evening general session.
10. We recommend that national and state leadership be exercised to allow maximum participation at the convention sessions, workshops, and other scheduled activities.
11. The National FFA Convention Committee highly encourages the 417,000 FFA members to continue to realize the importance of our organization to the future of agriculture, America and the world and wish everyone success as you strive to achieve your goals in 1988.

Respectfully submitted;

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National Program of Activities Committee Report

We the members of the 1987 National FFA Program of Activities Committee, have analyzed the content of the FFA's National Program of Activities and respectfully submit the following recommendations for its improvement:

1. The National FFA Organization make an effort to establish stronger ties with far reaching areas out of the continental United States.
2. Encourage that the National FFA Organization look into the establishment of agribusiness, sales and service, and job interview type contests not directly related to production agriculture.
3. The National FFA Board of Directors and staff establish criteria for a National Parliamentary Procedure Contest.
4. Encourage agriculture teachers to remain the traditional agriculture class to appeal to stu-

denis, is necessary.

5. That the National Foundation re-evaluate the standards for travel funds for teams traveling to the National Convention to compete in national contests.

6. The national staff disseminate details concerning arrival times and more precise schedules for the convenience of the National Convention delegates.

7. Recommend national staff for providing instruction during WCP, SPC, NLC.S.O. and state staff members conferences. We further commend the national staff for the establishment of interim positions at the National FFA Center. It is also our recommendation to encourage the staff to continue these services in the future.

8. Develop a motion picture or video cas-

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Taking Care of Business

Wednesday afternoon, official delegates discussed issues concerning the future of the FFA. Dues for the next year will remain at \$3. A resolution, submitted by the Iowa Association, to change the name was defeated.

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sette geared toward assisting perspective local FFA Alumni Affiliates on how to become organized and established.

9. Provide for greater awareness and recognition of National FFA Academic Scholarships.

10. Consider the establishment of an interstate FFA exchange program similar to WEA for exchange and work experience among FFA members within the U.S.

11. Establish a more concise format for the explanation of the Computers in Agriculture Awards Program.

It is a consensus of the committee that the National Program of Activities is and of itself is a superb document that needs no major changes, only some minor revisions to rechannel the direction of energy towards more specific commitments.

In closing, we have found the format and organization of the National Program of Activities to be very acceptable, and we commend the National FFA staff for keeping this document orderly and up to date.

Respectfully Submitted,

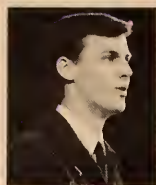
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1987-1988 National FFA Officers

Kelli Evans of Nebraska has been elected National FFA President. Evans, from Hayes Center, Nebraska, served as state vice president. She has been involved in various FFA leadership, public speaking, parliamentary procedure and agricultural judging contests. She raised sheep and beef cattle, and started her own rodeo and horse training business for her FFA program. Evans also works as a research and teaching assistant at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where she is a junior in agricultural economics. The daughter of Jack and Linda Evans is an FFA member at the Curtis Medicine Valley chapter. Her chapter advisor is Dave Creger.



Kelli Evans



Bill Hollis

Bill Hollis, 19, of Bushnell, Illinois, will serve as National FFA vice president of the Central Region. Hollis was the Illinois state president. His FFA activities included directing the Illinois State Leadership Camp and various leadership, public speaking and agricultural judging contests. His FFA agriculture programs includes swine, poultry and a beef breeding herd. Hollis is a freshman at the University of Illinois in animal science with intentions of going to veterinary school. The son of Murrel and Kathy Hollis, he is a member of the Bushnell Prairie City FFA chapter. Jeff Bryan and C. Eugene McGrew are his chapter advisors.

Kevin Ochsner, 20, of Fort Collins, Colorado, has been elected National FFA Secretary. Ochsner served as Colorado FFA president. In 1983, Ochsner won second place in the national FFA prepared public speaking contest. He has also been involved in FFA parliamentary procedure and agricultural judging contests. Ochsner raises registered Limousin cattle and received the Colorado FFA beef proficiency award. He is a sophomore at Colorado State University majoring in agricultural journalism/agricultural business. He is the son of Ken and Roberta Ochsner and is a member of the Larimer County FFA chapter. His FFA advisor is Larry Siegfried.



Kevin Ochsner



Terri Hames

Terri Lynn Hames, 20, of Norman, Oklahoma, was elected National FFA vice president of the Western Region. Hames served as the Oklahoma state president and secretary. She was the state public speaking winner, state judging contest winner and represented Oklahoma at the National Swine Judging Contest in Austin, Minn. Hames' FFA agriculture program includes registered Hampshire and Suffolk sheep, commercial sheep and commercial mixed steers and heifers. Hames is a junior in agricultural communications at Oklahoma State University where she also works on the campus morning farm show. She is the daughter of David and Sharon Hames and is Noble FFA chapter member where Dale Horton is her chapter advisor.

Mickey McCall, 19, of Balsam Grove, North Carolina, was elected National FFA vice president from the Eastern Region. McCall served as state FFA president and was his chapter's president for three years. He has been involved in various leadership, public speaking and agricultural judging contests, and was a member of the 1984 state-winning forestry judging team. His FFA agriculture program is a Christmas tree farm of 11,000 trees owned by McCall and his father. McCall was selected the 1986 North Carolina Forest Management Proficiency award winner. The son of Wayne and Shirley McCall is a sophomore at North Carolina State University, majoring in agricultural education. He is a member of the Rossman FFA chapter where Richard Gates is his chapter advisor.



Mickey McCall



P. Dunn LeDoux II

P. Dunn LeDoux II, 20, of Denham Springs, Louisiana, will serve as the National FFA vice president of the Southern Region. LeDoux served as the Louisiana state sentinel. He has been involved in various leadership, public speaking and judging contests. He was also the national FFA champion livestock showman. LeDoux's main FFA agriculture program is a firewood business. He also works on agricultural photography and is a research coordinator at Southeastern Louisiana University. The son of Paul and Gwyn LeDoux is a junior in agricultural business at SLU. He is a member of the Denham Springs FFA chapter and Donald Ray Gill is his chapter advisor.

We, the Nominating Committee, have given careful and deliberate consideration to all applicants running for national office. The committee nominates the following slate of candidates to the delegates of the 60th National Convention to serve as National Officers for the year 1987-88.

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