"Future Farmers why were we here? To practice brotherhood, honor rural opportunities and responsibilities, and develop those qualities of leadership which a Future Farmer should possess. As we mingle with others, let us be diligent in labor, just in our dealings, courteous to everyone, and, above all, honest and fair in the game of life."
1985-86 National FFA Officers

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Kevin Coffman, 30, of Belleville, Illinois, is the 1985-86 National FFA President. He is the son of Ray and Patricia Coffman. His FFA advisors were Mickey Brince and Robert Wilhelm.

Kevin served as first vice president and president of the Peru FFA chapter, president of the Area IV Association and last completed his term as Missouri state FFA president. He received the Star Chapter Farmer award, Outstanding Leadership award and the Santa Fe Leadership award.

Kevin Supervised Occupational Experience program involves a commercial cow to finish her operation and a registered cattle herd. He was the state winner in swine proficiency and district winner in farm business management contest. Kevin also served on the Missouri Governor's Advisory Council on Agriculture.

He is a student at the University of Missouri-Columbia where he is majoring in agricultural economics and agricultural education.

Kevin Coffman, Route 1, Box 250-B, Columbia, Mo 65208

Cindy Blair Western Region Vice President

Kip Godwin of Whitesville, North Carolina is the new Eastern Region Vice President of the FFA. He is the 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Godwin. His local FFA advisors are John R. Irvin and Joseph P. Dagen.

Godwin's Supervised Occupational Experience program consists of crops and livestock production. He worked on the family farm in corn, tobacco, sweet potatoes, peaches and sweet corn. He earned and served in the second largest agricultural proficiency awards.

Kip was state president of the North Carolina FFA Association and was a chapter, federation and district officer. He received the Star Greenhand and Star Chapter Farmer awards and was involved in public speaking, parliamentary procedure, and livestock judging contests.

Godwin is a student at North Carolina State University in Raleigh where he is majoring in entomological science.

Kip Godwin, Route 3, Box 250-B, Baton Rouge, NC 28472

Cindy Blair, 20, of Nobile, Oklahome, is the newly elected National FFA President of the Western Region. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Blair. Her local FFA advisor is Del Thomas and Betty McCollum.

Blair's Supervised Occupational Experience program includes sheep showmanship, dairy calf showing and a commercial cattle operation. Cindy was the state sheep proficiency award winner, state dairy divided livestock production winner and the western region diversified livestock production winner.

Cindy served as state FFA President and secretary of the Oklahoma FFA Association. She also won state championships in two Public Speaking divisions and placed second nationwide in expository public speaking.

Blair is an Oklahoma State University student where she majors in agricultural economics and agricultural education.

Cindy Blair, Route 1, Box 300, Niobrara, Neb 69356

Robert W. Weaver, 30, of cartesian, Alabama, is the 1985-86 National FFA Southern Region Vice President. Robert is the son of Elwood and Mary Weaver. His local advisor is W. Ray Browne.

Robert's Supervised Occupational Experience program while enrolled in vocational education at Robertsdale High School included dairy production management at a dairy production facility.

He served as state officer, national officer and district officer. He was also involved in many judging contests, quartet contests and public speaking. In 1983, Robert served as state president of the Alabama FFA Association.

Robert is currently attending Auburn University and is majoring in agricultural engineering with intentions of doing research in artificial intelligence and agricultural robotics and mechanics. Robert is an active member of Auburn University's collegiate FFA chapter.

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100% Plus States Awards

This year nine states were recognized at the national convention for having 100% more of their vocational education enrollment in FFA. The states honored were: Colorado, Connecticut, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma and Wyoming.

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FIFA TIMES
Sponsored by the Jacques Scott Company
Once again the FFA Times was read daily by those in attendance of the 58th National FFA Convention. University Secretarypersons became members of the new organization, under the direction of FFA Information Team, Andy Markward, ap
plied themselves to the task of "telling the news out" from their headquarters in the Student Section Information Station.

Volunteers Saluted
The National FFA Organization would like to salute the hundreds of volunteers who are the make-up of the national convention. Without their hard work and service, many events would never come together. Thank you Stage Crew, Courtesy Volunteers, Badge Work, Door Hosts, Sponsor Volunteers, Convention Volunteers and all the others to numerous to mention but definitely and unconditionally appreciated.

VIP Citations
The following individuals were honored with the VIP Citation for their continual support of and service to the FFA.

Dr. Virgil Martinson, former Wisconsin FFA Executive Secretary and Supervisory Agricultural Educator. After 39 years as a vocational agriculture instructor, Dr. Martinson became supervised of agricultural education in 1977. He served as consultant to the Wisconson Jr. H.J. Martin’s Association and was instrumental in forming a state FFA Alumni Association, which has become the largest in the nation. He then served as Executive Secretary for two years before retiring this past August. He currently resides in Stoughton, Wisconsin.

Lawrence Presley, former Executive Vice President of the American Royal Veter-

rinary. Previously began his association with the FFA while working with the Exten-
sion Service. After becoming agricultural specialist with the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, he was instrumental in developing programs and projects that support the FFA. For many years he served as Host of the American Royal and during that time developed an American Royal scholarship for the winner of each contest. He is also a ten-year member of the Kansas City Agricultural Advisor to FFA and a resident of Lee’s Summit, Mis-
souri.

Convention Speakers and Special Entertainment

Frank R. Stover, State Superintendent of Agricul tural Education in South Carolina for 15 years. After 15 years as a vocational agriculture instructor, Stover served as State Executive Secretary for the FFA and Young Farmers for four years. During his tenure as State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, he served on the National FFA Board of Directors (1976- 77) and was awarded the Honorary American FFA Alumni Award for 1984. Stover, of Pender, South Carolina, reti red in 1984 after 32 years of service in vocational education and the FFA.

Carl S. Thoman, Assistant Director, Division of Vocational Education, U.S. Department of Education, New York, New York, has served vocational agriculture as a teaching instructor, as Pro gram Specialist and State Supervisor, and presently, as assistant director at the West Virginia Bureau of Vocational, Technical and Adult Education. He was instrumental in developing the West Virginia FFA Farmer program in 1976 and continues to be active in various activities in the field of agricultural education.

1986. Dr. Tuttle attended on an teach vocational agricul tur as for six years, was Superintendent of Schools for 15 years, and has been an FFA state officer since 1954. He has been serving as state director in Shillowood, Oklahoma, since 1967 and will retire in February of 1986. Dr. Tuttle received the Honorary American Farmer Degree in 1976.
Distinguished Service Citations

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

1. The Meredith Company/SUCCESSFUL FARMING, of Des Moines, Iowa. The company has sponsored National Achievement Awards, provided National FFA Foundation Chairmen, developed and hosted a national public campaign honoring FFA's 50th Anniversary and in the early years of the FFA, provided teams to members to help them start farming.
2. Peer Incorporated/Agricultural Union, of New York, New York. Peer has supported the FFA for 30 years by providing National FFA Foundation Chairmen.

New "Brand Em’Tos Save A Life” Safety Campaign

Sponsored by International Harvester Company and J & Case

During the convention a new safety campaign entitled "Brand Em’Tos Save A Life” was introduced. The educational effort is a special emphasis campaign of the National FFA Safety Awards program.

Launched at the convention, the campaign’s emphasis months will be during the spring of 1985. FFA chapters and members nationwide will join the campaign to reduce American farm injuries. The three leading causes of farm fatalities—motor vehicles, tractors, and unpowered work tools—will be the focus of the campaign.

FFA members will pass out safety booklets and take safety messages with them on their dealer rounds or older model tractors.

FFA chapters will be recognized for their efforts with a special campaign certificate validating their efforts. In addition, chapter members may contribute their activity in their National FFA Safety Award application.

Ag Ed Network

This year hands-on Ag Ed Training sessions were again offered. Also offered were advanced and technical training sessions. New additions included the FFA News area where FFA news from the convention was put on the Ag Ed Network as it happened and a special MIDI message center was available for students wanting to send or receive messages from their families or vo-ag classmates at home.

58th National FFA Convention PROCEEDINGS

Sponsored by Armstrong Rubber Company

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Computers in Agriculture Award

The National FFA Computers in Agriculture Seminar was held August 13-17, 1985 in Washington, DC, to recognize the top FFA members for their achievements and progress in utilizing computers. All of the state Co- Directors of Agriculture winners received an expense-paid trip to the National FFA Computers in Agriculture Award Seminar.

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

Kotlar Winner—Stephen M. Cowen, Lyons, Ohio

First Runner-Up—Larry Sanders, Santa Maria, California

Second Runner-Up—Michael Vincent, Los Alamos, Colorado

Third Runner-Up—Randolph Ted Holl, Stuart, Virginia

Fourth Runner-Up—Jeff Allen Reid, Frankfort, Kentucky

Special Meal Functions

Meal functions are an additional means of providing motivation, education and further leadership training to FFA members and guests in attendance. The year was a National FFA Prayer Breakfast with guest speaker Todd Blacklock, National FFA Organization Director, and a seminar presented by former National FFA Secretary, Scott McLean, an American Farmer łazienk for recognition of the American Farmer Degree and special Wednesday night Award Dinner.

"Secure A Place In History"

The National FFA Organization and 1984-85 National FFA Officer Team kicked off a widespread campaign to raise money toward the restoration of the Statue of Liberty on the occasion of the 150th year of the National FFA Convention. The officers saw a strong report to the convention and pressured a special campaign effort of December 31, 1985 and urged members to follow the ideas and guidelines in the brochure, “Secure A Place In History.”

These sponsors were recognized for their continuous contributions to the FFA through the National FFA Foundation, Inc.

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The State Convention of the Colorado State FFA Association was held in Denver, Colorado, on June 15-16, 1985. The convention featured the presentation of awards and recognition of members for their achievements in the areas of agriculture, leadership, and community service. The convention also included workshops, seminars, and presentations by industry leaders and educators. The convention concluded with the election of the new state officers and the naming of the 1985-1986 state officers. The convention was a significant event for the Colorado State FFA Association, providing opportunities for members to network, learn, and grow in their knowledge and skills in agriculture.
When the call goes out in the game of life, no one remembers... All we do is go to play. ...To the highest bidder?"

It was a grand gesture when the National FA announced 371 days ago that it received the $1.5 million as part of its organization, and how this afternoon’s event will be like as an FA offer. As I open my heart and mind to an intelligent and wide-eyed people with me in my side, this... I’ll do it."

Another deal was made: I said. We at the closed the sale day. And as I asked. How can you make magic? By asking for it."

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

For the man who deserves must be to be."

To be sure, buy, you will wonder why. I’ve shared those thoughts with you.

National Officer Retiring Addresses

Steve Meredith 1948-65 National FA President

Getting Gone. The Auctioneer did say. As we sat inside that auction barn. On a cold, cold winter day. How smooth that cry come forth from him."

As they walked through in parade, and at the head, in a lot of the eye. Another deal was made: I said. I closed the sale day. And as I asked. How can you make magic? By asking for it."

"...TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER"

"Passing Thoughts"

Michael J. Espino National FA Secretary

Over 200 years ago the men and women of our country had a dream. The dream was not an easy one. It was a hard one. But their dreams were not in vain for we have been a new country, a hard worked and a new land."

Mr. Meredith, you’ve been a star in the history of the United States."

Today we live in a world that is different. A world of technology and science. A world of opportunity and challenge."

For me, it was the start of a new chapter in my life, the start of a new journey. I can only hope that my future will be filled with as much joy and success as mine has been."

In conclusion, I would like to thank all of you for your continued support and dedication. And I would also like to thank my family and friends for their love and encouragement."

Food For America

The new Food For America kits are now available at your local supermarket with coupon for a FREE set with purchase. Visit your chapter in October. Additional kits are available through the National Headquarters."

The new program materials and FREE kits have been made possible by the cooperation of the McIlvain Chemical Corporation, Agricultural Chemicals Division.
"Where Have All the Heroes Gone?"
Mike Barrett
National Congressional VP National FFA Organization

When I was younger, growing up in Ne- braska, a life of an untold number of summer and winter months have faced many crucial decisions. My parents taught me the value of hard work and had no problem putting their children through college. We have the courage to make difficult choices, and the future of our industry is in our hands. This is what I learned as a National FFA Officer.

Many times this year I have been treated with the privilege of meeting FFA officers who have family members on the same committee or chapter. They have had many opportunities to learn how to make difficult decisions, and I appreciate the opportunity to talk about them.

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**To Your Friends for the Top**, try not to measure your success against other people's standards, but on your own standards for you must live with the outcome of your efforts, not with its results. Only you can choose the reward of a life well-lived, chosen by dreams you dream. Goals you set and deeds well-done. Today you may be one day closer to your dream. It's true that this dream does come true. It's the voice of the things that are left behind by the people who leave you and the ones you leave behind that nothing in life is truth. Nothing. You've got your hand full for all you'll ever need. On one another. You'll want to get the world out of line. Dream dreams of high, huge accomplishments. Give it everything.

Regardless of how many years of God's life, be up to the line of service. A day to be our better world by bettering ourselves. On the wall of my Mom's beauty shop hangs a slogan which reads, "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and wisdom to know the difference.

**Lord, will you give me the strength to understand the thoughts of my own mind?**

Put your words in my mouth to express the way I think.

Lord don't mean to ask you to love my life but...

Do you want to know the right direction to start.

For I sat alone in the drawer in the second seat of the second row two years ago. I stood before you today as a full two-year-old dreamer does go through. The last two months I left behind in that day were those who dream-dreams and are ready to pay the price to make them come true.

I'm a fact—that I have yet to write a story on the best self's list. Not until I climbed the peak of Mt. Exhilaration. The steepest peak in the earth or even across the seas of the world. I have known a sermon. I have served a tremendous hundred month in as many universities as the universities of America Organist, and I truly thank you for the chance and what it has brought to me.

Now, as my year or even year quickly goes to the year of 1968. We are still in the midst of the many challenges, of all the things I have witnessed this year, and this year teaches me nothing else it has taught me. I've been through so many dreams. But even that is not enough. It's too much to describe in my friend—

You can never put upon never, surrender and never, never re-try never.

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Stars Over America

These are the highest honors for FFA members in production agriculture and agribusiness. Regional stars are picked from the many applications for the American Farmer Degree. Each Star received $1,000 and each regional star received $1,000. The Stars were announced after the Stars Over America Pageant which included a multi-image audio-visual presentation on each regional star's program.

Star Farmers

Mike Arends, 21, son of Roger and Ollie Arends of Willmar, Minnesota, is the 1985 Central Region Star Farmer of the National FFA Organization. Arends farms 650 acres of corn, oats and soybeans and produces 500 pigs a year through his farming operation. He began his enterprise by entering in a share-cropping agreement with his grandfather to farm 30 acres. He is also one of few individuals who have earned two FFA proficiency awards, one in agricultural mechanics and the other in crop production.

David C. Swiften, 20, son of Hugh and Irene Sutcliffe of Hobart, New York, is the 1985 Eastern Region Star Farmer of the National FFA Organization. He is farm manager for Chapel Bank Farm, a 100-year-old registered Holstein dairy farm. Two years ago, David, his father and brother-in-law pooled their assets and formed a partnership with the dairy and 277 acres of land. He uses embryo transplants as well as artificial insemination to improve his herd.

John Edwards, 21, son of Jerry and Betty Edwards of Lafollette, Tennessee, is the 1985 Southern Region Star Farmer of the National FFA Organization. He farms 250 acres of land and operates a herd of 50 registered dairy cows in partnership with his father. John supplements his income by working as a local American Breeder's Service representative and by doing custom tobacco seed bed sterilization.

Star Agribusinessmen

Tom Polze, 21, son of David and Mary Polze of Boon, Minnesota, is the 1985 Central Region Star Agribusinessman of the National FFA Organization. Polze is a manager of his family operated farming equipment dealership. Serving a full line of Massey Ferguson farm equipment, Polze is credited with the responsibility of Polze and his brother, while his mother serves as accountant and his father is the manager of the business.

Valerie Parks, 21, daughter of Alton and Marcella Parks, Columbus, Ohio, is the 1985 Eastern Region Star Agribusinessman of the National FFA Organization. A convertive of sheep farming and agricultural broadcasting, Parks has an agricultural perspective from both sides of the fence. She has taken her knowledge and experience of sheep farming to a career in agricultural communications where she serves as board member, producer representative, NAB Newsline manager, salesperson and farm wife of Dale and Terry Parks.

Scott Cochran, 21, son of Fred and Louise Cochran, Lavonia, Georgia, is the 1985 Southern Region Star Agribusinessman of the National FFA Organization. Cochran has been working at Waycross Feed Mills in Lavonia since he was a sophomore in high school. Since then he has been promoted from part-time to assistant manager. At the dealership, he is responsible for handling work schedules, competitive bidding purchases and dealer purchases.

Paul Burritt, 21, son of Bryan and Mary Sue Burritt, Fowlers, Oklahoma, is the 1985 Western Region Star Agribusinessman of the National FFA Organization. Burritt has over $20,000 invested in his family owned John Deere dealership, owns 116 head of beef cattle and farms 410 acres of wheat, alfalfa and peas. He is studying agricultural economics at Oklahoma State University emphasizing marketing and business.
"We believe in the future of farming, with a faith born not of words but of deeds—achancements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists;..."
"We believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others."
National FFA Chapter Award Program

This award is for chapters who have reached the rating level of a Superior Chapter by organizing and conducting an exceptional program of activities that provided valuable experiences for their members. Each chapter was judged on performance in 11 areas: Supervised Occupational Experience enterprises, cooperative activities, community service, leadership development, earnings and savings by members, state and national activities, conduct of elections, scholarship, public relations, alumni relations and recruitment. Chapters were ranked gold, silver, or bronze for their accomplishments.

Gold

Florida: Sarasota Vo-Ag, Trenton; Downtown, Chattahoochee-Senior, Orlando-Colonial, Miami-Ssquiero, Anthony, Ferguson Center, Liberty, Buckhead-Prairie City, DeLand Bolton Central, Corwin Central, Iowa: Richmond Center, Bluffs, North Ulen, Culver, Lake-Marc, Algona; Manchester, Webster City; Princeton, Kan.

Georgia: Marion, Hiawatha, Spencer, Spencer County, Morgan County, Oldham County, Caldwell County, High, Barron County, Brockmead County, Maryland, Brunswick Center, Charleston, Moulton, Travis, Tarrant Falls, New Ulm, Milbank, Divide, St. Louis Springs, Nebraska: Tci County, Wavon, Wash Hall, Lehigh, Omaha, Muscogee County, Valley, Miami Trace; East Central, New Lexington, Maplegrove Area J.S.D.; Oklahoma: Ellyon, Allen, Central High; Kansas: Stroud, Pawhuska; Lower Dauphin, Ceder Crest, South Dakota: Roosevelt, Grant, Tornado, Park, Tipton Valley, White House, Cherokee, Rice, Tilden County, Windsor, Windemere, Bradley, Texas: Clovis, Bartlett-Hoover-S L, Lee: Colfax, Clear Creek, Blad, Mead, Engle; Virginia: Broadway, Spotsylvania, Monticello Intermediate; Strasburg, James Wood; Marlboro, Indiana, Wiss, Columbus, Marion, Dublin-Granville.

Silver

Alabama: Clay County High, Acton, Phenix, Tallahassee, Kingfish, Falkhurs, Mt. Whitney-Viola, Calera Valley, Connellsville, Houston, Florida: South Seminole Senior, Santa Fe Senior, Tipton Senior, Georgia; Colquitt County, Milledge, Nuco, Hinds, Sabin, Tecumseh, Davidson, Clovis, Humphries, Coosa Park, DeKalb; Winnsboro, Grangeville, Sanford, Wilco, North Clay, Winchester, N. W. Saluda County District 7-111, Waconia, Minnesota, Stewart County, Clinton Prairie, Roanoke, Tyler, Earlin Southwestern, Hanover, Westmore's Room, Sherwood, Woodland, Pigeon Meade, New Ulm, Veld, Stamford, Lenox, Central, Estevan, Waverly, Shell Rock, Hamlin, Hill City, Marysville, Cherryville, Plainview, Kan., Girard, Dennis County High, Farmington, Lyen County, Rockwell High, Louisiana, Carencro, Massachusetts, Essex, Montic be, Marshall, Minnesota, Fairmont, Sherburn, Madison, Greenbush, Min neapolis, Larn, Carpenter, Lafayette, Al amon, Montana: Flathead, Nebraska, Mandan, North Dakota, Lakeview, Red Cloud, Fergus, Kelso, Ainsworth, North Dakota.

Bronze


National FFA Alumni

The 14th National FFA Alumni Convention was held in conjunction with the National FFA Convention. The Alumni Convention serves as a business meeting for the over 60,000 members in almost 1,000 local affili ations. These members generate support for vocational agriculture/FFA, while motivating and inspiring FFA members in local, state and national levels of leadership, competition and individual personal growth.

Outstanding FFA Alumni Awards

The FFA Alumni recognizes FFA Alumni affiliates for their outstanding accomplishments in supporting and serving vocational agriculture/FFA.

National Winner—Butte-Camp-Prarie City, Montana

Runner-Up-Rocky Valley, Butte

Gold

Kansas: Washington, Kansas; Aitkin, Minnesota; Orange Center, West Point, North Dakota; South Carolina: South Carolina; Washington, Essential, South Carolina, Pecos, Texas, Missoula, South Dakota; Pierre, Deadwood, Minnesota, Washington

Silver

Kansas: Hill City, Minnesota; New Ulm, Montana; Missouri, Nebraska: Norfolk, Washington, Scenic, Wisconsin, Black Hawk, Spring, West Point, Louisville

Bronze

Georgia: Gilmer, County, Indiana, Ohio, North Dakota, Mahoning, Mississippi, Columbus, Missouri, Montana, Fair, North Carolina, Orange County

National FFA Alumni Presidents

The 1986-87 National FFA Alumni President, Gary Marce of Columbus, Nebraska received his gavel from retiring President, Jay Houlberde.

Outstanding FFA Alumni Achievement Awards

Exceptional leadership and superior accomplishments in service to vocational agriculture/FFA and the agriculture industry are recognized by the National FFA Alumni with this award. This year the recipients are: Carl Johnson, Columbus, Nebraska, and Phyllis J. Sokolowski, Oklahoma.
A national winner was announced in each proficiency award area during the Agricultural Proficiency Awards Pig Night Friday evening. National winners were announced with brief slide shows of their projects while on stage. These members show the skills needed to develop the potential of their Supervised Occupational Experience enterprises. A star by the name indicates the national winner in each proficiency area.

Agricultural Proficiency Awards

Diversified Livestock Production
Sponsored by A.O. Smith
Harvestore Products, Inc. and Wayne Foods Division/Continental Grain Company
Central—Mike Spillbrieth, Defiance, Ohio
Eastern—Bob Kriester, Howard, Ohio
Southern—Gary Holm, Fort Smith, Arkansas
Western—Tim Dushane, Missoula, Montana

Forage Crop
Sponsored by Hesston Corporation, United Agri Products, Gehl Foundation, Inc., Northrup King Company.
Central—Nick Potts, Belleville, Kansas
Eastern—Derek Alkins, Troy, North Carolina
Southern—Marshall Johnson, Harrodsburg, Tennessee
Western—Jeff Cocheese, Cotulla, Texas

Feed Grain Production
Sponsored by Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Incorporated
Central—Scott Traus, Taylorville, Kentucky
Eastern—Arthur Taylor, New Holland, Ohio
Southern—Pat McPherson, Alachua, Florida
Western—Michael Newsham, Yuma, Colorado

Fiber Crop Production
Sponsored by The Shell Companies Foundation, Incorporated and Valmont Industries, Incorporated
Central—Bill Harsley, Galesburg, Illinois
Eastern—Lars Larson, New Castle, Indiana
Southern—Gary Rogers, Webster, Florida
Western—Rudy Kautz, Springfield, Texas

Floriculture
Sponsored by The Lents Corporation and The Paul Ecke Pomestia Ranch
Central—Dale Cremean, Ashland, Kentucky
Eastern—Pete Ramsey, Southport, Connecticut
Southern—Todd Wilkinson, White House, Tennessee
Western—Tricia Heidel, Kuna, Texas

Furnish Grove
Sponsored by the National FFA Foundation and the 1985 Animal Improvement Project slate.
Central—John Seawright, Blackwater, Virginia
Eastern—James Thompson, Washington, D.C.
Southern—Tom White, New Orleans, Louisiana
Western—Kent candles, San Francisco, California
National FFA Contests

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

Agricultural Mechanics Contest
Sponsored by Firestone Trust Fund
First Place Team—Neal Krell; Jim Young, Doug Schletter, Troy, Missouri
High Individual—Neal Krell, Troy, Missouri

Dairy Contest
Sponsored by Associated Milk Producers, Inc.
First Place Team—Tina Larson, William Shime, Liz Zorn, Owatonna, Minnesota
High Individual—Tina Larson, Owatonna, Minnesota

Dairy Foods Contest
Sponsored by Mid-America Dairyman, Inc., and Pat's Sales, Inc.
First Place Team—Darrin Morrell, Sandy Hawley, Anita Wallner, Assumption, California
High Individual—Anita Wallner, Assumption, California

Forestry Contest
Sponsored by Hormel Division of Textron, Inc., Temple-Easter, Inc., and Hammond Mill Paper Co.
First Place Team—Michael DuBois, Duane Covert, Randy Pilgrim, Richton, Mississippi
High Individual—Michael DuBois, Richton, Mississippi

Livestock Contests
Sponsored by Purina Mills, Inc.

First Place Team—Ron Ford, Dan Pennington, Alliance, Nebraska, California
High Individual—Cynthia Whisen, Alliance, California

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

First Place Team—Lee Essell, Steve Smores, Judy Ellen, Davis, California
High Individual—Jody Ellen, Davis, California

Poultry Contest
Sponsored by Hubbard Farms and Victor F. Weaver, Inc.
First Place Team—Tomas Skaggs, Doug Turner, Jenee Hinton, Springdale, Arkansas
High Individual—Tomas Skaggs, Springdale, Arkansas

Work in a field that gives you room to grow.
Look into over 200 careers in agriculture.

For more information call the FFA at 1-800 SCAFF or register for your high school agriculture national recruitment kit now.

For more information about the careers that FFA can offer, visit our website: www.ffa.org.
The National Agricultural Career Show is a cooperative effort of the National FFA Organization, trade associations, professional societies, educational institutions and agribusiness firms. Exhibitors demonstrate new products, answer questions and give conventions an overview of today’s agriculture industry from products to career opportunities.

These exhibitors with numbers in parenthesis after their name were recognized at the Officer-Delagate-Career Show Exhibitor’s Luncheon for having consistently displayed their product or service for a number of years at the National Agricultural Career Show.

Ag-Pro
Ag-Trades
Agri-Group
Agricultural Communications in Education
Agricultural Information Resources
Air and Space National Guard
Alpha-Laval, Inc.
Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity
Alpha Gamma Sigma Fraternity
American Angus Association
American Association for Vocational Instructional Materials
American Association of Nursenwomen
American Breeders Service (5)
American Cyanamid Company
American Dairy Association
American Far West Association
American International Association of Agricultural Students
American Livestock Exposition
American Livestock Horse Association
American Sheep Improvement Association
American Veterinary Medical Association
Associated Milk Producers, Inc.
Bob Jones University
Bright & Stratton Corp.
Bureau of the Census (15)
Chevrolet Corporation
Coca-Cola, USA
Colby Community College
Control Data Corporation
Cook College/ Rutgers
DeKalb Agricultural, Inc.
Dellmair Publishers Inc.
DICKEN/Johnson Corporation
Douglas Engineering Associates, Inc.
Dow Chemical U.S.A.
North Carolina State University
Ohio State University
Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute
Plex College (15)
Peace Corps
Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.
Purdue University
Purdue University School of Agriculture
Rasmussen Air Corps, Inc.
Platt National
Shell Chemical Company
Shell Chemical Company Agricultural Chemicals
Shoot n' Easy, Inc.
Smith Equipment Company
Stark Chemical Co.
Stark Mt & Supply Co.
Sustainable Forestry/Forest News
Du Pont Agricultural
Dutchess Vocational School
East Butler High School
Esteez, Inc.
Farmingdale College
Farmers Weekly
FarmRite Industries, Inc.
Federal Aviation Administration
Florida Citrus Processors
Hamptons Skive Rogers
Harris Laboratories, Inc.
Hewlett-Packard
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel University
Sunkist Growers, Inc.
Surge Balston Bros. Co. (5)
Texas A & M University College of Agriculture
The Ohio State University
The Ohio State University College of Agriculture and Home Economics
The Ohio State University Curriculum Materials
The School of the Starks
The Society of American Forests
TSC Farm, Home and Auto Show
TV Guide School Plan
U of I Dept of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance
U. S. Air Force (15)
U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service
U. S. Navy Recruiting Command
University of Florida, College of Agriculture (5)
University of Idaho
University of Illinois College of Agriculture (5)
University of Minnesota
University of Missouri-Columbia
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
University of Nevada Reno
University of West Virginia
The Upjohn Company
USDA, Farmers Home Administration
USDA, Forest Crop Insurance Corporation
USDA, Forest Service Mark Twain National Forest (5)
USDA, Soil Conservation Services
Versatile Farm Equipment Corp.
Vigorline Ag Products
Virginia Tech
Vocational Education Professionals
Vocational Instructional Services
Vocational Tech. Educators' Consort of States
Winkel Society, Missouri Chapter (20)
West Farms
“The Implications of American Trade Policies For American Agriculture”

American agriculture is in a time of crisis. Farm prices are down and the American farmer’s morale is low. What has caused the problems that the American farmer faces and what can be done to solve them are questions that are heard across this country and across the world. What has caused the American farmer’s problems? One of the things that has caused this problem has been over production. But, that is behind us now and we must look from that and look to the future. But what can be done in the future to promote better agricultural trade? Trade policies with other countries and the United States must be established that will be valuable and profitable to the American farmer and to the world. The United States is already the world’s largest exporter of agricultural goods. We export over 34.8 billion dollars worth of food and live animals. Yet, it is not enough. One-fifth of the world’s agricultural trade is done in the US. Yet, it is not enough, because we are unbalanced competitors in this world. What can we do to increase that share of our food exports and the American farmer’s sales? There are two ways to increase American agricultural exports: the government must work towards the American farmer and the American consumer and it is the most valuable step in any process that you start, is communication. Recently, delegates from the United States have visited Tokyo, Japan and China working out ways and talking with these countries in order to establish better trade balances and increase American exports. Japan shows a very good and very good market for beef and for grain in Japan, but due to their trade restrictions and their reliance on their own agricultural imports they have been hesitant in working out agreements. But I feel that communication and helping them to realize American farmer’s problems and working with valuable trade agreements we can reach a desired market in Japan. This is the way which has been implemented past recently to reduce trade barriers. Now, Australian subsidies are sometimes a local threat for many people, but what it does encourage foreign countries

Prepared Public Speaking

The natural winner was chosen from four regional winners each of who presented a six to eight minute speech related to agriculture before the convention on Thursday afternoon. All four were judged by their delivery from the comment section, stage presence and their ability to answer questions from the judges. The national winner was announced during the Friday evening convention session.

National Winner—Jim Wilson, Domingo, Wyoming
First Runner-Up—Billy Wood, Hendersonville, Tennessee
Second Runner-Up—Glen Erona, Franklin, Ohio
Third Runner-Up—Carl Marshalt, Browns, West Virginia

“Exports and the American Farmer”

During the summers when I was small I would sit with my grandfather on the farm in his barn. At day- light we would creep away from the barn. He would tell me stories of farming. These stories were full of the hard times as well as the good times. The stories were funny and at times, severe. However, you thing that stays in my memory these stories is the pride I could feel coming from my grandfather. This was a principle that he had done something that was important. He felt that his livestock was appreciated and that the country, as a whole, understood the impact of his work. My grandfather also taught me the history of agriculture. He

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Public Speaking Contest

Etiquette and appearance of the American Farmer

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Delegate Business

National Convention Committee Reports

Auditing Committee

We, the auditing committee of the 5th National FFA Convention, recommended to the National FFA organization:

1. The audit report of Stay, Malone and Company, issued satisfactory and meeting the requirements of Public Law 74b for the fiscal year of September 1, 1984 to August 31, 1985, be accepted.

2. A condensed financial report be again submitted to each official delegate. The report should include balance sheets of assets and liabilities, statements of revenue and expenses, and changes in fund balances, as taken from the auditor’s report with the addition of a simplified, concise summary of total revenue, total liabilities, and net income or loss.

A full auditors’ report be available upon request from the National FFA Convention.

3. The FFA be expanded only within the FFA organization. We thank Mr. Donald Miller, National Treasurer, and Mr. W. Wilson Gables, Administrative Director, for their help and guidance in our committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

1985 Auditing Committee

Anthony Gillette, Kentucky, Chairman
David Haas, Ohio, Co-Chairman
Ken Hurd, Florida, Secretary
Leonard Graven, Nevada,
Shawn Newport, Michigan
Kathy Gaines, Hawaii
Brent Reynolds, Idaho

Collegiate Ag Ed Development Committee

We, the members of the 1985 Collegiate Ag Ed Development Committee after having met and considered the current conditions of the collegiate level of membership, feel that these conditions can be improved. We have deliberated on the proposed recommendations set forth by the 1984 Collegiate Ag Ed Development Committee and the advice of our consultants, and have concluded that many of these recommendations are worthwhile and should be reconsidered. These recommendations are:

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

2. Establish a national scholarship program similar to the: scholarships of the National FFA Foundation to recognize outstanding leadership and academic performance.

3. We suggest that the annual meeting be held each year in Kansas City, Missouri annually, with the National Convention of the Future Farmers of America.

4. The Board of Directors and National Staff should appoint the national Chairman of the National Collegiate FFA Advisory Committee of Agricultural education leaders as the January 1986 Board meeting.

In addition, we proposed the following:

1. The national program staff develop a collegiate information and recruitment brochure promoting collegiate FFA.

2. The National FFA Executive Secretary distributes a letter to each state association encouraging it to involve collegiate FFA chapters in as many state activities as possible.

3. National collegiate dues be utilized through the National FFA Foundation for future collegiate awards.

4. Recognize outstanding collegiate organizations and members at the National FFA Convention and in the National FFA Farmer Magazine.

5. The National FFA invites collegiate FFA workshops in each region perma-
nent. If the national Collegiate FFA Workshop held in February 1984 in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

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

We, the members of the 1985 Collegiate Ag Ed Development Committee, after considerable discussion, feel that these recommendations when acted upon will greatly improve our already well-rewarded collegiate FFA organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Craig, Oregon, Chairman
Gerald Coleman, Georgia, Co-Chairman
Ken Hertel, Wisconsin, Secretary
K C Jones, New Mexico
Brad Carlson, Texas

National Contests Committee

We the National Contest Committee of the 5th National FFA Convention of the Future Farmers of America, in hope of preparing leaders for the new fields of agriculture, improving vocational agriculture, and to continue the tradition of our national contests, which provide the youth of our organization with skills and abilities to help keep agriculture #1, would like to commend the following individuals for their hard work and success that have resulted in the national contest program:

We would like to thank, Mack V. Smith & Alan A. Koehler, Dept. of Agricultura Education, Iowa State University, for developing the report in "Educational objectives and administrative criteria for the National FFA Contest program." George Woodard & Glen Buccher, University of Minnesota, for developing the research report on scholarships education and related incentive programs.

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

1. An Ag Business Contest be implemented on the agenda of the National Board of Directors for consideration of establishing this contest on the national level. We feel this is a contest of great importance and should include such areas as job interview and various business procedures, including some parlimentary procedure. Such a contest could develop the skills in young people that are valuable in the agricultural industry.

2. We recommend that a National Agriculture Marketing Contest composed of skills in marketing agricultural commodities and operating procedures be looked into carefully by the National Board of Directors as a possible future national contest.

3. In response to the need for a National Horse Judging Contest, we recommend that the Board of Directors from a committee to investigate the possibility of implementing horse judging as a part of the National Livestock Judging contest.

4. That now areas such as landscape design be implemented into the Nursary/Landscape Contest in order to test the students ability to apply their knowledge in practical situations.

5. We strongly recommend that the National Livestock and Proposed Public Speaking Contests both should have the opportunity to present their results before the national convention in the general session, instead of the alternates that have recently been implemented.

6. That the possibility of a National FFA’s NEW 100%+ Program

A FREE Cap for Qualifying Chapters

Now recognition is available for your chapter if 50%, 100% or 200% of your chapter members attend the annual convention. This FREE cap can be purchased for $5 at the convention. These caps are being given away to our accident, and can be purchased for only $5 at the convention. These caps are being given away to our accident, and can be purchased for only $5 at the convention. These caps are being given away to our accident, and can be purchased for only $5 at the convention. These caps are being given away to our accident, and can be purchased for only $5 at the convention. These caps are being given away to our accident, and can be purchased for only $5 at the convention. These caps are being given away to our accident, and can be purchased for only $5 at the convention. These caps are being given away
Crops Judging Contest be studied by the Board of Directors or by an appointed committee to determine the value of establishing a National Crops Contest.

Recognizing the need for stronger writing skill in our organization and the agriculture industry we the committee feel that in the near future we may need to implement a National Extemporaneous contest or something of the nature in the National Public Speaking Contest.

And last but not least reviewing the possibility of holding a National Creed Contest, we the committee feel it will not be as effective to support such a contest. We feel that wanting to recite and answer questions about the FFA Creed is a pre-

liminary exercise to prepare and develop an individual for the National Public Speaking Contest or the National Entrepreneurial Contest.

We would also like to thank our consultants Mr. Robert Graywick, Arkansas State Advisor and Mr. Richard Winkler, Delaware State Secretary, for their tremendous input and contribution to our committee. Our sincere gratitude is expressed by our committee to the National FFA Board of Directors, and you, the participants in the National FFA Contests.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy De La Pena, Arizona, Chairman
James Lillibridge, North Carolina, Co-Chairman
Melodee Miller, South Carolina, Secretary
Mary Kathryn Hagan, Indiana
Andrea Kubica, Illinois
Moe Johnston, North Dakota
Greg Messenger, New Hampshire
Troy McIver, Colorado

International Committee
We, the International Programs Committee of the 58th National Convention of the Future Farmers of America, in hopes of promoting WEAA/information-program, submit the following recommendations:
1) Develop a thank you letter for the United States Information Agency for their help and support in International programs from the National FFA Organization.
2) Forward to state staff information on grants available through the National FFA Organization by such methods as Ag (Ed) Network, The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, Alumni newsletters, and other publications such as newsletters.
3) Recommend past participants include staff and state associates put on workshops and short sessions at state conventions.
4) Recommend state associations to develop WEAA programs.
5) We request a motivational workbook for WEAA at the national convention.
6) Include participants who are part of State President’s Conference and more participation from them.
7) Develop a WEAA program for the Washington Convention Program.
8) Develop on the national level a special project awareness week, including international programs.
9) Encourage WEAA participants to seek online college classes.
10) Recommend more audio-visual programs to be used by states and chapters through the mail order system.
11) Offer discount programs for outgoing participants that have secured a set number of host families.
12) Have host families recognized on the state level.
13) Work with national and state alumni for more WEAA awareness.
14) Feature articles on involved and outbound host families and participants in The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, Alumni newsletters, and other publications such as newsletters.
15) Recommend past participants include staff and state associates put on workshops and short sessions at state conventions.
16) Recommend state associations to develop WEAA programs.

We, the International Committee have taken upon ourselves to personally thank the United States Information Agency by communicating a letter to them.

As we are the International Committee, it is our wish to extend our sincere thanks to SamynJamieson—Program Assistant for the International Department and Steve Brown from the Mission—State Staff.

Linda Mos, Chairman, Indiana
Jeannette Davis, Kansas
Lovisa Hall, Rhode Island
Heather Miller, Terreican
Andy Butler, New Jersey

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

Publicly, aggressively recruit and a challenging Program of Activities are the key factors in developing a membership. In order to meet these ends, we propose the following recommendations:
1) Membership development be incorporated into a 5th Standing Committee in the Program of Activities.
2) Encourage the national organization to professionally develop a material kit for the recruitment of members. This kit should provide chapter members with recruiting materials, non-

FFA vocational agriculture students and with needs for rural high school counselors, administrators and parents
3) Membership development kits sharing sessions be incorporated into the NAMW, NLCSE, and the State Presidents Conference.
4) At the National FFA Organization promote the development of articles spotlighting FFA members in our publications in their perspective careers. These professional profiles should be used in state and local publications and newsletters to encourage the public awareness of the growing diversity and impact of vocational agriculture and the FFA.
5) The national organization should review and research the effectiveness of the “5th” Program.
6) We would like to commend the national organization for efforts to motivate and assist in this in this program.

We believe that the adoption of these recommendations will create a significant change in the current membership growth and improve the continued quality of the Future Farmers of America.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Hemsley, Kansas, Chairman
Julie Hooks, Kentucky, Co-Chairman
Neal Perry, Vermont
Ann Hensley, Missouri
Kelly & Smith, Kentucky
Sharon Walton, Illinois
Barber Parmer, Alabama
Snow Davis, California

National FFA Alumni Committee

We, the delegates assemblying in the National FFA Alumni Convention believe it is high time to nourish our roots to Robert Cox, Jay Howlett and Leonard Mather. We also refer to our convention. We also want to thank these Alumni members for their efforts during the past year. We hope that these Alumni members have had a vital importance of the development and continuing growth of past and present members and other friends of the Future Farmers of America.

The National FFA Organization realizes that the key to success for the national, state and local alumni affiliates is to be in each of your organization to have a dedicated position for alumni be assigned. We hope that the alumni leaders of your local chapters plan to implement the following facts to help continue programs to be continuing.

1. Continue to develop strong and support in governmental affairs.
   a. Support National FFA Alumni as a major force of the governmental affairs committee by rotating it's membership and by keeping these alumni on the national level.
   b. Support your state and local alumni to develop a video of successful programs and marketing methods of the program showing how the program has helped them and how the program can help you.
2. Support the use of the video to be used as part of a plan to work with those who are interested in the program.
3. Local government officials a. School board members b. other school administrators c. town, city and county officials d. local and state officials to groups a business community.
   d. People who are interested in the program.
4. Support all alumni who are working with local officials to the program.
5. Support alumni that work close with state officer teams by a. Copy of all alumni newsletter be sent to each state official.
   b. The state president be mailed a copy of all alumni correspondence.
   c. Support that the work is being presented during NLCSE and other similar activities speci-

ically with alumni relations.
6. Support that each state recognize their state FFA Alumni organization and the outstanding alumni in their states.
7. Support that a list of influential alumni from the state be compiled and distributed nationally to all chapter and state FFA Alumni Associations.
8. Support, that invitations be sent to alumni to put on workshops at state conventions and vocational agriculture state conference and the agriculture being offered to invited alumni and work with state staff.
9. Encourage Washington Convention Program coordinators to allow more time to the alumni to explain the importance of their program.
10. Request that the National FFA Alumni structure information about the National FFA Alumni and their programs by working cooperatively with The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.
11. Encourage local alumni to work with the FFA chapter in recruiting potential FFA members.
12. Encourage state officer teams to develop a state alumni program and work with chapter and works in cooperative with the state officer teams.
13. Support the National FFA Alumni Councils, hope that these suggestions will help to continue programs and work for the new fields of agriculture.

Respectfully submitted,
Crystal Weston, New Mexico, Chairman
Melinda Lisico, Arizona, Co-Chairman
Antonio Petrie, Committee
Suarez, Missouri
Eugene Frohlich, Iowa
Mary Albright, Wyoming
Andy Alcorn, Tennessee
Kendrick, Texas

National Awards Program Committee

We, the members of the 15th National FFA Convention Planning Committee, recommend the following:
1. Renovate the National Convention Program Planning Committee continuing showing of CFC videos, National Proficiency Award winners and to make copies of files available to FFA members and local FFA Advisers.
2. We encourage all chapter, state, and national award winners to send thank-you’s to national award sponsors.
3. We recommend that put up contest under the FFA Foundation.
4. A new national level contest to be considered under Specialty Crop Area.
5. To increase proficiency award opportunities for members involved in agriculture programs, we encourage development of a Professional Agricultural Business Percentage Award.
6. We recommend that BOAC, National Chapter and National Chapter Safety Awards be made available on collaborative basis.
7. We encourage chapter to use the new lessons and Advisers Handbook to help build stronger SGE programs.
8. We encourage all chapters to use ethical practices in advertising for national awards.
9. We recommend to build more flexibly to provinces providing award application and to increase the opportunities for leadership and cooperative activities.
10. We encourage the national staff, that we recommend that all national award applications include a space for the appreciative note page.
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Chairman organization motivating anchoring entertaining the coming.
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Articles between issues with chapter officers and members.
We suggest to publish a special issue for Greenshirts.
Before a newsletter to staff officers be printed quarterly which includes all high school issues, and information and ideas from state associations.
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Articles that will be known as many agricultural and FFA scholarships offered to students.
Articles that discuss farm students who do not want to change since college, alcohol, and drug abuse problems, may also help promote FFA recruitment.
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They don’t just own the land, they’re part of it. They don’t just work at a job, they live it. They get soaked in the rain, freeze in the winter, and bake in the summer. They’re up in the morning at an hour when sane folks are still sleeping. They go to bed long after the exhausted have fallen asleep.

They must have the judgement of a supreme court justice, the decision-making ability of a corporate executive, and the survival instincts of a tight-wire walker.

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

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

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