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57th NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION



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Definitely a convention to remember. 23,000 plus FFA members and guests in attendance, made it the largest youth convention in the world!

Pat Summerall, Eddie Albert, Art Linkletter, Secretary of Transportation Elizabeth Dole, Secretary of Agriculture John Block and Senator Robert Dole all addressed the 57th National FFA Convention.

Inspirational speeches delivered from the convention stage, to members demonstrating their vocational skills at the American Royal, all helped to make this convention a magnificent occasion.

And this, the convention PROCEEDINGS, records and salutes everyone involved in the 1984 National FFA Convention.

1984-85 National FFA Officers



President
Steve Meredith

The 1984-85 National FFA President is Steve Meredith, from the West Hardin FFA Chapter in Gladie, Kentucky. Steve is 19 years old. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Meredith. Steve earned his American Farmer degree with a Supervised Occupational Experience Project which consisted of livestock, grain, hay and tobacco. Steve is studying agriculture at Elizabethtown Community College and plans to earn a degree in Agricultural Economics. Steve served in two chapter offices before being elected State President of the Kentucky Association. Steve Meredith, Route 1, Gladie, KY 42740.



Vice President
Central Region
Mike Barrett

The 1984-85 National Vice President from the Central Region is Mike Barrett, from the Mead Chapter in Mead, Nebraska. Mike is 19 years old. He is the son of Rena and Inez Barrett. Mike has raised market steers, corn, soybeans and sorghum. His top quality Supervised Occupational Experience Project enabled him to win the Star Chapter Farmer, District Star Farmer and the Oekalb Agricultural Achievement awards. Mike attends the University of Nebraska—Lincoln, where he is majoring in Agricultural Journalism. He has served as a chapter officer and State President in Nebraska. Mike Barrett, R.R. 1, Box 5, Mead, NE 68041



Vice President
East Region
Graham Boyd

The 1984-85 National Vice President from the Eastern Region is Graham Boyd, from the Salt FFA Chapter, in Pineblow, North Carolina. Graham is 19 years old. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hallett E. Boyd. Graham managed his family's 16-acres of saw timber and owned a small fruit and vegetable production business. In addition, he also worked for a nearby farm, gaining experience in row crops. Graham is studying agricultural education at North Carolina University. He has served as a chapter officer, district president and state vice president in North Carolina. Graham Boyd, Route 1, Box 5, Pineblow, NC 27865.



Secretary
Mike Gayaldo

The 1984-85 National FFA Secretary is Mike Gayaldo, from the Kelseyville chapter in Kelseyville, California. Mike is 20 years old. His parents are Frank and Jeanne Gayaldo. His Supervised Occupational Experience Project consists of many hours working on the family's pear farm. He has also raised out, hays and breeding and market swine. Mike has a sophomore standing at Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, with an agricultural marketing major. Mike has served as President of the California Association, as well as a chapter and regional officer. He has been involved in public speaking, parliamentary procedure and judging contests. Michael J. Gayaldo, P.O. Box 966, Kelseyville, CA 95451



Vice President
Southern Region
Nancy Mason

The 1984-85 Vice President from the Southern Region is Nancy Mason, from the Collins chapter in Collins, Mississippi. Nancy is 20 years old. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Mason. Nancy has shown registered Santa Gertrudis cattle for nine years. She also works as a veterinary assistant. Nancy is majoring in pre-veterinary medicine/biochemistry at Mississippi State University. Nancy has held numerous offices in the FFA including three years as a state officer in Mississippi. Nancy is the eighth national officer Mississippi has given to the organization. Nancy Mason, P.O. Box 412, Collins, MS 39428.



Vice President
Western Region
Brad Bass

The 1984-85 National Vice President in the Western Region is Brad Bass, from the Mount Vernon FFA Chapter in Winnebago, Texas. Brad is 20 years old. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Bass. Brad owns 33 Jersey dairy cows and has a partnership in the family dairy farm. Brad attends Texas Tech University where he is majoring in Agricultural Education and Accounting. Brad has served in three chapter offices, district office, area office and as State President in Texas. Brad Bass, Route 1, Box 116, Winnebago, TX 75484.

National Officer Candidates



Each of the following individuals were selected by their state associations to vie for National FFA Office. To be eligible to run for national office, each of the candidates must have received the American Farmer degree. Only six of these talented leaders were selected as a 1984-85 National FFA Officer by a Convention Nominating Committee made up of their peers.

Alabama: Robert W. Weaver, Hartselle; **Arkansas:** Leah Chene Chaudoir, Magnolia; **California:** Michael Joseph Gayaldo, Kelseyville; **Florida:** Teresa L. Lott, Seffner; **Illinois:** Karen Ann Chawase, Nokomis; **Indiana:** Rena Jo Ketter, Martinsville; **Iowa:** Mink A. Bemer, Webster City; **Kansas:** Mike Torrey, Wamego; **Kentucky:** Steve Meredith, Gladie; **Massachusetts:** Paul Jay Lazon, Worcester; **Mississippi:** Nancy Lee Mason, Collins; **Missouri:** Kurt Voss, Beaufort; **Montana:** Scott Allen Convey, Missoula; **Nebraska:** Michael S. Barrett, Mead; **Nevada:** David Snyder,

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Distinguished Service Citations

This citation recognizes those organizations which exceptionally serve the FFA by contributing time, money and personnel. This year the following three organizations were shown our appreciation:

Sunkist Growers, Inc., provided the FFA with national television coverage when they dedicated their 1984 Rose Bowl Parade float to the FFA. Sunkist Growers has been a financial supporter through the FFA Foundation for 15 years. Century Communications of Skokie, Illinois, developed the Agri Educator magazine which was distributed to vocational agriculture instructors. They provided public service announcements on the FFA and its Foundation and have served as unpaid consultants to FFA

Foundation advisory groups for many years. Associated Milk Producers, Inc., has often provided financial assistance to the FFA. The company has been the primary sponsor of the National FFA Dairy Cattle Judging Contest for many years.

Special Meal Functions

Two special meal functions were held this year for the first time in the South. Eddie Albert and John Dreier. The luncheon guests were treated to an inspirational speech by FFA's Public Service Announcement celebrity and were also introduced to new chapter leadership materials. The second new function was a special leadership dinner held Friday evening for chapter and state FFA officers. Patriotic speaker, Charlie Furb addressed the group of leaders and offered inspiration.

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New National FFA Advisor

Larry D. Case

In twenty-four years Dr. Larry D. Case has gone from an FFA chapter president to the FFA's highest, non-member office—National FFA Advisor. Case, 40, accepted the position on April 6, 1984 to fill the vacancy left by the August 31, 1983 retirement of Byron F. Rawis. Case assumes the responsibilities of Senior Education Program Specialist for Agriculture, Agribusiness and Natural Resources Occupations in the U. S. Department of Education and National FFA Advisor. Case cites vocational agriculture enrollment trends and the need to show the public how well vocational agriculture FFA programs are preparing students for agricultural careers as areas he plans to study and act upon.

As National FFA Advisor, Case serves as chairman of the National FFA Board of Directors, president of the National FFA



Foundation Board of Trustees and will provide leadership to vocational agriculture students and professionals in the United States and its territories. Based on a farm in Stet, Missouri, Case graduated in 1961 from Inlet High School, where he was an FFA member. He received a bachelor's in agricultural education in 1966 and a master's degree in vocational education in 1972 from the University of Missouri-Columbia, where he completed his doctorate work in education in 1983. After serving as a vocational instructor for eight years at Northwesten, Erick and Lexington High Schools in Missouri, Case was named director of vocational education at Lexington La-Roy Area Vocational School in 1974. In 1977 he was named executive treasurer of the Missouri FFA Association before promotion to state FFA advisor and director of ag education in July of 1978.

VIP Citations



The VIP Citation recognizes individuals who continually and faithfully serve the FFA. This year the five recipients are:

Emerson P. Dettmann, a consultant in agricultural education with the Iowa Department of Public Instruction for more than 12 years. He served as Executive Secretary of the Iowa FFA Association for three years and was chairman of the National FFA Milk Quality and Dairy Foods Contest from 1976 to 1981.
Raymond D. Hagan, the Missouri FFA Executive Secretary for the past 29 years. Following seven years of teaching vocational agriculture, he became Dis-

trict Supervisor of Agriculture Education for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. He directed 29 state FFA officer teams including 428 state officers. Hagan is listed in the "Who's Who in the Midwest" and is the author of "FFA at 50 in Missouri."
William C. Dudley, Supervisor of Agriculture Education in Virginia for 33 years. He retired in 1969 after 45 years of work in agricultural education. Dudley conducted state officer leadership training for 28 years. He was chosen as the Outstanding Citizen of Appomattox County.
Earl F. Kanner, Executive Secretary of the Ohio FFA Association for 21 years. Kanner spent a total of 34 years in education and was a vocational agriculture teacher and area supervisor. He is the Executive Director of the Ohio FFA Foundation, Inc. and past recipient of the National FFA Distinguished Service Award.
Earl H. Knebel, a professor of agricultural education at Texas A&M University. Knebel has been involved in education and leadership training at the high school and college level. He was honored by the Texas FFA Association as well as the Agricultural Extension Service and Phi Delta Kappa.

Convention Speakers



On Thursday of the 57th convention, the audience was inspired by speeches from sports commentator Pat Summerall, sponsored by Gutter and Corn; actor and FFA PSA celebrity, Eddie Albert, sponsored by John Deere; and entertainer Art Linkletter, sponsored by International Mineral and Chemical Corporation.
Friday also brought several notable speakers to the Municipal Auditorium including the Honorable Elizabeth Dole, U. S. Secretary of Transportation; the Honorable John Block, U. S. Secretary of Agriculture; the Honorable Robert Dole, Senator from Kansas; and John Wan, a patriotic speaker.
Mamie McCullough, the "I Can Lady," sponsored by the American Bankers Association, addressed the convention on Saturday followed by remarks from Mackey Galley, the American Royal's 1984 entertainer. Saturday evening the FFA members were inspired by Bart Conner, 1984 Olympic Gymnastics Medalist for his personal comeback story. Conner's appearance was sponsored by McDonald's Corporation, the National Sponsor of the United States Gymnastics Federation.

FFA Achievers



Five individuals were inducted into the FFA National Hall of Achievement during the 57th National FFA Convention. Induction is the most prestigious honor the FFA can bestow on an individual. Nominees must be former vocational agriculture students and former FFA or New Farmers of America members. One person is selected every three years to represent each of the following areas: leadership, agricultural production, ag/business, agricultural education and one chosen-at-large. This is the second group of FFA Achievers to be inducted. The new FFA Achievers are:

Secretary of Agriculture, John R. Block is the FFA Achiever in the leadership category. He encouraged the strengthening of vocational agriculture and the FFA by supporting projects such as the nation-wide study of agriculture in secondary education. He has addressed many FFA groups.

Richard Waybriant, owner of Mason Oxton Farms in Gettysburg, is the FFA Achiever in the agricultural production category. He hosted many tours of his dairy farm to international groups and has spoken nationally about his innovative farming operation where he produces and sells methane gas. Waybriant served the FFA as president of the National FFA Alumni Association and as a national officer.

Clark A. Nelson, senior vice president of Carnation Company, is the FFA Achiever in the business category. Nelson served four years on the executive

committee of the National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee. He personally funded projects of the FFA and hosted many FFA activities.

William Paul Gray, retired executive secretary of the FFA, is the FFA Achiever in the agricultural education category. As executive secretary, he made an unprecedented record of accomplishments in FFA. During his tenure, the organization opened membership to females and black students and expanded activities to support more areas of agriculture. He is a retired vocational agriculture teacher, USDA program development leader and FFA advisor.

Gas R. Douglass, West Virginia commissioner of agriculture since 1984, is the FFA Achiever at large. Douglass was the first National FFA Alumni chairman, is on the FFA Alumni National Committee on Government and is a past national FFA President.

Computers in Agriculture Award

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The new Computers in Agriculture award program was introduced at the 56th National FFA Convention. The major objective of the new award program is to recognize FFA members who have made the greatest progress in using computers in agriculture and ag/business.

The following state award winners attended a National Seminar on Computers in Agriculture in Washington, D. C. on August 14-18, 1984. Of these state award winners, five were chosen as national award finalists based on presentations at the National Seminar. The live national finalists were:

- National Winner—Kevin E. Gingrich, Kokomo, Indiana
- First Runner-Up—Debra Dee Haack, Oakfield, Wisconsin
- Second Runner-Up—Dotty Behne, Sherburn, Minnesota
- Third Runner-Up—Barry Alan Niles, Owensboro, Kentucky
- Fourth Runner-Up—Lannis Webb, Lincoln, Arkansas

FFA TIMES

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The 57th National FFA Convention was the fourth year for the official convention newspaper, the FFA TIMES. There were three regular issues of the newspaper which were distributed Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings of the

convention. A special registration issue was prepared for FFA Advisors. All of the issues of the FFA TIMES were prepared by university journalism students working in the convention newsroom under the direction of FFA Information Intern, Karen Coble.

1984-85 FFA Theme

Theme audio-visual Sponsored by The Wrangler Brand.

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The new theme introduced during the 57th convention will be used until the next convention to promote and support vocational agriculture and the FFA.

The theme audio-visual shown during the convention, "Be All You Can Dream," is available for chapters to use.

Official Delegates



Official delegates to the national convention are responsible for conducting the national business of the organization to see that it runs smoothly, efficiently and in the best interests of all members.

Alabama: Jack Brewer, III, Saraland; Norman Mason, Rogersville; Lamar White, Auburn; Alaska: Dan Green, Homer; Jeff Wesner, Palmer; Arizona: Manuel Greer, Glendale; Richard Meier, Fort; Arkansas: Ray Martin, Camden; Garland Martin, Jonesboro; California: Dan Coert, Santa Paula; Wendy Roarty, Quartz Hill; Andrea Swartz, Grass Valley; Colorado: Lynn Kennedy, Engle; Doug Viny, Woodruff; Connecticut: Wilson Korth, Cornwall; David Smith, Lebanon; Delaware: Lynn Bullen, Middletown; Ray Harrington, Wilmington; Florida: Lynnelle Dalimore, Myakka City; Steve Kaufman, Sarasota; Georgia: Melanie Harrell, Nichols; Willam Hughes, Jr., Pembroke; Craig Padgett, Baxley; Hawaii: Peggy Postela, Pahala; Kris Wiksick, Hilo; Idaho: Todd Hammond, Meridian; David Harropson, Melba; Illinois: Tammy Bailey, Louisville; Jeffrey Gregory, Moweaqua; Jeff Macomber, Marseilles; Indiana: Bill McBea, Trafalgar; Jayne Young, Tratal-

lar; Iowa: Kevin Eshen, Creston; Dwight Mogler, Aurore; Kansas: Michelle Bennett, Mankato; David Yarrow, City Center; Kentucky: Douglas Coyle, Maccville; John Koppel, Owensboro; Louisiana: Lee Fletcher, Oak Grove; Todd Martin, Calvin; Maine: Mitchell Chandler, Presque Isle; Todd Westlow, Presque Isle, Maine; Margaret Flanagan, Rocky Ridge; Karen Hamilton, Michigan; Massachusetts: Lisa Mason, Bridgton; Lori Trombly, Plainfield; Daniels; Bart Marshall, Allen; Tim Stern, Standish; Minnesota: Jeff Moon, Hoyland; Nevada: Robert Frye, Leopold; Mississippi: Don Parker, Hattiesburg; Perry Whitaker, Jackson; Missouri: Max Allford, Strafford; Robert Frye, Leopold; James Humphrey, Mound City; Montana: Wanda Iverson, Whitefish; Kendall Sunthorn, Fairview; Nebraska: Dean Folkers, Lincoln; Kevin Yost, Lincoln; Nevada: Neil McQuary, Ruby Valley; Tyler Sack, Elko; New Hampshire: Lisa Cuelier, Dover; Greg Messenger, Rochester;

New Jersey: Kenneth Ingalls, Cream Ridge; Deborah Pomroy, Stewartsville; New Mexico: Kevin Graham, Del Mar; Nancy Muckley, Pie Town; New York: Stephanie Durkee, Elenburg; Dippt, Anna Reed, Nunda; North Carolina: Van Cooke, Mt. Airy; Lee Kirkman, Cove City; Skipper Sinder, Lexington; North Dakota: Mary Munderloh, Washburn; Kyle Timms, Cando; Ohio: Cindy Iden, Bloomington; Doug Phillips, Kenton; Michelle Stevens, Wilmarport; Oklahoma: Cindy Blair, Noble; Lisa Oliver, Washington; Melissa Schulz, Elgin; Oregon: Darren Coppock, Adams; Dale Donaldson, Culter, Pennsylvania: Laurie Duran, Bulger; Carolyn Wright, East Earl; Puerto Rico: Ana Alana Castro, Yauco; Juan Jimenez, Uruguay; Rhode Island: Edw LaPrise, N. Kingstown; Jody Silva, Hope Valley; South Carolina: Debbie Grub, Hemmingway; Tracy Yarborough, Coward; South Dakota: Penne Blum, Chamberlain; Theresa Schumacher, Pierre; Tennessee: Scott Austin, Nashville; Pam Farmer, Springville; Lee Anne West, Limestone; Texas: Kathy Bates, Nacogdoches; Bill Clark, Eldorado; Lee Anne Lawrence, San Antonio; Harry McAlister, Electra; George Odum, Dimmitt; Bob Shriver, III, Eagle Lake; Mike Sims, Pinedale; Craig Johnson, Delta; Kristi Selman, Trenton; Vermont: Douglas Hawley, South Newfane; Fred Peet, Middlebury; Virginia: Joe Bowman, Edinburg; Jimmy Carpenter, Galax; David Wright, Weyers Cove, Washington: April Caroll, Kennewick; Gary Swanson, Snohomish; West Virginia: Kathy Prastice, Kingwood; Arnie Perkins, Frankford; Wisconsin: Rick Dado, Amey; Dave Schaefer, Plattville; Gary Staszak, Bonded; Wyoming: Curtis Horton, Greybull; Kelly Stewart, Douglas

State Finalists

Alaska: Robert Powells, Fairbanks; Alabama: David Michael Martin, Jr., Montevallo; Arizona: Kim Gray, Gilbert; Colorado: Scott Eric Johnson, Platteville; Connecticut: Wilson Korth, Falls Village, Florida: Ronald Brime, Newberry; Georgia: Timothy D. Hasrell, Whigham; Iowa: Brian J. Gosch, Webster City; Idaho: Vinn H. Steiner, Bruneau; Illinois: Craig Peterson, Piper City; Kansas: Max Schmidt, Gossel; Louisiana: Tamme Michele Miller, Iota, Michigan: Dean J. Tolley, Corona; Missouri: Randall Lee Horne, Norborne; Montana: Thomas R. Lechner, Winifred; North Dakota: Donna Kessel, Mandan; Nebraska: Ronald O. Gissmann, Ravenna; New Hampshire: Eric Lavis, Barrington; New Jersey: Bill Puzo, Mays Landing; New Mexico: Steve Stearns, Carrizozo; Ohio: John Robert Mude, Subury; Oklahoma: Wynn Richardson, Amber; Oregon: Scott M. Carlson, Boardman; Pennsylvania: Lynnwood E. Nester, Mechanicsburg; South Carolina: Charles E. Hill, Abbeville; South Dakota: Arlin Hobbe, Flandreau; Texas: Paul Tames, League City; Utah: Laddell C. Sweeney, Washington; Virginia: Randy Landies, Fort Defiance; Vermont: Fred P. Peet, Middlebury; Washington: Amanda Ann Brown, Rainier; Wyoming: Oscar Blake Gernant, Greybull

at their chapter banquets. It is also an ideal recruitment film for increasing vocational agriculture/FFA membership. Numerous items are available to promote the new theme during National FFA Week, February 16-23, 1985. All of the items are available through the National FFA Supply Service for use throughout the

Public Service Announcements featuring Eddie Albert were aired all across the nation in 1984 thanks to the efforts of over 250 vocational agriculture instructors through their PSA in 1985. This PSA premiered at the 57th National FFA Convention.



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ment. All the conveniences we enjoy today are a result of individuals who never satisfied with what we had done, where they had been, where they were going or who they had helped. They simply did their best to make this world a better place to live in. Our dedicated agriculturalists surely fall into this category. In a world of Japanese, German automobiles and countless other imported commodities often preferred by American consumers, agriculture is the industry that comes a long way in maintaining our balance of trade, providing jobs for more than 22 million Americans, which at the same time providing us with a supply and quality of food unequalled in this world. It is the last industry in which we can say without a doubt, *there are number one!*

Our history books are filled with individuals who made significant contributions to our country. My mind is filled with those books and advisors who deserve a place in those books under the title "Cowboys." People like Mr. Andrews, who wasn't satisfied with the cards life dealt him. When he was egotistical, a successful left turn in agriculture, realizing he could make a positive contribution to others, he did his best and never satisfied with what he thought of being handicapped. In his words, "You are only as handicapped as you make yourself." Mr. Andrews started his ninth year as a vocational agricultural instructor and FFA advisor.

The most rewarding part of this year was being the personal advisor to you, the members from Jamestown, North Dakota and Sarasota, Florida to South Carolina, Connecticut and Washington. You have continued to provide inspiration for me.

Please allow me to tell you about one of my former FFA members I know rather well. As a greenthead, this young man was challenged to set some definite goals to achieve in the FFA. In classes, he listed six major objectives to achieve. The first was to be elected greenthead president. He had three votes and was counted and he worked excited. A little disappointed, he worked towards his next goal, chapter president. When it came time for chapter president, he expressed his desire to lead the chapter. The votes were cast, counted, and again he did not elected. He realized he could still play an important part in the chapter. He ran for vice president and again was elected. He was finally elected secretary. Attending the Washington Conference Program, the state and national conventions and other leadership activities increased his determination. In his senior year of high school, he again ran for chapter president. The goal he had worked for as a greenthead would not become a reality for this future Farmer. In fact, he did not serve in any FFA capacity his senior year. After three years without realizing any of those goals set as a greenthead, he finally experienced the "big old victory" when he received his state farmer degree. Next on the list was to serve as a state officer. He went through interviews, delivered his best speech to the voting delegates and awaited the results. He was elected but this was not his goal more in his grasp than now. I know many of you have experienced a sense of letting. When you wanted something so much, you would have done anything for it. At this particular time, that Future Farmer wanted more motivation to serve as a state officer. As the lights were dimmed and the convention music swelled in anticipation of the new state officer, he was announced. It wasn't he. As the convention workers cleared the audience, that FFA member stood alone. He knew his failures in the FFA. With this jacket unzipped, he fought to hold back the tears and disappointment. He was ready to quit the FFA. An individual walked up to him and said, "Young man, you are a winner! You can do anything you want to do, and become anyone you want to become if DONLY you want to badly enough, and if DONLY you are willing to try hard enough."

With those words of encouragement, that member received the American Farmer degree. His first goal was the original goal, and only the second to be achieved. One final goal remained to be achieved, *to be a state officer.* He had you, the goal, to serve as a national officer. But this FFA'er figured that his chances of being elected were against all odds. Only one other recent FFA member had been elected to national officer who did not do it, as a state officer. He decided not to attempt his final goal, because he knew how much it hurt to fail.

He then remembered what had been said to him a year earlier, "If DONLY you want to badly enough, and if DONLY you are willing to work hard enough." He pictured himself in retirement years saying, "If only I had tried to reach that goal, if only I would have had more determination, if only I hadn't given up!"

With those thoughts in mind, he felt he had the best chance to serve the FFA. He learned through the nominating committee process and on Saturday morning in the reserved section for national officer candidates. As everyone waited for the naming of the new national officers, he remembered those six goals he had set five years earlier. He remembered how it hurt when he wasn't elected class or chapter president. He recalled wanting so much to wear the jacket that said "ASSOCIATION" on the back of it. He realized that the highest office he had held in his chapter was that of secretary—some three years earlier, his last time to hold an office in the FFA. In five years he had accomplished only two goals that he had set as a greenthead. As they began announcing the selection of new leaders, he hoped that he would have worked harder. "If only I had put others first," if DONLY you then they will be successful. Because of the future. "Next time, I will work harder next time. I will put others first next time. I will do my best next time."

The FFA member was fortunate. For you see, he was given the opportunity to change the IF DONLY into NEXT time. He was the best—was your National Secretary. Bill Caraway was that greenthead who desired to be class president and whose highest and last office in the FFA had been in 1980. It was I who would have given anything to have been a state officer. It was this year, was given the opportunity to turn an IF DONLY into a NEXT TIME.

I shared this story with you for two reasons. First, you are a winner! You can do anything you want to do and become anybody you want to become if you want to badly enough, and if you are willing to work hard enough. Secondly, there is no shame in not achieving your goals. The shame comes in not attempting to achieve them.

Each of us have our roles and even though we enjoy them there is a time when they are completed. Because of you this year of service has been more meaningful and fulfilling. It has been for me, it has been for you. From this time I'll be richer forever than because of the unselfish giving of friendship. Friends I have had and will have. Friends who competed yet cooperated. Friends who truly put "service above self" and friends who lived by Phillips' laws which read:

"With humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself."

Ron, Rhonda, Chuck, Melody and Carol have always done their best and never been satisfied with what they've done or who they've helped."

As I prepared these final thoughts, I wondered how can I ever repay the FFA for all that I present to you. From a member from my memories came the answer, in a rural Nebraska community, I had the privilege to present a class of greentheads their first FFA jackets. As I took the new jackets from the shipping box I realized that there are some things you can't pay back—you just pass them on. It is my desire to pass that leadership on to more competent and qualified shoulders. Do your best and never be satisfied and never give up for the future of the FFA now on your shoulders.

I received a card at the beginning of the year that provided me guidelines for this year. It presented a class of greentheads member there and still have not met him today. But I want to thank that person for sharing this wisdom with me.

IF DONLY you put truth above your own desires
And value those as friends who love the same
IF DONLY you take pride in things that you are proud to achieve
And when you're wrong, stand up and take the blame . . .
IF DONLY you can understand your own desires
And not waste time on tasks beyond your scope
But take the future as a brand new challenge

That you can meet with confidence and hope.

IF DONLY you can listen to those who we advise you
And then judge for yourself what is right
IF DONLY you can keep in touch with all about you
And settle differences without a fight
IF DONLY you find delight in simple pleasures
And see the rainbow-not the falling rain
IF DONLY you can lose-and never give up trying
Believing that there's nothing done is vain
IF DONLY you can firmly stick by your convictions
And not let others set goals for you
IF DONLY you can be as practical as you need be
And still remember—sometimes dreams do come true
IF DONLY you can live the life that you believe in
And trust your judgment and integrity
Then you'll be not just happy and successful,
But the worthwhile person you were meant to be—copied—

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"I Only Claim"
Rhonda Scheubert
1983-84 National FFA Central Region Vice President

Most of you can remember the popular television series M*A*S*H, the weekly show that set us through the daily routine at the 407th hospital unit in the Korean War. I recently had the opportunity to once again view the final episode of that series. As I watched, I realized what had made the show so popular with the audience. It had such control of our emotions! Many times it made us laugh, and at times it made us cry. It helped us to see the world through the eyes of those characters. We experienced their joys, their triumphs, their challenges and their sorrows. They taught us to appreciate the freedom that we enjoy in the United States and showed us how dreams can help you through the most difficult times. The tears began to swell in my eyes as those famous characters said their last good-byes. I knew at that point that the men and women of the 407th were the things that I admired most in you.

Many times this year you have made me laugh, and at times you have let me cry. You have helped me to see the world through your eyes and allowed me to share in your joys, your triumphs, your challenges and your sorrows. You have taught me the true value of the freedom we enjoy in the United States and the responsibilities in our lives. Although there are many things that have made this year great, I want to share with you the most special memories I have, and in doing so, create for you my final episode of M*A*S*H.

During the past seven years, I have realized that Future Farmers are truly the most M*A*S*H young people in all the world. Our organization is often praised as a builder of enthusiasm and optimism in its members, but you have shown me that enthusiasm and optimism alone are not enough. You believe

in yourselves and your purpose and are willing to dedicate the time and effort needed to get the job done. Earl Stewart Wilson said it best in this poem:

Blessed is the man, indeed,
Who in this life can find;
A purpose that can fill his days,
And purpose to fill his nights.
The world is filled with little men,
Content with such success as
Not knowing joys where they can bring
No will to go that far!

Would you be one, who dares to work
When challenged by the tasks;
To rise to heights you've never seen.
Or is that too much to ask?
This is your day—a world to win,
Great purpose to achieve.
Accept the challenge of your goals,
And in yourself, believe!
You will be proud of what you've done
When at the close of day,
You look back on your battles won.
Content, you came this way!

All of the enthusiasm in the world is worthless if it is not backed by hard work. That is what makes you so special. You not only have the motivation to set your goals but the motivation to back them up with a reality.

We hear a great deal today about the changing and uncertain farm economy and how it affects the agriculture that we have had on many farmers and agribusinesses across this great country. Perhaps that is another reason why I believe so strongly in you. Despite the challenges that lie ahead, you have declared your belief in the future of AGRICULTURE in our nation's farm industry. Although I was raised on a farm, I know that I do not have even my own acreage of agriculture that I can call some of your possessions. However, my pride in the American farmer and agribusinesser could not be brought down.

I realize what tremendous courage is required to invest all that you own in the land, buildings and equipment needed to run a successful farming operation. I know that even greater courage is needed to stand by and watch as your land, buildings and equipment are auctioned off to the highest bidder. It takes patience and years of hard work just to get established in agriculture, yet you have stepped into this year of service. By wearing that blue and gold jacket, you are telling the world that you recognize the importance of supporting food and fiber to a busy world and are willing to face whatever challenges might appear.

I often wish that each person in my life could spend one day with my Mom and Dad on the farm. In that one day, they would experience hard work, hours, frustration, fatigue and at the end of the day, true satisfaction. The joys begin to fade and you wonder in agriculture that you so proudly possess!

The most prominent memories I have of my years in the FFA will always be your willingness to SHARE your lives with me. From Loose Creek, Missouri to our state capital, Colorado Springs, Colorado you have greeted me with open arms.

I will be the first to admit that there were times when I grew tired and wondered if I could find even one more smile or one more success somewhere else. Those times were rare but when they did occur, one of you would come along with an extra smile or maybe a pat on my head. I will always remember the homes where I was so warmly welcomed and the long drives home to the mountains of the Durango region and many other states. I drew my energy on those trips from your enthusiasm.

Before I joined the FFA seven years ago, I was guilty of thinking that if you did not have money or good looks, you could not have anything. How wrong I was! Your constant encouragement has taught me that wealth is not measured by dollars and beauty is not measured by appearance. At this moment, I feel as though I am one of the richest people in all the world, yet my bank account is rather low. I feel rich because I know that almost all of you possess in me. You believe in this moment believe in me. You believe in my ability to stand

before you and deliver this address. I can feel your strength, your encouragement to get the job done. I know that if I ever failed you could I ask for God's given each of us special talents and our wealth is determined by how well we use those talents. Although my term in office has ended, the influence that you have had on my life by sharing your love and your friendship will never end. Future Farmers, it has been my HONOR to serve you for the past twelve months. Upon receiving an award after the final session of M*A*S*H, Ron also stated that he did not claim to have been the best actor on television or the best comedian. He said he had not been the best director or the best writer. He simply stated, "I only claim to have done my best and given the most of my talent in an effort to entertain the audience. No trophy or award I will ever receive will equal the honor you have given me simply by believing in my ability to entertain." As I stand before you now, I do not claim to have been the best national officer in FFA history. I have not been the most organized or the most professional. I am not the best at delivering speeches or the best at writing. I have only to have tried my best to fulfill the duties of this office in the way in which you so have given me a trophy of your love. I will receive will equal the honor you have given me simply by believing in my ability to entertain.

I cannot leave without first offering some special thanks to some very special people. I want to thank my family for allowing me to explore the world when there was always work to be done at home. I especially want to thank my Mom and Dad for believing in my ability and caring for my family. I thank the Fatima FFA Chapter, Area XI and the Mission Association for their continuous support. Mr. Hagen, Dr. Case and all those on the state staff in Missouri. I thank you for your faith in my ability and your friendship. I thank all of the state officers that I have served and worked with for putting up with me and helping me to grow. I send special thanks to the 1982-83 State Center team in Missouri. You believed in me at a time when I needed it most and your confidence in me could believe in myself. I thank everyone at the National FFA Center for making me feel so at home when I was far away from Loose Creek. To the five others that has been my privilege to serve with this year, I just want you to know that I have each of you for being yourselves. Melody, thank you for your smile. Carol thanks for your strength. Ron, you are a great partner and a tremendous leader. Chuck, you will make a great engineer. I will never forget your ability to make me smile no matter what mood I was in. Bill, thanks for always being there when you knew I needed someone to talk to and for just being my friend. Our lives may go our separate ways after this week, but I will carry memories of you with me in my heart forever. To the people that I have just mentioned and to Future Farmers everywhere, I dedicate this poem.

It is a satisfying feeling
Just to know that you've tried
That no matter what's the trouble
That on you I can depend
For the world can be full of sadness.

And life's path has some stones,
And a person's best comfort
Is the love of friends he's known.

It takes more than words to tell it,
It takes more than words to understand it.
All the good that you have done
And how special you are in my eyes.



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But I will always keep attempting. And keep trying to the end. For life has been much better since I've had you as a friend. Through all my travels this past year. I've tried to do my best. I've been a perfect. But from your response I would not have guessed. You allowed me to be myself. As I followed one special aim. To be your friend above all else. This is what I only claim!

Future Farmers.
You are the most Motivated young people in all the world
I admire your belief in Agriculture
I thank you for Shanny your lives with me.
It has been my Honor to serve you.
This concludes my final episode of M-A-S-H. May God bless you all ways.
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"The Greatest Gift"

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1983-84 National Eastern Region FFA
Vice President

If someone were to ask you to choose, right now, the greatest gift you had ever been given—what would be your response? Your first love? Your first car? The high school ring your boyfriend or girlfriend just gave you? Maybe it would be your first calf or a gift of money that you just received. Maybe some of you would say it's your ability to judge livestock or your knack for arranging flowers or maybe even your beautiful singing voice.

All of these are great gifts. Gifts for which you should be thankful and proud. But you all have received gifts more precious than these. For you were born in America, the greatest nation on this earth. A nation which was according to Winston Churchill, "the worst system of government on earth except for every other system of government on earth."

This country holds opportunity for everyone regardless of background and from every nook and cranny of this great country. I have heard one man claim that America is a free land and we are all proud to be Americans. We are proud to be involved in vocational agriculture, the greatest, most powerful, most vital industry in this country, and yet in this world.

The American agriculturalist has never led so many with so few actually involved in on-farm production. All this production has only increased employment to other sectors which process, transport, finance, sell, supply and deal with the agricultural products.

In fact, American agriculture with only 2 to 3 percent of our population actually grows the nation's surplus on every employer. For example, 23 percent of American people in these related industries Americans only spend 17 percent of their disposable income on food compared to the Soviets who have to spend 33 percent.

Our American agriculturalist is feeding the world, shipping billions of tons of grain and foodstuffs across the globe. Our country farmer now feeds nearly 80 people and hermits the productivity of American agriculture is unparalleled. The future of American agriculture and America has never looked brighter.

These gifts, the gifts of being an American and being involved in American agriculture are great gifts indeed but there are still greater gifts yet.

Each one of us has been given many talents, very special gifts indeed, but how many of us have tried to give for the talents of those around us? Wished for your best friend's ability to give oral reports on your chapter presentations? "gilt of gold" by your chapter sweetheart's good looks? I know I have often wished for someone else's gifts. I guess it's the old the grass is greener on the other side of the fence syndrome.

Chances are, we all wish for other's abilities or other positions at one point or another. But each of us have been blessed our particular talents for a special reason and a special purpose.

Consider with me for a moment this Oriental tale.

There once was a poor Chinese stocker who was not happy with his lot in life. He wished often to be something he was not. One day while he was working a wealthy merchant rode by on horseback with servants and wealth and power. The Chinese stocker longed very much to be the merchant with all of the merchant's possessions.

The stocker got his wish, for in a moment he had been transferred into the wealthy merchant with much money and power. One day as he was riding his horse he noticed a man in a high office being carried on the backs of other men and everyone had to bow and grovel at this man's feet and he thought how much more powerful this man must have.

The stocker who had been transferred into the merchant then wished very much to be the man of high office and in just a moment his wish was fulfilled.

He was now being carried on the backs of men, feared by all, powerful, with people kneeling in his path. However, while sitting in the hot sun in all of the clothing and cushions of his office, he was not happy.

He was able to speak the languages of men and even angels, but if I have no love, my speech is no more than a noisy going or a clanging bell.

When I am giving, I have no more to use for chit-chat ways. What we see now is like a dim image in a mirror then we shall see face to face what I know now is only partial. Then it will be complete as complete as God's knowledge of me. Meanwhile, these three gifts remain, faith, hope, and love and the greatest gift of all is love.

Yes, even as the Bible states, the greatest gift of all is love—the kind of love that I've grown to know through this great organization.

It is said that there are some things that never come back—make them count while you have the chance.

The spoken word is slow as time wasted is an opportunity lost the chance to say, "I love you."

I don't want to miss the chance now to say "I love you" to each and everyone of you and thank you for allowing me that the greatest gift of all—no matter what it is or how.

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and passing over all the foolish and frivolous and weak things that you can't help dimly seeing there, and for drawing out into the light all the beautiful radiant belongings that no one else had looked quite far enough to find. You are my friends because you care for the harsh conditions the possibilities of the fool and weaking in me and for laying firm hold of the good in me. You are my friends for taking you care to the harsh conditions in me, and for adding to the music in me by worshipful listening.

You are my friends because you are helping to make of the timber of my life—a not a tavern—but a temple—and of the words of my every day—not a reproach but a song. You are my friends because you have done more than any creed could have done to make me happy. You have done it without a word, without a touch, without a sign. You have done it first by being your ears to my heart really means.

And you have shown me that friendship means just as you have shown me the great gift of all.

The Bible in 1 Corinthians probably illustrates this best for it says . . . Not everyone has the power to work miracles or to heal or to speak in strange tongues or explain what is said set your hearts, then, on the more important gifts . . . I may be able to speak the languages of men and even angels, but if I have no love, my speech is no more than a noisy going or a clanging bell. . . .

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"Without A Doubt"
Chuck Duggan
1983-84 National FFA Southern Region Vice President

This morning as I stand before you to deliver what is referred to as my retiring address: "I find that my mind is flooded with many thoughts and memories, and my heart is filled with many emotions. One prominent memory is the first time I ever walked into this big hall . . ."

It was several years ago, now I don't seem as if it has only been a few days. I can remember how cold it was that morning when I stepped into the hall. I left a bigger impression than it otherwise would. I can remember having been the youngest member of the area in the room in the rear of the arena. What happened next I shall never forget. My address, Mr. Robert Whisenand said, "Well, son, this is it. What do you think? And what do I think?" I stand here today as a direct result of what I thought that cold November morning.

Just a few months before, I had wanted no part of FFA, but as I stood there listening to the awesome speech of nearly 20,000 FFA men my mind was changed. I had never quite been sure that FFA was what I wanted. I had never quite been sold on the Future Farmers of America. But at that moment, as I looked around at all these blue and gold shirts and I knew "Without A Doubt" I was completely sold. I was worthy my time. It was a professedly sold and totally convinced that the FFA was an organization that could mean to be a better person and could take me places. From that point, I had no doubts about what I should get involved in.

I know that national conventions have in the past had this effect on many members. I've recalled that it can happen here, and it can happen there. Many members will leave for home Saturday night.

"Without A Doubt" that they want to get involved with the FFA. Ahead of those members lie many opportunities and many experiences. Those opportunities and experiences give each member the chance to prepare for the mystical time we refer to as the future. But the future is simply what we will tomorrow call, today.

I would like for my final remarks as an active FFA member to be a look ahead—a look at the future. Because I am a member in this auditorium and everyone who reads the address has and will always have the greatest interest in what is spoken and what they will be doing in the future. We also have many concerns about the future for agriculture and the future of America. Where will you be as we approach the 21st Century? Where will the FFA as an organization be?

As Future Farmers of America, we look to the industry of agriculture as well as our local livelihood. The industry looks to the future, but think for a moment, how agriculture as an industry stacks up against other industries in our country. Agriculture provides jobs for 23 million Americans, more than any other industry. Farm assets totalled \$1,092 billion at the end of 1982, that is equal to more than two-thirds of the capital assets of all manufacturing corporations in the United States. Farmers can produce nearly three and a half times as much as they could just 20 years ago and are producing at all with all the tools and figures, what I'm trying to show is that agriculture is "Without A Doubt" a better future than any other industry. That's not something that just happened and it's not something that will just continue to happen either. You and I as people here must do something to insure that America and the industry of agriculture will never slip downhill.

What do you see in your future? What impact can it as one young person provide? Let me just say I'm glad

you asked! Because the difference you can make starts today! It starts with you because you've inspired, motivated and led up to me. I'm a member and student of vocational agriculture. A member who can make a strong commitment to the success of the FFA. We do programs as well as your individual success. I am convinced that even though everyone wants different things, everyone has some common goal of success and everyone wants to be successful in their own way. Thomas Stanley defines success in this way:

He has achieved success who has loved well, laughed often and lived much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men, and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved practice, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul, who has never lacked appreciation of the earth's beauty, or failed to express it; who always looked out for the interests of others; who lives the best he had; whose life was an inspiration; whose memory a benediction.

So whatever your definition of success, the FFA can give you a method of teaching the FFA. The FFA organization offers you many things. It is up to you now to capitalize on your opinions.

Our challenge is to continue the success of agriculture. However, that begins with each member asking: "What do I want to do? What do I want to accomplish in the FFA? The exciting thing about it is, that no matter what your answer to that question, the FFA provides an area where each member can accomplish things he or she wants. No matter whether it has to do with livestock judging or another of those seemingly unexciting nowadays even computers and the latest management and marketing techniques that are available to us and the answers we'll learn us.

You can do it! Whatever you want to do in the Future Farmers of America you can do it. You can be an outstanding member but the greatest things that mankind has ever accomplished are the things that it is one of another seemingly unexciting. Clint Abert, the 1983 Star Agribusiness man in America, would applaud you when he was in the grade that it is a member of another seemingly unexciting. It was impossible when he was a 14-year-old, ninth grader, but what he did was to set the record for the seven years of hard work it took to make him the 1983 Star Agribusinessman of America. He became a successful businessman through the FFA. He did it and you can too.

In 1947, Norman Cousins asked Albert Einstein, one of this country's greatest thinkers, what he had learned. Einstein said he would give his first thought rather than thinking about it for a period of time. He gave three statements:

Never be afraid to make mistakes if you are sure you are right. Never be afraid to ask silly questions. Don't allow yourself to be intimidated or paralyzed by the experts.

If we use these three simple ideas, we can do no doubt accomplish whatever we can. However, my mind to do. But probably the most matter how we do it. We try. However, remember that God can be the answer to every problem whether great or small. It's not enough just to believe in something, we have to try it every day in both the good and the bad. A person I'm very close to and I have shared a particular Bible verse with several times through the past few years because I know it works for me and has helped me many times. I would like to share it with you this morning. 1 Peter 5:7 states:

Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares about you.

Very simple, but at the same time very meaningful. I can't say it enough. This year it has been my destiny good fortune to work with live talented National officers and it will be hard to say goodbye tomorrow. However, it is our duty to do so knowing that each of you have made a special part of my life by what I've seen in you. You know. Ron, you've shown me what it means to be a professional. Bill, you've shown

me how to laugh at myself and you've taught me not to take myself so seriously. Carol, you've shown me what it means to be businesslike. Melody, you've shown me how to be quietly spiritual. Rhonda (Schreier-Duse), you've shown me how to stand up for what I truly feel and the simplicity of friendship. I thank each one of you, deeply.

To the Hoyt family, the FFA Center staff, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Reese, the folks in my home state of Florida, everyone whom I've had the pleasure of meeting this year, each of you here this morning and to God, my sincerest gratitude and my most humble thanks.

I don't feel a goodbye is in order this morning because as I return to my academic life, I know the FFA will continue to grow and prosper as it has for the past 56 years. As the FFA begins its 57th year, I simply hope that each of you fares well in the Future Farmers. So farewell friends and thanks for the memory.

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"All the Time You Need"

Melody Lawson
1983-84 National FFA Western Region Vice President

Voltaire, the famous French writer and philosopher in his novel, "Zadig, A Mystery of Fate," presented a question to the characters of the story. The question was, "What of all things in the world is the longest and the shortest, the swiftest and the slowest, the most divisible and the most extended, the most neglected and the most regarded, without which nothing can be done, which devalues all that is little and enlivens all that is great?"

The question was answered "Time." That precious commodity that is always taken for granted.

During one of our many trips to the airport this year, my mother showed me a brochure she had picked up while walking with me to the departure gate. The pamphlet simply stated that if you would purchase the advertised product, the result would be that they would find, "the time is time they need." What would you pay for something that would give you all the time you wanted?

Consider this: If we had to buy time, there would be any difference in how we would spend it? Would the days of our lives be used more wisely? What if we had to pay in advance \$100 for each hour of the time allotted to us, would we waste it?

Of course, we can't put a price tag on time. The minutes and hours we possess are given to us freely. But, that doesn't excuse us from using them carefully and wisely. The time we spend on this earth is a free gift from God. He has provided for us whether our lives have all the time we need, or if we have a commodity to accomplish all the things we are capable of doing. We have all the time we need to make the most of our life. It is what we do with that time that makes the difference in the quality of our lives. We must determine how to budget it using each minute to take full advantage of the opportunities provided.

The poet who penned the following words must have realized the true value of a single moment when he wrote:

*I only have a minute with sixty seconds in it.
Forced upon me, can't refuse it.
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it.
It's up to me to use it.
Give account if I abuse it.*

Just a tiny little minute. But, eternally is in it.

It doesn't seem possible that a whole year has gone by since the last National Convention. Everything has gone so fast. In a few times I wanted to say "stop! Let me get off for just a minute and think about all that is happening!" But that is not possible. As it keeps on moving so quickly and silently until we are hardly aware of its passing until it's gone.

The soulmate I searched for would only come when the plane on which I was traveling would reach its cruising altitude. Below a blanket of clouds obscured the ground from view, giving the illusion that our plane was somehow suspended unmoving in space and time. The desired intention to think had finally come! Suddenly, the voice of the pilot announced across the intercom startling my thoughts as he said, "We are now cruising at an altitude of 13,500 feet at the speed of 500 miles an hour. Time does bring to reality that everything that has not stopped but was actually moving faster than ever!"

Time is frustrating and yet so wonderful. The passing of this commodity makes it possible to go on to new adventures and opportunities. Granted, it is a transition from one state to another is frightening knowing that it is impossible to return to the familiar thus leading us to step into the unknown. At the same moment, it is exciting to move in a new direction and to look ahead to what the future might hold. Life has so much to offer if only we are willing to use and to enjoy it. By no means will everything be perfect. We will always run into obstacles and trials that is part of living and of building our character. However, nothing we encounter is more than what we can handle. 1 Corinthians 10-13 states,

"No temptation has overtaken you but such is common to man, and God is faithful who will not allow us to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."

Life provides failures, handicaps and setbacks along with successes. Some are greater than others. Time is too precious to dwell on the negative. We must be willing to confront these problems and to look for solutions. Phillip Brooks captured a wonderful thought when he said, "Do not pray for easy lives, pray for a stronger person! Do pray for tasks equal to your power, pray for the doing of your work shall be made; but you shall be a miracle. Everyday you shall wonder at yourself, at the richness of your life, at the grace that has come to you by the grace of God."

A satisfying feeling should come for all of us knowing that not only are we provided with time but also with talents and abilities to use as we choose. Looking across the audience it is easy to see all the potential of the world. Each person here is a unique creation. Each of us is endowed with many talents and abilities. The response to this statement comes easily. "Who me? I possess no such thing." If that is our reply, maybe we aren't motivated to search out our capabilities or have chosen to ignore them completely. It is up to each individual to take the steps that take the time to develop them. The possibilities this room holds are limitless. However, with all the time we might have, it is impossible to accomplish anything unless we have in ourselves and in the things we represent.

Recognizing our personal potential, we need to realize that as Future Farmers of America we are involved in the world's most vital industry—agriculture. Never in the history of mankind has there ever been a civilization that could survive without food and clothing. In our lifetime, agriculture has faced many potentially crippling circumstances, but the resiliency of the people involved in the industry, agriculture has always rebounding back stronger than ever. We must not become complacent about this special record.

Agriculture needs trained young people in all areas of expertise who are prepared to meet and to overcome future challenges. The time is quickly coming for us to choose our careers. At present we are involved in a program designed to prepare us for a successful entry into the most dynamic industry in America. Agriculture provides many opportunities from production to politics, mechanics

to engineering, education to law and so much more.

It is up to all of us to take advantage of the time we spend in this organization to develop skills and competencies that will make us effective workers and leaders in and out of agriculture. It is desirable to assume that everyone in this auditorium is or will be directly engaged in an agriculturally related field. However, it is realistic to say that no matter what our occupation, we are all dependent on agriculture. Regardless of what our future holds, we must never forget the importance American agriculture plays in this nation and in the world. Every human being depends on agriculture for the quality of life and for their very survival.

The time allotted to me this year has been fantastic—a wonderful experience! It seems like only yesterday that we people were suddenly thrown together out of a group of nervous candidates each with different backgrounds, personalities, opinions, experiences, beliefs and dreams. We were united with a common goal of representing a team consisting of more than 400,000 members of the Future Farmers of America. Ron, Bill, Chuck, Rhonda, and Carol, I would really like to say to you all, "You are what you will ever know. To the other members of this winning team: students, advisors, staff people, school administrators, friends and of course parents, let me say thank you for sharing your caring, friendship, your warm hospitality and your valuable time. Through your eyes, you have given me an education to school can ever match."

Time

*Nothing is longer, since it is the measure of eternity
Nothing is shorter, since it is insufficient from the accomplishment of our projects.
Nothing is more slow to him that expects; nothing more rapid to him that enjoys.
In greatness it extends to infinity, its smallness it is infinitely divisible.*

All men neglect it, all regret the loss of it, nothing can be done without it.
It consigns to oblivion whatever is unworthy of being transmitted to posterity, and immortalizes such actions as are truly great.

Think goodness we do not have to pay \$100 an hour for if we did, the cost of a lifetime would be far beyond what any of us could purchase. Instead time is a precious and irreplaceable gift given freely to all of us as we decide. Time is indeed man's most precious asset. We must treat it wisely—for once it is gone it can never be replaced.

Though the seconds, minutes and hours seem to pass with the greatest speed—Remember—God has given us all the time we need.

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International FFA Participants



The Work Experience Abroad (WEA) program enables FFA members to work on farms and agriculture businesses in other countries for various time intervals. This program also encourages American families to host students from foreign agriculture backgrounds.

WEA Outbound Students

Alaska: Kristi Morgan, Carolyn Pennington; **Arizona:** Diane Bederbeck; **Arkansas:** Jerry E. Haddock; **California:** Hannah Class, Giovanni Ferrandelli, Simon Lohus; **Colorado:** Jim Backstrom; **Florida:** Walter Fernandez; **Illinois:** David Pease, Craig Gochnour; **Idaho:** David Rumbold, Anita Arentsen; **Nich Anderson;** Stan Harris; **Mark David Birch;** Brian Dodson; **Paul Kirk III;** **Delaware:** Doris Smith; **Mary Fries;** Joe Phelps; Tom Rayburn; **Iowa:** Jerry Gosch; **Mark Beecher;** Sandy Steichter; **Paul Mosser;** Andrew Gotburgsen; **Kansas:** Scott Anderson; **Randy Colp;** Dawn Russell; **Denise Strasser;** **Louisiana:** Oscar Taylor; **Self Focused;** **Mayland;** Todd Lovings; **Michigan:** Dan Barth; **Diane Court;** **Minnesota:** Clarence Hosager; **Mike Frost;** Barbara Parris; **Dan Tai;** Mike Anderson; **Doreen Gages;** **Missouri:** Brenda Alden; **Michelle Lynn Fogate;** **Brad Wiloughby;** **Michael Kreslin;** **Montana:** Gary Earl Boyce; **Nebraska:** Larry Miller; **North Carolina:** Ned Briggs; **North Carolina:** James Rogers; **North Dakota:** John Keller; **Dan Edwardson;** **Dale Paul Hamsher;** **Dave Edward Hill;** **Dan Smelthers;** **Oklahoma:** Shawn Gralia; **David Schmittman;** **Kerol Sauter;** **Dave Beck;** **Tammy Green;** **Pam Mixch;** **Dreon;** **Mark Batschewid;** **Johna Burns;** **Robert Case;** **Mary Cornwell;** **Wayne Fanno;** **Saralyn Johnson;** **Kevin Danford Kelley;** **Kirby Klenzmann;** **Teresa Marion**

Mattson; **Robert Prothitt;** **William A. Shibley;** **Brian K. Smith;** **Brett Tiffany;** **Pennsylvania:** Duane Herr; **Thomas K. High;** **Bruce Stickle;** **South Dakota:** Colleen Paulette Cowan; **Tom Davis;** **Timothy Harwood;** **Paul Knecht;** **Tennessee:** **Riley Houston;** **John Rose;** **Teas;** **Leila Brown;** **Kevin Dyer;** **J. Roger Taylor;** **Dora Wilts;** **Utah;** **Janel Berman;** **Brenda Crane;** **Vermonth;** **Helena Glazie;** **Virginia:** **Armondy Sifford;** **Washington:** **Shane Diane Duagan;** **Danial Games;** **Jay Schmitt;** **Wisconsin:** **Martin Anderson;** **Nia Babash;** **Joan Brannan;** **Jane Cooley;** **Jennifer Erb;** **Jeff Fritz;** **Paul Gebre;** **David Goodrich;** **Ted Harvey;** **May Keough;** **Todd Kiasny;** **Brenda Klecker;** **Lisa Hooley;** **John Krill;** **Adole Lemme;** **Karen Neff;** **Jane Ditz;** **Anita Peterson;** **Beth Rhiner;** **Dawn Shepp;** **Dawn Stokles;** **Lori Swan;** **Jodi Tolbakson;** **Scott Tarriff;** **Frances Wherry;** **Wyoming:** **Richard Allen;** **Brian Wier;** **Australia:** **Brian Eastlake;** **(Sweden)** **and Bruce Harroff;** **(Germany)**

WEA Inbound Student Countries

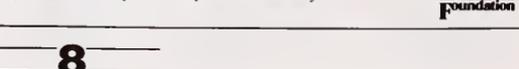
Australia; **Austria;** **Belgium;** **Colombia;** **Costa Rica;** **Denmark;** **England;** **Finland;** **France;** **Germany;** **Greece;** **Holland;** **Ireland;** **Italy;** **Japan;** **New Zealand;** **Panama;** **Peru;** **Scotland;** **South Africa;** **Sweden;** **Switzerland;** **Taiwan;** **and Wales**

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National FFA Chorus

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The National FFA Chorus, under the direction of Stan Kingma, Vineland, New Jersey, presented musical solos, entertainment and atmosphere to this year's convention. Owen Robbins acted as Accompanist and Assistant Director and Marilyn Kingma and Gail Cable acted as Chaperones and Assistants to the Director. Butch Taylor acted as Assistant Director to Stan Kingma who acted as Director of Saturday evening's Musical Extravaganza.



Alabama: Mary Pace, Scotsboro; **Arizona:** Nina Merrill, Gilbert; **Arkansas:** Paul Williams, Farmington; **Connecticut:** Cathryn Haysinger, Trumbull; **Florida:** Prudence Ciyatt, Lake Butler; **Idaho:** Rodney Frank, Meridian; **Iaah:** Michaelson, Midvale; **Shawn Steed, Stone, Lodi Sulton, Midvale, Illinois:** Gayle Rankin, West Point; **Jonathan Wier, Lacon; Indiana:** Gary Allen, Kokomo; **Charles Johnson, Evansville; Franke Jones, Hope, James Montgomery, Shelbyville; Dale Pritch, Plymouth, South Carolina:** DeLaGrange, Iowa: Heidi Fatchett, DeWitt, Randy Gerlach, Nevada, Ken Gieser, Vero; **Daniel Van Pusean, Orange City, Kansas:** Mark Davis, Fort Scott; **Natale Doud, Mankato; Christina Prowell, Mankato; Jan Remy, Burdick, Robert**

Reves, Westmoreland, Becky Tally, Oberlin, Kentucky: Jennifer Ransdell, Salyers; **Louisiana:** Alan Broussard, Morse; **Michigan:** Timothy Case, Hastings, Richard Elby, Royalard, Mark Shery, Camden; **Minnesota:** Kevin Bailey, Glenview, Tim Frank, Hancock, Scott Haugen, Worthinton; **Jill Koehl, Hancock, Von Kurland, West Concord; Michael Mastey, Kasson; Patrick Peterson, Kanistad, David Schultz, Farmington; Missouri:** Christina Garcia, Harrison; **Angela Forrester, Memphis; Stacy Gibson, Norborne; Jacqueline Goss, Marshall; Suze Henson, Nevada; Robin Jombone, Brown Ross, Westborough; Rachel McDonald, Allen; Mark Purinton, Lamar; Charles Redburn, St. James; Teresa Steele, Golin; Montana:** John Brucher, Hobson; **John Bur, Scooby, Nebraska:** Karma Anderson, Blair; **Brian Sandall, Besselt, New Jersey:** Amy

Rogers, Columbus, New Mexico: Jay Pack, Melrose; **North Carolina:** Janet McSwain, Shelby; **Ohio:** Gary Baldosser, Green Springs; **Rob Mercer, Waldohead, Donald Noble, Fredericktown, Bradley Ravelley, Bucyrus, Fran Schaad, Waterford; Tracy Schindler, Edison; Brian Slinker, Republic; Oklahoma:** Michelle Bright, Sapulpa; **Oregon:** Holly Craig, Hillsboro; **Diane Evers, Banks;**

Debra Fincher, Canby; Jennifer Jeter, John Brock, Meirose; North Dakota: Sean Cramer, Hansburg; **Timothy Hofer, Cargenler, Scott Strand, Rodney, Paul Blue-lund, Roslyn, Texas:** Jason Frazier, Sulphur Springs; **Holly Hague, Sulphur Springs, Virginia:** Dwight Miller; **Abnerdon, Washington:** Troy Kous, Cheryl; **Leanne Leslie, Chelan; Brian Monamuske, Uniontown; Mary Noll,**

Cashmere, July Roberts, Vem, West Virginia: Renee Harley, Ravenswood; **Wisconsin:** Jeffrey Brunner, Shawano; **Gannn Kullison, Mt. Horeo, Karen Wright, Amery;**

National FFA Band

Sponsored by Carnation Company

The National FFA Band, featuring 102 musicians, was under the direction of Roger Heath, Boulder, Colorado. The band arrived during the early part of the week to practice. This practice let them add to the air of pageantry and spirit of the convention with their numerous and varied band selections. Gene Engler acted as Assistant Director. Mary Heath and Mrs. Gene Engler acted as Chaperones and Assistants to the Director.



Arizona: Charlene Greyeyes, Kayenta, Flete Mesa; **Trumpet:** Serena Vads-worth, Pearce; **Clarinnet:** Arkansas: Monte Wumble, Prescott; **Trombone:** California: Heidi Heber, Eureka; **Flute:** Florida: Ketha McCord, Sarasota; **Piccolo:** David Bridges, Lakeland; **Clarinnet, Kaha:** Tansia Evans, Maitid; **Clarinnet, Shanna Lolley, West; Luis Tada, Illinois:** Kirk Ekma, Elmwood; **Alto Sax:** David Larkin, Warsaw; **Sop Clarinet, Indiana:** Jeff Beaman, Franklin; **Trumpet, David DeVoe, Montpelier; Percussion:** Angela Vance, Weymouth; **Clarinnet, Iowa:** Glen Bierbaum, Manchester; **Trombone:** Bryan Kogman, Garvillano, Cornet, Michelle Matheson, Oyster, French Horn, Mike Schoger, Appleton; **Tuba, Chris Shaler, Edgewater; Clarinet:** Larry Soenksen, Dill, Tuba, Jon Sirge, Farragut; **Bartone Sax, Stuart Swanson, Gall, Sargothene; Tim Walsh, Potlatch, Clarinet, Kansas:** Yvonne Cole, Medicine Lodge; **Trombone:** Mitt Mills, Madras; **Tenor Saxophone:** Josh Mess, Milwauvee; **Tenor Sax:** Chris Penn-backer, Washington; **Percussion:** Cheryl VanKeeven, Erie, Twister, Eise Williams, Osage City, **Kentucky:** Stacy Blackburn, Clarinet; **Trumpet, Louisiana:** Scott Williams, Oak Grove,

Trombone: Massachusetts: Paul Brasser, Acushnet; **Percussion:** Michigan: Todd Haischewerdt, Manchester; **Trombone:** Dale Johnson, Lakeview; **Trombone:** Shawn Ross, Westborough; **Trombone:** George Simmerlin, Uby, Cornet: Paul Wigia, Omer; **Percussion:** Minnesota: Liz Berthold, Minnska; **Trumpet, Sue Hahn, Stewart; Saxophone:** Connie Netze, Lambert; **Clarinnet, Chris Sampson, Pipeston; Bass Clarinet, Ken Thorson, Glenview, Fife, Missouri:** Lynell Bunge, Marthasville; **Bass Clarinet, Tony Fabrizio, Janellet, Bartone, Keith Knight, Appleton City, Montana:** Mark Roberts, Lincoln; **Trumpet, Ronald Ryl, Monah, Tuba, Nebraska:** Maurka Emerson, Alto Sax, Mike Stenno, Clark-son; **Clarinnet:** Brian Zimmerman, Oerter; **Trombone:** Nevada: Shane Thacker, Owyhee; **Saxophone:** Shan Tibbels, Yerington; **Bass Clarinet, New Mexico:** Joane DeBerry, Williamsburg; **French Horn, Marvin Skwire, Rice, Tuba, Loretta Thomas, Logg, Clarinet, Kay Lynn Williams, Lovington, Contra B Clarinet, New York:** Janice Awell, Remsen; **Clarinnet, Lam Beggs, Odensburg, Trumpet,**

North Carolina: Lindley Osborne, Randleman; **Sop Trumpet, North Dakota:** Le Brooks, Rhame; **Trumpet, As Per-norm, Norwich, Tenor Sax, Ohio:** Wayne Deinger, Milford Center; **French Horn;** Mark Harrison, Bradford; **Bassoon, Julie Hines, Jeromesville, Piccolo, Rachale Jams, Hamilton, Cornet, Michael Quantance, Marion, Trombone, Kelly Westhew, Lancaster; Oboe, Oklahoma:** Michele Rhoads, Lawton; **Clarinnet, Tabbe Roberts, Pawnee, Trumpet; Daniel Usellon, Nardin, Saxophone, Oregon:** Kurt Heilberg, Irigon; **Clarinnet, Chris Kurtz, Egin, Caphunson; Deborah Sorensen, Junction City, Bassoon, Pennsylvania:** Kevin Schiegel, Boyk-town; **Percussion, South Carolina:**

Jimmy Smith, Trilon, Tenor Sax, South Dakota: Loren Kroegert, Cotton; **Bartone, Michelle Rook, Clear Lake, Trombone, Tennessee:** Cindy Carmack, Gates; **Bass Clarinet, Craig Mosler, Martin, Trumpet, Jane Ellen Wilson, White House, French Horn; Texas:** Kelli Bobbitt, Greenville; **French Horn, Linda Halkburton, Greenville, French Horn, Kelly Spencer, Gilmer, Tuba, Jan Taylor, Gilmer, Xyphone-Rhods, Washington:** Shannon Murrick, Waua, Waua; **Fife, West Virginia:** John Hodge, Renick; **Trumpet, David Kisamore, Redwilde, Percussion, Wisconsin:** Jeff Galtier, Montello; **Trombone, Lynette Heas, Berlin, Fife, Los Jweel, Redgranite, Clarinet, Steve Maloney, Mt. Hope,**

Bartone, Michael Porter, Fennimore, Trumpet, Steve Sedocies, Mishnot, Trumpet, Wyoming: David Anderson, Pine Bluffs; **French Horn, Joe Campbell, Rverton, Trumpet, James Greenwood, Lingle, Trumpet, Michele Wood, Rver-ton, Clarinet**

National FFA Talent

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Alabama: Osnville - Chris Stlayton, Brett Herring, Mike Herring, Mike Turmentine, Scotty Weikles, Craig Hagan, Eddy Ruppe; **Excell - Jeannette Anderson, Roxanne Simpson, Cabela House, Tracy Howe, Luvenne - Joey Johnson, Missy Schold, Jim Free, Bobby Tomberlin, Lisa Rolling, Mark Cooper, Arizona:** Eloy - Anna Bell Hietala; **Ray Mendez, Arkansas:** Wickes - Shanna Hill, Jennifer Hill, Rhonda Roberts, Kristy Stewart; **California:** Middleton - Jason Forest; **Florida:** Boyd Collins, Rusty Postkins, Jim Blaylock; **Colorado:** New Raymer - Denise Tappy, Connecticut: State Assn. - Colleen Ferns, Peter Ramsay; **Hietala, J.G. Smith Chapter - Shayla Wehner, Oregon:** Plant City - Stephanie

Parker, Illinois: Shrisman - Joe Hoult, Tod Harper; **Indiana:** North Montgomery - Bill McBee; **Mark Bymaster, Jeff Roze; Iowa:** Riceville - Susan Likonowey; **Michigan:** Harbor Beach - Celine Tenbusch, Mary Jo Tenbusch; **Brackendale - Cam Valliere, Minnesota:** St. James - Tod Kamleter; **Missouri:** Lamar - Angie Phillips; **Montello: Big Flat - Philip Johnson; New Mexico:** Portales - Andy Schaap; **New York:** Pine Plains - Shelly Piestan; **North Carolina:** Chatham County - William Crick; **North Dakota:** Cando - Julie Freund; **Ohio:** Benjamin Logan - Michele Lonprake, John Glenn - Brad Monson; **Loddy-Salem - Trudy Aokley, Oklahoma:** Guthrie - Michael Wamsley; **Oregon:** Hadden Valley - Tony Broullette; **Pennsylvania:** Grassland - Bonta Zeisel; **Tennessee:** Coffee County - Darryl Henley; **Texas:** State Assn. - Coby Shorter; **Organist, New Caney -**

Susette Bazen, Virginia: Tunstall - Christopher Johnson, Ann Edmunds; **Tamr Ashby - Tami Heatwole, Jeannette Huffman, West Virginia:** Moorfield - Billy Kiplinger; **Eddie Kiplinger, William Kiplinger, Franklin H - Stephen Cassell, Wisconsin:** Darlington - Lon Lansing; **Wyoming:** Lake - Gary Rathke, Sara Rathke; **Montello - Kirsten Schrimpt; Random:** Wind River - Eddie Russell

Agricultural Proficiency Awards



There are 22 different proficiency award areas. They vary from production agriculture and outdoor recreation to sales/service and processing. Of the applications received, four regional winners in each award area compete for the national title in their area. Each national winner receives a cash award, a plaque, and an all expenses paid European travel seminar. Of the following regional proficiency winners, the national winner for each award has a star placed next to him or her.

Agricultural Electrification

Sponsored by National Food and Energy Council, Inc., Klein Tools, Inc. and the National FFA Foundation General Fund

- Central—Robert Stiefles, Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin
- Eastern—Jeff Dasher, Marion, Ohio
- Southern—Terry England, Auburn, Georgia
- ★ Western—Brian Hunt, Cleburne, Texas

Agricultural Mechanics

Sponsored by International Harvester Company

- ★ Central—Dave Soil, Gowrie, Iowa
- Eastern—Shawn Walter, Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania
- Southern—Ron Mears, Blountstown, Florida
- Western—Scott Blackman, Wolf Creek, Montana

Agricultural Processing

Sponsored by Cargill Incorporated

- ★ Central—Scott Potts, Green Bay, Wisconsin
- Eastern—Paul Hasselbach, Fremont, Ohio
- Southern—Paul Pevin, Rincon, Georgia
- Western—Gregg Lafayette, Monmouth, Oregon

Agricultural Sales and/or Service

Sponsored by Allis-Chalmers Corporation

- Central—Jeffrey Moon, Hayfield, Minnesota
- Eastern—Russell Crabtree, Albany, Ohio
- ★ Southern—Tony Barrington, Mayo, Florida
- Western—Krisy Seiman, Tremonton, Utah

Beef Production

Sponsored by Neco International, Inc. and Sperry New Holland

- Central—Joe Neher, Madison, Indiana
- ★ Eastern—Charles Cole, II, New Milford, West Virginia
- Southern—Kord Robertson, Zolfo Springs, Florida
- Western—Peter Jensen, El Reno, Oklahoma

Crop Production

Sponsored by Massey-Ferguson

- Central—David Decker, Walker, Iowa
- Eastern—Scott Apple, Bowling Green, Ohio
- Southern—Randy Lee, Oak Grove, Louisiana
- ★ Western—Lyle Blakley, Oelbogh, Oklahoma

Dairy Production

Sponsored by New Idea Farm Equipment Corporation, All-American, Inc.—Agri-Group and American Breeders Service

- Central—Stan Becher, Berne, Indiana
- ★ Eastern—Wilson Korth, Cornwall Bridge, Connecticut
- Southern—John Scarlett, New Market, Tennessee
- Western—Kris Koon, Bashaer, Texas

Diversified Livestock Production

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

- Central—Jim Flower, Benson, Minnesota
- ★ Eastern—Brian McCarren, Delta, Ohio
- Southern—Scott Helton, Rogersville, Tennessee
- Western—Cindy Bar, Noble, Oklahoma

Fish and Wildlife Management

Sponsored by Philip Morris Incorporated

- Central—Julie Hyland, Rockford, Illinois
- Eastern—Richard Stokols, Jr., Strasburg, Virginia
- ★ Southern—Tony Johnson, Lexington, Tennessee
- Western—Roger Glick, McAllen, Texas

Floriculture

Sponsored by The Lerlo Corporation; Nursery Supplies, Inc.; The Paul Ecke Poinsettie Ranch, and the National FFA Foundation General Fund

- ★ Central—Donna Lyons, DeKalb, Illinois
- Eastern—Tracy Hitchner, Bridgeton, New Jersey
- Southern—Tammie Harwick, Milton, Florida
- Western—Tammy Fugate, Guthrie, Oklahoma

Forest Management

Sponsored by Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation and the National FFA Foundation General Fund

- Central—Karen Armstrong, Springville, Indiana
- Eastern—Neil Mooers, Stratford, New Hampshire
- Southern—Jamie Owens, Odon, Tennessee
- ★ Western—Gary Berg, Eatonville, Washington

Fruit and/or Vegetable Production

Sponsored by Briggs & Stratton Corporation Foundation, Inc.

- Central—Dennis Ouinten, Fort Wayne, Indiana
- ★ Eastern—John Klockman, Elmora, Ohio
- Southern—Scott Christmas, Chipley, Florida
- Western—Eric Hassel, Wenatchee, Washington

Home and/or Farmstead Improvement

Sponsored by Ujohh, TUCO, Agrow and Cobb, Agricultural Division of The Ujohh Company

- ★ Central—Rod Earley, Greencastle, Indiana
- Eastern—Kirk Cramer, Mt. Airy, Maryland
- Southern—Scott Clause, Carencro, Louisiana
- Western—Shawn Gralla, Lexington, Oklahoma

Horse

Sponsored by The American Quarter Horse Association

- Central—Teresa Scheel, Harlan, Iowa
- Eastern—Brad Kearns, High Point, North Carolina
- ★ Southern—Donna Lee, Newberry, Florida
- Western—Doris Wallis, Gillette, Wyoming

Nursery Operations

Sponsored by Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation

- ★ Central—Mark Hillgoss, Sharpsville, Indiana
- Eastern—Jamie Frey, Quaryville, Pennsylvania
- Southern—Bradley Foster, McMinnville, Tennessee
- Western—Kenneth Pattence, Lynden, Washington

Outdoor Recreation

Sponsored by the National FFA Foundation General Fund

- Central—Jim Shimck, Willmar, Minnesota
- Eastern—Sterne Hustead, Hartsville, Ohio
- Western—Buster Bramblitt, Cooco, Tennessee
- ★ Southern—Chris Clements, Picoche, New Mexico

Placement in Agricultural Production

Sponsored by Hesston Corporation; The Shell Companies Foundation, Inc.; and Cless of America, Inc.

- ★ Central—John Kretzmeier, West Lafayette, Indiana
- Eastern—Mark Wertz, Ashland, Ohio
- Southern—Don Noblin, Natchitoches, Louisiana
- Western—Ray Funk, Custer, Washington

Poultry Production

Sponsored by Kentucky Fried Chicken of Oklahoma; Red Brand Lence Made by Keystone Steel and Wire Company; Chore-Time Equipment, Inc. and the National FFA Foundation General Fund

- Central—Jerry Genel, Albion, Michigan
- ★ Eastern—Douglas Cox, Monroe, North Carolina
- Southern—Raiph Funderburk, Florien, Louisiana
- Western—Buddy Curry, Jay, Oklahoma

Sheep Production

Sponsored by Cernation Company—Milling Division and American Sheep Producers Council, Inc.; Sheep Industry Development Program, Inc.

- ★ Central—Rick Andresen, Keystone, Iowa
- Eastern—Jeffery Krafco, Bridgewater, Virginia
- Southern—Trenayne Ouhon, Rayne, Louisiana
- Western—Traci Slesiter, Prather, California

Soil and Water Management

Sponsored by Ford Motor Company Fund

- ★ Central—Matthew Rekeweg, Woodburn, Indiana
- Eastern—Billy Crank, Henderson, West Virginia
- ★ Southern—Marty Wootten, Ider, Alabama
- Western—Mark Rothwell, Spring, Texas

Swine Production

Sponsored by Pizer Inc.

- Central—Kimberly O'Banion, Campbellsville, Kentucky
- Eastern—Calvin Brown, Waterloo, New York
- ★ Southern—Chris Winstead, Martin, Tennessee
- Western—Christi Renz, Kahului, Washington

Turf and Landscape Management

Sponsored by O. M. Scott & Sons

- Central—Paul Janulewicz, Clarks, Nebraska
- Eastern—Paul Bras seur, Acushnet, Massachusetts
- ★ Southern—Andy Hornick, Avon Park, Florida
- Western—Dale Garrett, Guthrie, Oklahoma

Stars Over America

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The Star Farmer and Star Agribusinessman of America awards are the highest honors for FFA members in production agriculture and agribusiness. The competition is tough, chosen from 700 American Farmers, each Star receives \$2,000 and each regional star receives \$1,000.



Eastern Region Star Farmer—John B. Kine, Myerstown, Pennsylvania
Southern Region Star Farmer—Steven B. Rogers, Spoodwell, Tennessee
Western Region Star Farmer—Mark A. McKay, St. Paul, Oregon

Central Region Star Agribusinessman—Michael V. Fuhler, Trenton, Illinois
Eastern Region Star Agribusinessman—Mark W. Anderson, East Berlin, Pennsylvania
Southern Region Star Agribusinessman—Carolyn Sue Martin, Baxter, Tennessee

Star Farmer of America—Larry O. Nelson, Tulare, South Dakota

Star Agribusinessman of America—Rex Alan Wichert, Fairview, Oklahoma

National Contests



The nine National FFA Contests allow members to demonstrate and be recognized for the skills they have learned and developed in vocational agriculture classes through peer competition.

Agricultural Mechanics Contest

Sponsored by Firestone Trust Fund

First Place Team—James Campbell, Rick Wesley, Dale Lutz, Vancouver, Washington

High Individual—Dale Lutz, Vancouver, Washington

Dairy Cattle Contest

Sponsored by Associated Milk Producers, Incorporated

First Place Team—Gary Fernandes, Frank Nunes, Tim Souza, Tulare, California

High Individual—Tim Souza, Tulare, California

Farm Business Management Contest

Sponsored by John Deere Foundation

First Place Team—Doug Luebbering, George Luebbering, Steve Wieberg, West Phalia, Missouri

High Individual—Jerry Ward, Oologah, Oklahoma

Floriculture Contest

Sponsored by National FFA Foundation General Fund

First Place Team—John Kirkman, Steven Canterbury, Marvin Burns, Bear Creek, North Carolina
High Individual—John Hatfield, Dunwoody, Georgia

Livestock Contest

Sponsored by Ralston Purina Company

First Place Team—David Larson, Warren Metzger, Johnny Peretz, Estancia, New Mexico
High Individual—Steve Simmons, Ovis, California

Meats Contest

Sponsored by Geo. A. Hormel & Company and Oscar Meyer Foods Corporation

First Place Team—Robert Cope, Todd Martin, Mike Parrish, Mason, Texas
High Individual—Todd Martin, Mason, Texas

Milk Quality & Dairy Foods Contest

Sponsored by Mid-America Dairymen, Inc. and Pats Company

First Place Team—April Engen, Lee Ann Crose, Suzann Congdon, Hanford, California

High Individual—Suzann Congdon, Hanford, California

Nursery/Landscape Contest

Sponsored by American Association of Nurserymen, Inc., Wholesale Nursery Growers of America, Incorporated, Antiac Nurseries, and Kubota Tractor Corporation

First Place Team—Steve Trador, Doug Meunch, Michelle McClure, Everett, Washington

High Individual—Diane Webber, Coushatta, Louisiana

Poultry Contest

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

First Place Team—Mary Phillips, Sean Holcombe, Tammy Gury, Jay, Oklahoma
High Individual—Mary Phillips, Jay, Oklahoma

Public Speaking Contests

Prepared Public Speaking Contest



Sponsored by FMC Foundation

Each contestant in the prepared public speaking contest spoke six to eight minutes about an agricultural subject and then answered questions from the judges for five minutes.

National Winner—John Holcomb, Cannon, Arkansas
2nd Place—James Davis Humphrey III, Mount City, Missouri
3rd Place—Jay J. Schwelber, Idaho Falls, Idaho
4th Place—Barbara Colleen Plush, Prospect, Ohio

America...Let's "Feed Out" The American Farmer.

The farmer relates at his breakfast table one morning and lightly sips from his steaming hot cup of coffee as the sun shines over the crest of the rolling hills. He sets his cup on the table and opens the morning newspaper to discover that feed prices are once again rising higher. Since by this breakfast meal, he scratches his chin inquisitively and wonders, "Should I feed out my prize animal. Is it worth it?" Well, honorable judges, fellow FFA members, and distinguished guests, believe

it or not, the same question is pending before the United States Government and the American people. Should we "feed out" the American farmer? Out of the great variety of industries in America, the grand champion of them all, the American farmer, was justly recognized as the most important to our country. I recognize that this question means far more than simply a yes/no answer, so to answer this question we will view him as a proud champion producer, we will examine his severe financial state of crisis, and finally, we will see how his disastrous end may be averted.

We will place each and every industry in a show ring with the American farmer, the contest would be a dull one. For the American farmer is easily named the grand champion of all American industry. The farmer is a model of efficiency. During the decade of the 1970's, the American farmer increased his rate of productivity six times the rate of any non-agriculture related business. Feed still costs the average American the smallest portion of his income, a mere 16 1/2% of all disposable income. It's the best bargain in the nation, or for that matter, in the world. The reason for this is a simple one. The farmer has gone above and beyond the call of duty to meet the demand of the consumer.

To really grasp this fact, let's take a look

at some of the surpluses from the recent years of the United States Government and 1982. Wheat: What surplus totaled 185 million bushels. That is enough to feed America for 140 days or fill 55,000 family thousands hopper cans that would stretch from Washington D. C. to Chicago. Corn: Surpluses totaled 216 million bushels. That is enough to feed America's livestock for 18 days or fill a cube 645 feet side to side. This is twice the height of the Statue of Liberty. Dairy Products: Dairy product surpluses totaled 2.4 billion pounds. That is enough to satisfy America's needs for an additional 672 days or fill 120 Washington Monuments.

Food is not the only product of the American farmer. He is also a grand champion producer of ideas for our nation. For every farmer in the United States, there are also an additional 5 to 6 other Americans employed. That is over one-fifth of our nation's total labor force.

As a result of the American farmer's vast production, you may be lulled to believe that he is thriving, but in actuality, he faces a severe financial state of crisis. During that recent-breaking farm production year of 1982, the net farming income, after adjustment for inflation, hit its lowest level since 1933 in the midst of the Great Depression. The farmer's system, which America cherishes so much, is built

upon the incentive to produce, yet the American farmer has been forced to himself right out of business. For as early as 1984, the net farming income is expected to rise another 40% over last year.

This is, of course, a welcome sign of recovery, however, most of this increase will go toward paying interest on massive loans made during the prosperous mid and late 1970's. During this prosperous time the farmer, we witnessed high inflation. The philosophy of the farmer at this particular time was to expand the size of his operation before land and equipment prices went much higher. His interest rates were affordable while the farmer enjoyed a profit; however, in a nation of high interest rates and low inflation the farmer cannot afford to pay his debt. He does not have the income to finance such a debt. Marvin Woolsey of Des Moines and can relate to this. In the fall of 1979, Mr. Woolsey increased the acreage of his cattle and feed-corn operation by 50%. Mr. Woolsey was known as a farmer on the move. Today, he has been partially behind on this semi-annual payment on a one-and-a-half million dollar loan. He sums up his situation in one word—desperate. Marvin Woolsey is but one of the thousands of American farmers who face losing their operations. Ever increasing numbers of farmers are facing prison sentences.

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Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest



Sponsored by American Farm Bureau Foundation

In the extemporaneous public speaking contest, FFA members draw two categories concerning production, agriculture, agribusiness and leadership. Then they draw one topic from each of the two categories and choose one from which they wish to build their speech. Each contestant is given 30 minutes to prepare the four to six minute speech. After the presentation to the convention audience, each contestant answered the judges' questions for five minutes.

National Winner—Kristi Linberg, Middletown, Virginia
2nd Place—Douglas K. McKay, Bronson, Florida
3rd Place—Scott G. Gehlbach, Lincoln Illinois
4th Place—Gale Russell, Roswell, New Mexico

"The Use of Computer Technology in Agriculture"

Here we are, Agriculturalists in 1984. We are American farmers

feeding one quarter of the world's population and generating 20 percent on the nation's gross national product. We are models of efficiency for industries nationwide. United States agriculture has been modernized, mechanized and mechanized by working to improve profits and meet the world food demand. Honorable judges, fellow FFA members and guests, what is the use of computer technology in agriculture?

Technology is nothing new to agriculture, and computers are nothing new to businesses nationwide. Well, now farming is one of a business as any other industry in America. Using computers is one way our farmers have adapted to this change.

The most obvious use of a computer is for record keeping. After the farmer has purchased adequate software and knows how to use the computer, his record keeping time can be greatly reduced. Think of the daily farmer.

Usually one person on the farm must specify in record keeping, spending as much as four hours a night over the books after work. This is a valuable time that could be spent on the farm. Computers can reduce this to one half an hour a night. Now we have this extra time to work on the farm.

A second important use is data analysis. Farmers can enter data

concerning problems such as feed rations, health maintenance of animals, fertilizer needs and pesticide needs. The computer can help the farmer calculate the materials needed and predict what result this will produce.

By keeping accurate data on farm processes, the farmer can do a "sensitivity analysis." He can put changes in his production methods into the computer and see what results this change in his operation might produce whether it be yield, quality or profit changes. The computer allows the farmer to keep records much more efficiently and quickly. This saves a lot of time pushing the pencil and allows more accurate results due to less human error.

There is one catch. One problem to using the computer. The computer will not magically produce a successful agriculturalist out of the poor one. The computer can make a good manager better. You still have to have the management capabilities to keep accurate records and put these into the computer.

Vocational agriculture also uses the computer as an important classroom tool. FFA has taken the initiative in preparing students for computer use in their future. The Computers in Agriculture program was initiated this past year. In this program, members

who have applied computers to their farm can receive awards. The student who has best improved his enterprise and exhibits the most success will receive these awards.

The Ag Ed network has also just been established for use in vocational agriculture. AgriData Resources, Inc. of Wisconsin has available now to the classroom computer, to classrooms and chapters participating in this program, constant agricultural marketing information, updates, as well as 500, and the potential for over 1,000 in a couple of years, lessons for teachers to use with their students.

Agriculture has adapted well to American technology changes, and the computer use has been an important asset to this process. The future promises to be a computer and vocational agricultural students are working to encourage this. By working to improve your farming operation, a farmer will receive benefits both financially and socially. Use of new technology is an important part of farming in America. As we step into this 21st century, we must remember to improve our operations by the use of new technology. Agriculture promises to be even brighter in the future as a result.

Come on, Future Farmers. What are we waiting for?

National FFA Chapter Safety Awards

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The National Chapter Safety Awards program recognizes chapters for achievements in promoting safety. Chapter efforts included a diversity of projects—from cardio-pulmonary resuscitation clinics to farm shop safety clinics. Chapters reaching the national level receive a Gold, Silver, or Bronze emblem rating.

Gold

Arizona: Antelope FFA Chapter; Illinois: Bluffs FFA Chapter; Sycamore FFA Chapter; Winchester FFA Chapter; Bushnell-Pratt FFA Chapter; Dixon FFA Chapter; Iowa: Buffalo Center Bison FFA Chapter; Kansas: Manhattan FFA Chapter; Kentucky: Spencer County FFA Chapter; Minnesota: Cannon Falls FFA Chapter; Truman FFA Chapter; New Ulm FFA Chapter; Missouri: Galesburg FFA Chapter; Ovensville FFA Chapter; Montana: Fairbairn FFA Chapter; Nebraska: Leigh FFA Chapter; Nevada: Dade Valley FFA Chapter; New Mexico: Goodard FFA Chapter; New York: Chateaugay FFA Chapter; Ohio: Bowling Green FFA Chapter; Oklahoma Co. J.V.S. FFA Chapter; Fairbanks FFA Chapter; Wisconsin: Denmark FFA Chapter

Silver

Alabama: Scotsboro; Daleville FFA Chapter; Alaska: Delta FFA Chapter; Arizona: Gilbert FFA Chapter; California: Canton FFA Chapter; Byers FFA Chapter; Illinois: Mt. Carroll FFA Chapter; DeKalb FFA Chapter; Delaware: Delaware FFA Chapter; Florida: Palmetto FFA Chapter; Georgia: Georgetown FFA Chapter; Amboy FFA Chapter; Indiana: Carroll Fort Wayne FFA Chapter; Brownstown Central FFA Chapter; Prairie Heights FFA Chapter; Iowa: Oyster Genesis FFA Chapter; Estherville FFA Chapter; Mission Valley FFA Chapter; Vermont FFA Chapter; Missouri: Plattville FFA Chapter; Kansas: Leawards FFA Chapter; Louisiana: LCO Jr. High FFA Chapter; North Dakota Central FFA Chapter; Maryland: Bruns- wick FFA Chapter; Michigan: Centreville

FFA Chapter; Minnesota: Trimont FFA Chapter; Le Center FFA Chapter; Montana: Deer Lodge FFA Chapter; Nebraska: Hemphill FFA Chapter; New Jersey: Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter; Ohio: Buckeye Valley FFA Chapter; New Lexington FFA Chapter; Oklahoma: Altus FFA Chapter; Perrelli FFA Chapter; South Dakota: Chamberlain FFA Chapter; Texas: Harborside FFA Chapter; Tennessee: Bradley FFA Chapter; Bartlett FFA Chapter; Texas: Cleburne FFA Chapter; New Jersey: New Jersey FFA Chapter; Virginia: James Wood FFA Chapter; Wisconsin: Washington FFA Chapter; Utah: Great Salt Lake FFA Chapter; West Virginia: Mason County FFA Chapter; Wisconsin: Monroe FFA Chapter; Oregon FFA Chapter

Bronze

Alabama: Douglas FFA Chapter; Crossville FFA Chapter; Arkansas: Stuttgart FFA Chapter; County Line FFA Chapter; California: Mt. Whitney FFA Chapter; Missouri: Bay FFA Chapter; Delaware: Emory FFA Chapter; Florida: Bounteous FFA Chapter; Sarasota 50-A FFA Chapter; Burnett FFA Chapter; Georgia: Lawrence FFA Chapter; Etowah County FFA Chapter; Hawaii: James Dole FFA Chapter; Idaho: Troy FFA Chapter; Illinois: Newburg FFA Chapter; Georgia: Ginter FFA Chapter; Maine: Eastern FFA Chapter; Maryland: Damascus FFA Chapter; Massachusetts: Essex FFA Chapter; Michigan: Webberville FFA Chapter; Minnesota: Madelia FFA Chapter; Southland FFA Chapter; Mississippi: Kossuth FFA Chapter; Pine Grove FFA Chapter; Missouri: Carthage FFA Chapter; Nebraska: West Holt FFA Chapter; Vermont: FFA Chapter; Nevada: Meigs Valley FFA Chapter; New Jersey: Gloucester County FFA Chapter; New Mexico: Carrizosa FFA Chapter; New York: Oxford FFA Chapter; North Carolina: Forest Hills

FFA Chapter; Southern Wayne FFA Chapter; Princeton FFA Chapter; Creswell FFA Chapter; North Lenoir FFA Chapter; Ohio: Union FFA Chapter; Oregon: Sherwood FFA Chapter; McKay FFA Chapter; Pennsylvania: Clear Creek FFA Chapter; South Carolina: Dorman FFA Chapter; Texas: Baytown FFA Chapter; Utah: North Sevier FFA Chapter; Missouri: Eagle FFA Chapter; Virginia: Caroline FFA Chapter; Jefferson Forest FFA Chapter; Washington: Green Bay East FFA Chapter; West Virginia: Hampshire County FFA Chapter; Wisconsin: Waubesa FFA Chapter; Minnesota: Parker Farm FFA Chapter; Beaver Dam FFA Chapter; Lake Holcomb FFA Chapter; Augusta FFA Chapter; Evansville FFA Chapter; Green Bay East FFA Chapter; Bloomer FFA Chapter; New Holstein FFA Chapter; Burlington FFA Chapter; MI, Honis FFA Chapter; Wyoming: Lingle-F, Laramie FFA Chapter; Gillette FFA Chapter

Building Our American Communities

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The Building Our American Communities (BOAC), encourages FFA chapters to commit all their members to the task of making their communities a better place in which to live and work.

National Winner—Bunnell, Florida
Central Region Winner—Mankato, Kansas
Eastern Region Winner—Marion County, West Virginia
Western Region Winner—Elma, Washington

Gold

Alabama: Daleville, Florida; Bunnell, Illinois; Franklin Center, Iowa; Algona, Prairie, Kansas; Manokot, Michigan; Marechal, Missouri; Osceola, Coville, Nebraska; Ravenna, New Mexico; Goddard, Ohio; Alexander, Oklahoma; Guthrie, Texas; Kien, Washington; Elma, West Virginia; Marion County, Wisconsin; Oregon, Denver, Kansasville-Parker, Colorado; Huxford, Missouri

Silver

Alabama: West Blocton; Dale County High, Arizona; Union, California; Fresno Unified, Florida; Houston, Avon Park, Hawaii; Kola, Idaho; Culdesaca, Illinois; Tri-Point, Northwest Suburban, Mt. Carroll, Harvard, Wis-

consin; Salem, Hampshire, Buells, Bushnell-Prairie City, Leroy, Brownstown; DeKalb, Amboy, Indiana; Northeastern Wayne, East Noble, Prairie Heights, Brownstown Central, Iowa; McAdams, Sibley, North Fayette County, Rolle Pilot Creek, Webster City, Cresion, Starnott, Mount Jay, Marengo, Decatur, Kansas; Plainville, Cherokee, Kentucky; Spontone County, Louisiana; Oak Grove, Rayne, Maryland; Brumswick, Minnesota; Sherburne, Truman, New Ulm, Missouri; Larkland, Union, Mountain View Birch Tree, Montana; Fairfield, Nevada; Duck Valley, New Hampshire; Much-To-Do, New York; Greenfield, North Carolina; West Carteret, Mountain Heritage, Rossmore, North Dakota; Jameswood, Ohio; Bellevue, Bowling Green, Eggn, Indian Valley, Warren Western Reserve, Oklahoma; Fawcett, Pennsylvania

Cedar Crest, South Dakota; Harrisburg Letcher, Tennessee; Cherokee, Texas; Celestine, California; Baytown-Robert E. Lee, Virginia; Essex, Broadway-Appomattox Senior, Washington; Winlock Zilan, Capital West Virginia; Mission County Vocational, Wisconsin; Oshkosh West, Green Bay Southwest Marshfield Bloomer, Mesquite, Mt. Horeb, Bay Port, Monroe, Green Bay East, Madison East, Wyoming; Lingle-Ft. Laramie

Bronze

Alabama: Jackson Gold, Douglas, Alaska; Delta Junction, North Pole, Arizona; Coddage, Arkansas; Anny, Lake City, Bergman, California; Longport Colorado; Mottal County, St. Vrain Valley, Delaware; Smyrna, Susses Central, Florida; Santa Fe Senior, Georgia; New-Union County, Cherokee, Hawaii; Kalia, Idaho; Deary, Kansas; Chetopa, Russell, Pine Valley, Kentucky; Dittum County Louisiana; Natchitoches Central, Maine; Caribou, Easton, Maryland; Frederick County Vo-Tech, Michigan; Cassopolis, Minnesota; Cannon Falls, St. James, Mt. Lake, Le Sueur, Southland, Mount Grove, Mississippi; Caldehona, Pine Grove, Missouri; Aurora, Lamar, Montana; Conrad, Nebraska; Verdigré, Hampton, Leigh, Nevada; Ruby Mountain, New Jersey; Cumberland Regional Belvidere, New Mexico; Elda, New York; Chateaugay, Cazenovia Aggies, West Carolina; Southern Valley, Chase West Montpelier, North Dakota; Cando, Ohio; Delphos, Amanda-Clermont, Environmental Management, Oneida, Pennsylvania; Grassland, Twin Valley, South Carolina; Hill Dorman, South Dakota; Newburg, Oregon; Greenfield, Oklahoma; Texas; Barbers Hill, Utah; Mirford Eagle, Payson, Bear River, Vermont Central, Virginia; Abingdon, Spotsylvania, Turner Ashby, Wyoming; Thermopsis

BOAC Achievement in Vocationalism Award Winners

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Achievement in Vocationalism awards were started in 1983 and created to honor the individual volunteer spirit that is the foundation of BOAC's success. FFA members from each of the states are recognized for their personal efforts in their chapter's BOAC programs. These members and their FFA advisors received an expense-paid trip to Washington, DC September 29 to October 3, 1984 to attend the National FFA Conference on Community Development. The following is a list of the top ten national winners including the national winner and two runner-ups. The student name is listed first followed by their advisor's name.

National Winner—Bonnie K. Spencer, Larry W. Watson, Fairmont West Virginia
1st Runner-Up—Daren Esslinger, Michael R. Womochi, Mankato, Kansas
2nd Runner-Up—Carrie Louc, Gary L. Noakes, Des Moines, Missouri

National Finalists

Alabama: Scotty Shirley, Ala. Waders;
California: Mike New, Los Angeles; Craig Florida, Glen Badger; James G. Galvin Jr., Bunnell, Illinois; Donald Covick, Mt. Barron, Florida;
Florida: Nevada Vincent, Mandeville, Lafayette, Dithem, Gold Creek, Washington; Orville Moore, Tam Hicke, Elma, Wyoming
Idaho: A. Korell, Kurt A. Humphrey, Lingle

State Finalists

Alabama: Kim Roth, Georgia; Henry Math, Delta Junction, Arizona; Davy Walker, Mark Kinison, Young, Arkansas; Chris Kirksey, Troy W. Buck, Army, California; Miguel A. Rocha, Scott King Arizla, Connecticut; Amy Brayman, Peter Wallace, Gattisburg, Delaware; Keith Shane, Russell, Silson Jr., Smyrna, Georgia; Mel Johnson, Bonnie Deen, Covington, Hawaii; Karen Nakayama, David Fries, Kapaa, Idaho; Joe Schuchman, Terry L. Crawford, Indiana; John Bell, Dale Burgess, Fountain City, Iowa; Kelly Fehr, Brad Greiman, Whittemore, Kentucky; Troy Shouse, Lisa Bird, Taylorsville, Louisiana; Rodney Martin, Jerry L. Doshner, Oak Grove, Maine; Raymond Gagnon, Tom Hare, Caribou, Maryland; Matt Sowers, Doug Hering, Burkettville, Massachusetts; Paul

Strong, David Zoglio, Somerville, Michigan; Junior Szealy, Floyd Betheker, Battle Creek, Minnesota; Heath Petersen, Robert E. Rosten, Sherburne, Mississippi; Jill McKinney, C. W. Frankens, Columbus, Minnesota; Wes Washworth, Cindy Luoma, Osceola, Nebraska; Marc Athens, James Fry, Ravenna, New Hampshire; Neil J. Moore, Paul W. Davis, Jr., Stratford, New Jersey; Wayne Bear, Nancy Schreier, Bridgeport, New Mexico; Robert Kasuboski, Les Porcella, Roswell, New York; Bernice English, James McClay, Greenwuch, North Carolina; Angier, Diane Lewis, Christian A. Menger, Newark North Dakota; Neil Buchholz II, James H. Hayes, Jamestown, Idaho; Ruben Baugert, Don Van Nostran, Albany, Oklahoma; Greg Westminster, Shirley Stephens, Arcadia, Oregon; Tom Fretts, Gale Wilson, Egan, Pennsylvania; Gary Klatz, Harold R. Benkester, Lebanon, Rhode Island; Herb Burnham, Arma Arzamasari, North Kingstown, South Carolina; Melody E. Cooder, Mrs. Carlin Mummeny, Hemingway, South Dakota; Darrn DeVries, Todd B. Marks, Harrisburg, Tennessee; Jim Kile, Jim Wells Rogersville, Texas; Max Rothwell, Jim Vaculin, Spring Utah; Stacy Evans, Marion C. Manion, Gothen, Vermont; Chris Nonemacher, John Bradley, Randolph, Virginia; John L. Martin, Dale H Sanders, Dunsville, Wisconsin; Robbie Minkerson, Steven R. Zibell, Oregon

National FFA Chapter Award Program

The National FFA Chapter Award Program encourages and rewards overall chapter activities. Awards are based on the chapter's performance in 11 areas. Supervised occupational experience programs, cooperative activities, community service, leadership development, earnings and savings by members, state and national activities, conduct of meetings, scholarship, public relations, alumni relations and recognition. One chapter reaches the national level, they receive either a Gold, Silver, or Bronze emblem rating.

Gold

Alabama: Oates County High, Florida; Sarasota Vo Ag, Orlando, Oklahoma; Trenton, Illinois; Sycamore, Georgetown, Kokomo, Tascosa, Hampshire, North West Suburban District 214-211, Leroy, Franklin Center, Bushnell-Prairie City, Amboy, Salem, Belvidere, Clinton, Teopotos, Indiana; Clinton Central, Iowa; Algona, Prairie, Linn-Mar, Webster City, Gultberg, Buffalo Center, Bson, Kansas; Marion, Cherokee, Kentucky; Kirtley; Orlam County, Caldwell County Morgan County, Spencer County, Lyon County, Beckland, Louisiana; Oak Grove, Denham Springs, Maryland; Damascus Brumswick, Minnesota; New J.S., Cannon Falls, Truman, Missouri; Aurora, Larnia, Halfway, Lakeland, Osceola, Nebraska; To Bend Central, West Holt, Fairbury, Leigh, Verdigré, Winery, Lakewood, North County Answorth, Fairborn, New Mexico; Aztec, Goddard, New York; Seldy, Baker, Pennsylvania; Montpelier County J V S, Oak Harbor, River View, Columbia County J.V.S., Trumbull County J.V.S., Botwin, Eastern Brown County, Alexander, Bellevue, Southwestern Clark, Oklahoma; Knifshofer, Poucelet, South Dakota; Ross, Tennessee; Bradley, White House, Utah; Mildred Eddy, Virginia; James

Wood, Woodspaw Spawwood; Fort DeZane, Turnes Ashby, Washington, Elms, Wisconsin; Monroe, Mt. Hope, Oregon; Delavan-Danen, West De Pere

Silver

Alabama: Scottsboro Douglas; Grassville, Arizona; Kola, California; Fairbrook, Mt. Whitney-Visalia, Kingsburg Fortuna, Colorado; Mottal County, Hartley, Etion, Connecticut; Huxford, Virginia; Florida; South Sumter; Senior Georgia; Colquitt County, Gilmer County, Gwinet County, Idaho; Kuna Mendham, Illinois; Crisna Park, Sparland, Rianok-Benson, Ashland, DeKalb County, J.V.S., Sheridan, Oklahoma; Southwestern Hanover, Northland, Reitz Brownstown Central, Benton Central, Sherman, Mount Ayr, Annapolis, Cresion, West, Western Boone, North Montpelier Iowa; Vinon D'Yart-Genese, Medapolis, Manchester, North Linn, Sherman, Mount Ayr, Annapolis, Cresion, Estherville, Kansas; Hill City, Plainville, Libette County, Malawaka Pike Valley, Scott City, Kentucky; Warren County Farmington, Davney County Louisiana; Casco, Rayne, Maine; Easton, Massachusetts; Essex, Michigan; Marshall Hopkins, Minnesota; Sherburne, Wilmar, Madella, Le Center

Missouri; Carthage, El Dorado Springs Mount Vernon, Union, Washington;

Montana: Fairfield, Faithed, Nebraska; Red Cloud, Nelson, Norris, New Jersey; Altonwan, New Mexico; Canton, New York; Medina, North Carolina; Chase, Bartlett Valley, North Dakota; Rugby, Drake, Jameswood, Ohio; West Chester; Egan, Wyoming; Green, West Virginia; Johnston, Eastwood, Northwest-Henderson, Ag Business, Timora, Licking County, J.V.S., Sheridan, Oklahoma; Fairview, Pennsylvania; Cedar Crest, Twin Valley, Grassland, Kutznaw; Lower Georgia, Millington, South Carolina; Dorman, Tennessee; Woodbury, Texas; Kien, East Central, Utah; Toole; Bear River, Virginia; Carroll County, Grema Junction, West Virginia; Green Bay, Wisconsin; Green Bay East, Green Bay Southwest, Wyoming; Marshall; Bondau, Denmark; Darington, Michigan; Gatteau, Douglas

Bronze

Alabama: Delta Valley; Alabama; Ider, Alaska; Delta Junction, North Pole, Arizona; Antelope, Arkansas; Marshall FFA Lower Supton, Lake City, California; Valley, Pile, or Connecticut; Rockville, Delaware; Smyrna, Susses Central, Florida; Santa Fe Senior, Georgia; New-Union County, Cherokee, Virginia; County Towns County, Pierce County Pennsylvania; Kanawha, West Virginia; Illinois; Southwestern, Kansas; Mission Valley, Kentucky; Apple, Louisiana; Natchitoches Central, Missouri; Michigan; Unionville Sebawang Area, Ontario; Oswego, Lakes; Minnesota; Pannewick, Lakeland, North Carolina; North Reddell, Southern Valley, New Jersey; North Henderson, North Carolina; North Reddell, Southern Valley, New Jersey; Robert Hills, Princeton, North Dakota; Lamore, J. E. Caspary, Madison, A.S. Gibbens, Lubin, Dickinson, North Dakota; Gilbert, Madison, North Dakota; Stigler, Bethel, Marlow, Douglas, Fort, Allen; The Brown, Sagupa Heights, Billings, Tennessee; West Union, Kansas; Spauld, New York; Bragg, New York; Nash, Adair, North Carolina; Central High, South Carolina; Pringle, Oregon; Casades, Egan, Cres well, Pennsylvania; Berlin Brothersville, Rhode Island; Scotchdale, South Carolina; Pagan, South Dakota; James Lenoix-Sundstrom, Egan, Tennessee; Cherokee; Seymour, McMinn County,

Rhea County, Meigs County, Westview, Pike, Powell Valley, Texas; Valley View, Warren, Jacksonboro, Douglas, Sulphur Springs, Gentry, Garland, Lakezo, Weatherford, Deas, North Sever, Westmore, Johnson, McAdooches, Hamlin, Ross S. Strling, Raymondville, North Carolina; James McCreary, Midland, Tom Bean, Duane, Frankonia Silverton, Forest, Westfaco, Blum, Florida; James E. Taylor, Livingston; Mansfield, Callahan, Utah; North Sever, Westmore, Enosburg, Virginia; Laurel Park Stonewall, Jackson Jr., Lee Davis; Spotsylvania, Jefferson Forest, West Virginia; Marion County Vocational, North Carolina; Hedgesville, Mineral County Wisconsin; Black Hawk-South Wayne; Jansville-Parker, Huxford; Scheldt, D C Everest

Honorary American Farmer Degree



Motivation for many FFA members, especially those who achieve high honors in the organization, comes from their local advisors. Due to the outstanding efforts of these individuals in their service and guidance to young men and women preparing for careers in agriculture, the FFA annually recognizes less than one percent of them, the nation's chapter advisors. The FFA also awards the Honorary American Farmer Degree to parents of the Stars Over America, the parents of the National FFA Officers, and other distinguished individuals who have helped advance agriculture and the FFA through their outstanding service on the national level.

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way; Frank W. Kingsbury, Glen Gardner; New Mexico: Shoren Gerhart, Glad; Harvey G. Noland, Las Cruces; New York: Raymond J. Ensenven, Kendall; Arthur P. Wye, Oxford; Richard McD. Gunn, Gorman; William R. Gorman, Greenville; North Carolina: Arthur Bowden, Jr., Dudley; Roy A. Bubank, LaGrange; North Dakota: Robert L. Gaerthner, Bismack; Ohio: P. James Fawcett, Peebles; Joseph A. Glenn, Columbus; Thomas A. Kerner, Anna; John B. Lindanwood, Columbus; James D. Ogen, Sardinia; Daniel L. Parks, Columbus; Ervin Pulse, Georhett; Thomas J. Riedinger, Bolinas; Dakota: Jarold E. Callahan, Stillwater; Lee Cook, Stillwater; Jerry G. Demps, Granite; Mic Charles Parkman, Waco; James Rodger; Herb Karer, Duval; Bill Kimberl, Daks; Clara Wichter, Farview; Loyd Wichter, Farview; Oregon: Arthur McKay, St. Paul; Charlotte McKay, St. Paul; Pennsylvania: Jack Anderson, East Berlin; Brian Anderson, East Berlin; Vera M. Kine, Myerstown; Harvey A. Smith, Allentown; Gerald L. Stricker, Myerstown; William Williams, University Park; Norman G. Kine, Myerstown; Puerto Rico: Salvador E. Alermy, Mayaguez; Antonio Alvarez, Coamo; Carlos J. Lopez, Santurce; Rhode Island: Jerry Lynch, Lincoln; South Carolina: John H. Rogers, Clemson; South Dakota: Robert E. Bell, Brookings; Daryl Nelson, Tulare; Fern A. Nelson, Tulare; Jerome J. Noz, Clear Lake; Myron Stone, Letcher; Tom Steever, Tulsa Falls; James W. Thorson, Watervorn; Tennessee: Will A. Lewis, Nashville; Alton T. Martin, Baxter; David M. Martin, Baxter; Charles McBride, Scott; Hil. Wima L. Rogers, Speedway; David H. Rogers, Speedway; Texas: Joe L. Berlin, Whitesboro; H. O. Kurlak, Colgate Station; Charles Parkman, Waco; James Rodger; Denton; Kenneth M. Shackelford, Bowie; Rick Vaccino, Correll; Amy E. Vaccini, Hill; Virginia: Marshall L. Bailey, Charlottesville; Cameron C. Dubes, Alexandria; Juana Lisa Lewis, Alexandria; Stanley B. McKeluen, Gloucester; Washington: John G. Vaccara, Pullman; Robert E. Galagher, Tacoma; West Virginia: James J. Copeman, Farmort; Marion L. Kimmons, Morgantown; Larry W. Watson, Farmington; William C. West, Ripley; Wayne Harold D. Beale, Fairbairn; John T. Benson, Madison; Richard H. Fossom, Independence; Kevin A. Keith, Denmark; John F. Thompson, Madison; Paul Zimmer, Whitehall; Wyoming: Carl Reynolds, Laramie; Duane W. Watkins, Thermopolis

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National FFA Alumni

The FFA Alumni Association has over 25,000 members in approximately 900 local affiliates. These members have joined together to help educate others in agriculture, to generate support for the FFA, to help build confidence in today's FFA members, to provide inspiration to younger members, and to help others as they were helped in FFA.

The National FFA Alumni Association held its 13th National Convention in conjunction with the National FFA Convention. They hosted nine special workshops for all FFA members, advisors and friends of the FFA. During their convention they recognized their special achievers. The FFA Alumni also sponsored three receptions.

Outstanding FFA Alumni Affiliate Awards

- Twenty-seven** national Outstanding FFA Alumni Affiliates were selected for their outstanding accomplishments in supporting and serving vocational agriculture-FFA.
- Gold**
Illinois: Bushnell-Prarie City, Nebraska: Beef Butler, Drip; New Lexington; Buckeye Valley, Wisconsin: Denmark, Hawk Hawk

- Silver**
Georgia: Pickens County, Indiana: Bels, Iowa: Harlan, Kansas: Hill City, Minnesota: Austin; Missouri: Mill; Nebraska: West Point; North Carolina: South Rowan, Tennessee: Hello, West Virginia: Appomattox County; Washington: Yerm-Rainier; Wisconsin: Blair; Ohio: West DePue
- Bronze**
Iowa: Anamosa, Kentucky: Barron County; Maryland: Waltersville; Michigan: East Butler; North Carolina: West Valley; South Dakota: Howe, Texas: Gilmer

National FFA Alumni Presidents

Edson Witt, Retiring 1983-84 National FFA Alumni President passed the gavel to Jay Houscholder, the new 1984-85 National FFA Alumni President.

Outstanding FFA Alumni Achievement Awards

The Outstanding FFA Alumni Achievement Award recognizes FFA Alumni members for their outstanding leadership and accomplishments in service to vocational agriculture-FFA and the agriculture industry.

Harold D. Lembery, Nashville, Tennessee; Ruth Anderson, New Lexington, Ohio; and Donald D. Oetziak, Branard, Nebraska.

National Agricultural Career Show



The National Agricultural Career Show is an exposition of careers in agriculture and agribusiness. It is a place where FFA members and advisors can visit on a one-to-one basis with representatives from industry, government, professional associations and educational institutions. It's this personal contact with a professional that may make an FFA member select a certain career or explore more opportunities in the many and diversified career fields in agriculture.

Career Show exhibitors are encouraged to demonstrate, answer questions, and display those things of interest to people with a keen interest in agriculture. Things such as: education and experience required for careers, job opportunities, educational materials for use in agricultural education, new products and new agricultural technologies being developed.

Several exhibitors have consistently displayed for many years at the National Agricultural Career Show. Exhibitors observing their fifth, tenth and fifteenth anniversaries at the show are honored each year at the Exhibitor's Banquet. These exhibitors are noted below with a year in parenthesis following their name.

- ACRES, USA
- AG-PAC
- AGRI-FARM PUBLICATIONS, INC
- AGRICULTURAL COMM. IN EDUCATION
- AGRI-DATA RESOURCES, INC.
- ALFA-LAVAIL, INC.—AGRI-GROUP
- ALPHA GAMMA RHO FRATERNITY
- ALPHA GAMMA SIGMA FRATERNITY
- AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL EDITORS ASSN.
- AMERICAN ANGUS ASSOCIATION
- AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
- AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NURSERYMEN
- AMERICAN BREEDERS SERVICE
- AMERICAN CRYANAMMO COMPANY
- CYANAMMO AGRICULTURAL DIVISION
- AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION
- AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL CHAROLAIS ASSN.
- AMERICAN MORGAN HORSE INSTITUTE
- AMERICAN PAINT HORSE ASSOCIATION
- AMERICAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY (10)
- AMERICAN POLLED HEREFORD ASSOCIATION
- AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
- AMERICAN SIMMENTAL ASSOCIATION
- AMERICAN SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION
- AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSN.
- ASSOCIATED MILK PRODUCERS, INC.
- BERG WALL PRODUCTIONS, INC.
- BIO-ZYG ENTERPRISES, INC. (5)
- BOR JONES UNIVERSITY
- BRIEGGS & STRATTON CORP.
- BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
- J I CASE, AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT DIVISION
- CHRYSLER CORPORATION
- COCA COLA, USA
- COLBY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- CONSERVATION TILLAGE INFORMATION CENTER
- KEI DODD EDUCATION SYSTEMS
- NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF AGRI & LIFE SCIENCES CORNELL UNIVERSITY
- OKALB AGRICULTURE, INC.
- TELMAR PUBLISHERS INC.
- DEKROY-JOHN CORPORATION
- OW CHEMICAL U.S.A.
- DU PONT AGRICHEMICALS
- OUPAQUE HORTICULTURAL SCHOOL (5)
- EAST BUTLER HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI (5)
- ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA
- ESTECH, INC.
- FARM & INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT INSTITUTE
- FARM EQUIPMENT GUIDE
- FARMBANK SERVICES
- FARMSHORE FRATERNITY
- FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
- UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
- UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING DEPT.
- GRASSROOTS AMERICA
- KANSAS SWINE REGISTRY
- HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL, INC.
- HESSTON CORPORATION
- I. A. T.
- UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
- UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE SERVICE
- INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS LABORATORY UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
- INTERNATIONAL BRANGUS BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
- INTERNATIONAL MINERALS & CHEM CORP./RALGRAD
- IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
- JACKSON & MANKATO AVT'S
- JOHN DEERE
- KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
- LINCOLN UNIVERSITY
- LINN TECHNICAL COLLEGE
- LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
- MARYLAND, UNIVERSITY OF INSTITUTE OF APPLIED AGRICULTURE (5)
- MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
- MID-AMERICA NAZARENE COLLEGE AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM (5)
- MID-AMERICA VOC. CURRICULUM CONSORTIUM
- MINNESOTA, UNIVERSITY OF (5)
- UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI—COLUMBIA COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE (5)
- MOBAY CHEMICAL CORP.
- AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS DIV.
- MODESTO JUNIOR COLLEGE
- NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AVIATION ASSN. (5)

Convention Business



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Delegates passed the motion to keep national dues for the 1984-85 year at \$2.50.

Status of Library

It was passed during the convention Business Session to encourage chapter and member support for the restoration of the Statue of Liberty.

Issues Committee Report

It was moved and accepted to amend the committee report to read in Section I as "vocational agriculture and FFA."

As a result of discussion of this committee report it was moved to encourage increased public relations at the NLSO's.

America...let's "lead out" the American farmer.

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foreclosure disputes, and in some areas of the nation, farmers are attempting to revive the old "penalty auctions," a tactic not used since the Great Depression.

So, how can a disastrous end for our American farmer be averted? It is very apparent that America cannot consume all of the food that the American farmer produces. America has recently come to grips with the reality that we must find new foreign markets; however, this comes after the grain embargo that this nation imposed upon the Soviet Union in response to the invasion of Afghanistan. The United States did not starve the Soviets into submission, but rather we drove the Soviets to depend more heavily upon other grain suppliers. Today, the United States bears the tarnished image of an unreliable grain supplier. This year, farm exports are expected to drop another five million metric tons. It seems that the dark cloud that looms over American foreign policy also haunts the American farmer.

So what can we do in the mean time as we attempt to re-establish markets for our

American agriculture products? We have no choice other than to be patient and to "lead out" this ailing champion. This leading out must be done in the form of loan extensions and federal aid programs until the supply of American agriculture products balances better with the demand for them.

We have observed the American farmer as a grand champion producer, we have examined his severe financial state of crisis, and finally, we have seen how his distress and may be averted. If we fail to support our American farmer today, he may not be here tomorrow. Global hunger is expected to double the demand for American agriculture products within the next ten to fifteen years, but will America have the surplus tomorrow that she has today? What effect will this have on our economy? As U.S. representative, Jamie Whitten, so wisely observed, "When setting our national priorities, we must always bear in mind that agriculture is the foundation of our economy. If the foundation goes, everything goes."

America...let's "lead out" the American farmer.

Please help support your high school's Vocational Agriculture-FFA program!



National Convention Committee Reports



Auditing Committee

We, the auditing committee of the 57th National FFA Convention, recommend to the National FFA Organization:

1. The auditing report of Stoy, Malone and Company found satisfactory and meeting the requirements of Public Law 740 for the fiscal year of September 1, 1983 to August 31, 1984 be accepted.
2. The financial report again be distributed to each official delegate. We recommend that a condensed report should include balance sheets of assets and liabilities, statement of revenue, and expenses and changes in fund balances as taken from the auditor's report.
3. A full auditor's report be available upon request from the National FFA Center.
4. The FFA membership dues be expended only within the FFA organization.
5. We recommend to the national foundation to have a summary budget report available to the delegates of the National FFA Convention.

We would like to thank David Miller, National Treasurer, and Wilson Carnes for their help and guidance in our committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted:
1984 Auditing Committee
Andrea Swartz, California, Chairman
Tammy Bailey, Illinois, Secretary
Kevin Eblen, Iowa
Cindy Iben, Ohio
Bill Ship, Arizona
William Hughes, Jr., Georgia

Collegiate Ag Ed Development Committee

We, the members of the 1984 Collegiate Ag. Ed. Development Committee, after having been oriented to the current

1985 or February, 1986 (National FFA Week).

And finally, we recommend the Board of Directors and National Staff initiate the appointment of a National Collegiate FFA Advisory Committee of agricultural education leaders at the January 1985 Board Meeting.

We feel that the above recommendations would not only strengthen the future leaders in our post-secondary educational system but would act to support and increase active membership. Respectfully submitted,
Max Aleger, Missouri, Chairman
Jayne Young, Indiana, Co-chairman
Monica Greer, Arizona
Craig Fadgett, Georgia
Erny Messenger, New Hampshire
Oobie Cribb, South Carolina
Anna B. Reed, New York

Contests Committee

We, the National Contests Committee of the 57th National Convention of the Future Farmers of America, in hopes of improving vocational agriculture, the betterment of National Contests, and developing the abilities of the youth in our organization submit the following recommendations in hopes to keep agriculture #1!

As our first recommendation we feel that the National Contests should be reviewed by a National FFA Contests evaluation committee appointed by the board of directors made up by a broad section of members with equal representation from the following areas: FFA members, leaders, state staff, ag industry (to be rotated every three to five years).

We stress the importance of revising the criteria for evaluating the National FFA Contests to include the following:

1. At least 50 percent of the states should be conducting instruction covered in the proposed contest as verified by state supervisor.
2. A bi-annual report should be sent out and returned to the National as a portion of the state supervisors handbook.
3. At least 25 states should be conducting similar contests at the state level as verified by state supervisor.
3. Proposed National FFA contests should be approved by the National FFA Advisory Committee on National Contests before being considered by the board.
4. The National FFA Contest Evaluation Committee will review the National Contest scoring rules and regulations every three years.
5. The national contest should be a reflection of the curriculum of the local vo-ag class that emphasis be placed on total instruction rather than preparation of a team in an anticipation of competition.

The skills and competencies required in the proposed contest must be studied by vocational agriculture/agri-business students to secure employment in specific area of that industry.

Recognizing the need for strong leadership in our organization, we, the committee, feel there is a need for a National Parliamentary Procedure Law Contest to be proposed to the board of directors in January for a two pass.

As technology advances in agriculture, we, the committee, feel that it is necessary that the board of directors continue the study of ag business test and the firm possibility of a job interview contest may be implemented to the states within two years or time allotted by the board.

It is the consensus of this committee that the present national contests are effective and efficient in developing leadership skills needed in agriculture. The purpose of these recommendations of this committee are to continue to excellence in ag education though the national contests.

Sincere gratitude is expressed by the committee to our consultants: Ron Crawford, Richard Kutt, and Roy Walker, the National FFA Board of directors and you, the participants, of the national contests for making them a success.

Respectfully submitted,
Roy Martin, Arkansas, Chairman
Gina Swanson, Washington, Co-chairman
Laurie Duran, Pennsylvania
Dean Filkers, Nebraska
Lisa Cloutier, New Hampshire
Ooug Yondy, Colorado
Margaret Flangan, Maryland
Kelly Busch, Florida

International Committee

We, the International Programs Committee of the 57th National Convention of the Future Farmers of America, in hopes of promoting and expanding participation in the WEA International Program, submit the following recommendations:

1. Have articles about inbound and outbound WEA participants in The National FUTURE FARMER magazine at least once a year in addition to the articles on travel seminars.
2. Have the national officers and/or International Department representatives spend at least one hour speaking about inbound WEA programs at the National Leadership Conference for State Officers.
3. Continue using Puerto Rico as cultural learning stop-over for outbound students going to Spanish-speaking countries.
4. Encourage states to ask for promotional paraphernalia for booths, exhibits or presentations to state conventions.
5. Encourage state staff members to pick up WEA information at the national convention.
6. Request that the WEA time be reinstated into the Washington Conference Program.
7. Mail WEA information to Washington Conference Program participants who showed interest in the program.
8. Have the International Department send pre-written articles to state FFA offices for use in their respective state FFA publications.
9. Encourage past WEA participants to make contact with members, state officers, possible host families and other people interested in the WEA program.
10. Encourage all state officers at the national convention to become familiar with WEA by visiting the established booth.
11. Suggest that the International Department set up a luncheon during the national convention for state officers concerning WEA.
12. Have state officers promote the

WEA program while on chapter visits and while speaking at various functions.

13. Have the International Department distribute a list of past WEA participants who are willing to speak about the program to state offices.

14. Have all state associations and local chapters involve inbound students in their activities.

15. Use and develop the United States Agency for International Development.

16. Make sure each state office has a WEA slide show for chapter use.

17. Have the FFA continue to cooperate with agriculture organizations to better promote the WEA program through their publications.

18. In addition to national recognition have states give special recognition to host families in their state.

19. Include information pertaining to national WEA scholarships and grants in International program materials.

20. Include a mention of WEA in the yearly theme show.

21. Recommend that an exchange be set up with Canada in the WEA program.

22. Have an inbound student act as a consultant to the International Committee.

23. Continue to support the President's International Youth Exchange.

We, the International Programs Committee wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Molly Wilson, European WEA Coordinator.

Respectfully submitted,
Merv Manderfield, Chairman
K.C. Graham, Co-Chairman, NM
Jimmy Gaper, Virginia
Greg Olson, Texas
Juan Jimenez, Puerto Rico
Stephanie Durkee, New York
Douglas A. Coyle, Kentucky
Tony Waldie, Hawaii
Troy Mallie, Rhode Island, State Staff
Molly Wilson, European Coordinator, National Staff

Membership Development Committee

We, the members of the Membership Development Committee would like to thank Gerry Centers, the Michigan FFA Association, and C. Coleman Harris for their efforts in compiling this report.

We believe that publicity and aggressive recruitment are the two most important factors in developing membership, and have established them as our primary goals. To meet these ends, we propose the following suggestions:

1. Reaffirm the 1983 committee's suggestion for expanding the 100 percent membership program to gold (100%), silver (90%), and bronze (80%).
2. Continue developing high quality PSA's.
3. Initiate an aggressive recruitment program. This effort will involve:
 - a. audio-visual or other aids similar to the Food For America materials for use in recruitment presentations to eighth graders.
 - b. Expanding the 10+ award, the national chapter award, or creating a program similar to SOAC to recognize chapters who take an active role in recruiting new members.
 - c. Send information concerning the 10+, 10 percent and 100 percent membership programs in the same mailing as the official FFA Catalog to each chapter.
 - d. Encourage FFA chapters to improve relations with school counselors and parents of prospective members. This could be done through visits, presentations, invitations to banquets, or other means. An active FFA Alumni affiliate could be instrumental in achieving this goal.
 - e. Encourage state officers to speak with and give presentations to eighth graders where possible.

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7. Encourage FFA chapters to maintain and project an image of high technology, athletic facilities, and an interesting, challenging, and successful program in the hopes of catching interest in prospective members.

8. Encourage state FFA associations to involve state education staff and legislators in their state conventions. We recommend more than simply an invitation, instead, we believe that an active role in a convention will stimulate their interest and confidence in our organization.

9. Modify our publicity to place more emphasis on the "people"—building skills offered by our organization.

10. Prepare a statement on the national level relating the Excellence in Education report concerning the movement of vocational education to the post-secondary level.

Finally, we believe that acceptance of and total commitment to these proposals will initiate a change in the current membership trend and put us on the way toward a more fully developed membership of Future Farmers of America.

Respectfully submitted,
Daren Coppock, Oregon, Chairman
Kathy Bates, Texas, Co-Chairman
Tyler Seak, Nevada
Robert Floyd, Missouri
Wilson Kosh, Connecticut
Kenneth S. Ingalls, New Jersey
Douglas Holway, Vermont

National Awards Programs Committee

We, the members of the 1984 National Awards Committee recommend the following:

1. In the coming years all FFA Awards will be available on computer disk, which will make easier for chapter/individuals to apply for awards. We encourage the chapters to adapt to the new computer system available to them.

2. We encourage chapters, community service committees to develop a National Care and Share day, and to be given recognition within the BOAC award.

3. We recommend to the Board of Directors that they look into the scoring of proficiency awards on the overall SOEP Chart activities.

4. We recommend that the National Convention Planning Committee go to a program of showing 8-10 slides of National Proficiency awards winners, for motivational purposes of younger FFA members.

5. All chapters, state and national award winners send their names to National award sponsors.

6. We express our thanks to Mr. Glenn Luedke for his help during our committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Skipper Sinder, North Carolina Chairman
Tim Stien, Michigan Co-Chairman
David Wright, Virginia
Edwin K. LaPrise, Rhode Island
Wade Terole, Mississippi
Dave Schaefer, Wisconsin
April Carpill, Washington D.C.

National FFA Alumni Committee

We, the delegates serving on the National FFA Alumni Committee wish to express our thanks to Robert Cox, Ken Seering, Jay Householder, and Eldon Egan for their time and contributions to our committee. We also want to thank those Alumni members who have worked on our behalf throughout the past year. We feel that a strong FFA Alumni is of vital importance to the development and

continued growth of past and present members and our 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 for each organization to have a definite purpose. We, therefore suggest the following items help continue progress towards this purpose.

1. Continue to develop strength and support in governmental affairs.

a. Maintain the vitality of the governmental affairs committee by relating its membership and by keeping two interns on the National level.

b. Encourage state affiliates to organize a committee and committee chairman that will seek membership and support from:

(1) Government officials who have been involved in the Vo-AG program.

(2) Government officials specializing in agriculture.

(3) Other key officials whose interest will greatly benefit the vo-ag program.

(4) Other school administrators such as:

- (1) local government officials
- (a) local school board members
- (b) other school administrators
- (c) boards of supervisors
- (d) town, village, and city officials

(2) Other community interest groups

(b) parents

(c) those who have been in vo-ag

(d) other alumni leaders

2. Promote an overall alumni organization that can serve as an umbrella for not only the local FFA program but also for other agriculture education groups.

a. As an example, that the National Alumni develop a slide tape that shows how the alumni and young farmer organizations can operate as separate, distinct organizations working in cooperation with one another.

b. Continue working with groups such as the NVATA, AVA, NAAE, and AATFA.

3. Review and revise, if necessary, all FFA alumni information literature, especially membership development material using eye-appearing printing techniques.

4. Request that the National Alumni distribute information directly into the hands of FFA members and their parents by working cooperatively with the National Farmer Magazine.

5. Concentrate thrust on local levels to involve parents and community by:

a. Encouraging FFA chapters to review "program of activities" and determine needs that the alumni affiliate can assist in the needs of the FFA chapter.

b. Encourage membership development material to contribute positive support to the local advisor.

6. Promote social activities on the local level that allow alumni members to be involved in socializing activities.

We also encourage state officer teams to involve future alumni members.

We, the National FFA Alumni Committee, hope that these suggestions will be beneficial in *Keeping Agriculture #1*

Respectfully submitted,
The National FFA Alumni Committee
Ginny Blair, Oklahoma, Chairman
Rick Dado, Wisconsin, Co-Chairman
Perry Whitaker, Mississippi
Lori Trombly, Massachusetts
Curtis Horton, Wyoming
John Bowman, Virginia
Harry McClister, Texas
Kevin Wagner, Colorado
Ken Seering, National FFA Alumni

National FFA Calendar Committee
We, the members of the 1984 National FFA Calendar Committee wish to express our sincere thanks to the over

one thousand chapters who participated in the calendar program this past year. We also extend our appreciation to Jack Pitzer and his staff for their continued efforts toward the development of this calendar program.

After careful consideration we submit the following recommendations towards further promotion of the calendar program.

1. To continue lying the annual theme into the calendar program

2. To implement ruled lines within the individual blocks of selected styles of calendars. Also, to place important FFA and agricultural dates on the calendar.

3. We recommend continued use of action photos as opposed to paintings on the calendars.

4. To stress that everyone patronize the National FFA Calendar Program as opposed to independent business in order to reduce price and increase distribution of official calendars.

5. Consider developing a promotional poster to encourage chapters to join the calendar program. These posters would be distributed to chapters nationwide in order to increase participation.

6. Consider directing funds towards a professional advertising campaign for the calendar program.

7. Recommend that the National FFA calendar program staff send letters to all state officers following NLSGO as a follow-up and a reminder to promote the calendar program.

8. To continue the study of combining calendar order processing with Supply Service processing.

9. To consider individualized Foundation sponsorship with sponsor recognition within the calendar. This will minimize the cost of the calendar program greatly and increase distribution.

The national calendar committee encourages action to be taken along these guidelines to encourage chapter participation.

We feel that, if followed, these recommendations will greatly enhance public relations for the Future Farmers of America.

Respectfully submitted on this seventh day of November 1984
National FFA Calendar Committee
Michelle Benoit, Chairman
Kevin C. Yost, Co-Chairman
Todd Winslow, Ohio
Michelle Stevens, Ohio
Todd Hammes, Iowa
Jeffrey S. Gregory, Illinois

National FFA Convention Committee

We, the members of the 1984 National Convention Committee, on behalf of the delegate body, after careful evaluation of the 57th National FFA Convention, wish to extend our sincerest thanks to those who made this convention a success.

1. Our national officers—Ron Wineinger, Bill Caraway, Carol Irvine, Chuck Guggar, Melody Lawson and Rhonda Seay.

2. Our National Advisor Dr. Lamy D. Case, Acting Advisor Thane McCormick, National Executive Secretary Coleman Harris and National Treasurer David A. Miller.

3. Jan Eberly for the opening invocation.

4. The Honorable Kit Bond, Governor of Missouri and Richard L. Berkeley, mayor of Kansas City for their warm welcome to this beautiful city and state.

5. Mr. Pat Summrell for an overwhelming confidence in the FFA and his continued fight against drug abuse.

6. Art Lunkleler for his motivational and inspirational remarks.

7. Dr. Hilmer L. Jones for a year of dedication to the Foundation Sponsoring Board.

8. Carl F. Gerhardt for his ambitious optimism for the coming year as the chairman, Foundation Sponsoring Board.

9. John Wain for his love of America and his inspiring words about one of America's heroes.

10. Eldon Witt, president, National FFA Alumni Council, for his continued support and giving us footsteps in life to follow.

11. The Honorable Elizabeth Dele, secretary, Department of Transportation, for her unlimited concern for America's safety.

12. The Honorable Robert Ode, United States Senator, for his optimistic outlook on agriculture in the future.

13. Mamie McCullough, for taking time out of your busy schedule to share your wisdom with us.

14. Mckey Gilly for addressing the convention and entertaining at the American Royal.

15. Bart Conner, olympic gold medalist 1984, for bringing us the spirit of togetherness that was shared by the U.S. in a copy of 1984.

16. Cozy Shorter, the convention organizer.

17. The hard-working judges and time keepers.

18. Our special thanks to all the sponsors of the 57th National Convention.

19. The National FFA Alumni for conducting the leadership workshops.

20. The National FFA Band directed by Mr. Roger Heath, the National Band directed by Stan Kingma and the National Talent, directed by Oon and Martha Erickson.

21. The special guest appearance by Eddie Albert and his public service announcement.

22. Walt Schuh, the president of the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association, for his remarks.

23. All speakers at the various meal functions throughout the week.

24. A special thanks to all courtesy coordinators and stagholders for their outstanding contributions.

25. The National FFA Convention committee would also like to express our appreciation to Mr. Marinson from Wisconsin for his help and support to this committee. And also Dr. Nelson of the National Board of Directors for his direction and guidance.

26. Thanks and congratulations to the newspaper and FFA Times staff for another successful convention.

27. The Honorable John Block, secretary of agriculture for his words of wisdom.

We also submit the following items as suggestions for possible improvement in future national conventions:

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

2. We recommend that the convention corps program be looked into due to a waste of members time serving on the corps and we suggest a way to this to cut down the number of members on the courtesy corps or have a better organization of their time.

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7. And the National FFA Convention Committee highly recommends that the 20,000 members and guests in attendance at the 57th National Convention, continue to strive to Keep Agriculture #1

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Phillips, Ohio, Chairman
Michelle Schultz, Oklahoma, Co-Chairman
Lynette Dallimore, Florida, Secretary
Darin Coert, California
Jeff Maerhofer, Illinois
Neil McCueary, Nevada
Kelly Stewart, Wyoming
Norman Mason, Alabama

National FFA Supply Service Committee

We, the members of the 1984 National FFA Supply Service Committee have reviewed and evaluated the Supply Service catalog and offer the following recommendations:

1. The Supply Service add the following items to the Supply Service Catalog

a. A collar bar-with or without FFA emblem.

b. A camouflage jacket with FFA emblem.

c. A machined pants to go with sweat top, item HSS.

d. A bronze belt buckle with FFA emblem.

e. A new postcard style imprinted with the theme for the year.

f. A pamphlet aimed at recruiting new members.

g. A film strip or slide show showing the FFA activities on a national level, such as WEA, WCP, National Convention, etc.

h. A cassette tape of talent show at National Convention.

i. The emblem as a stick-on similar to item SOF.

j. Blue and gold candles for banquet supplies.

k. A writing horizon plaque.

l. An additional Awards and Programs Free Materials order form for the advisor m. Gift certificates.

2. The Supply Service revise the following items:

a. The lettering on the gifts scarf continue to be in the higher position.

b. The sweatshirt jacket be the same style as the polo shirt jacket.

c. The polo shirt be made with a sport collar instead of dress collar.

d. The female state officer ring be reduced in size to appear more feminine

e. Discontinue slide necklace and bracelet after supply is depleted.

f. The Supply Service promote purchase of supplies by the following:

a. Encourage collegiate chapters to purchase supply service items.

b. Continue to expand advertisement of products in Future Farmer Magazine and FFA Times.

c. Encourage patronization of local service items at Convention

d. Make supplies available to members at an additional location at National Convention

e. Encourage continued use of State Consignment Program.

We would like to both thank and commend the acting director, Paul Kidd for his service to the FFA this past year. We would like to welcome Mr. Dennis Shaker as our new FFA Supply Service Director. We also would like to thank Jimmy Long for his advice and assistance in the formulation of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight Mogler, Iowa Chairman
David Martin, Arkansas Co-Chairman
Craig Johnson, Utah
Todd Martin, Louisiana
Deborah Pomroy, New Jersey
Peggie Blum, South Dakota
Raymond J. Harrington, Delaware
Jon Rantschler, Minnesota

The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine Committee

We, the members of THE 1984 NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER Magazine Committee, on behalf of the membership of the national FFA organization, wish to express our sincere thanks to THE NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER Magazine staff and commend them on a job well done. We feel the magazine has made great strides over the years, establishing credibility and variety which appeals not only to members, but to all interested in the agricultural industry.

Again, thanks to Wilson Cames, editor in chief; Mike Wilson, managing editor; Jack Pitzer, senior editor; and Glen Luedke, director of advertising; and all those associated with the publication of the magazine for their outstanding work and dedication. After careful consideration, we submit the following recommendations.

1. Continue to encourage FFA members to write reports, and state staff to send in excess of articles from their area.
2. Continue to print a special insert on FFA awards and programs.
3. We strongly suggest that a readership survey be conducted at the discretion of the magazine staff to determine readers' interests.
4. We suggest putting students personal address on rosters in order that they may receive the magazine at their home.
5. We encourage vocational/agriculture instructors to use the magazine more in their classroom curriculum.
6. We suggest researching the possibility of moving to a monthly magazine.
7. We suggest the following ideas for new articles: (This will be an addition to the articles that are used now)
 - a. A running article series on speech material.
 - b. Articles that encourage handicapped or disadvantaged youngsters that they too can succeed in vo ag and FFA.
 - c. Have a column by a national officer in each issue at the magazine's staff discretion.
 - d. Articles dealing with farm financing.
 - e. Articles that tell of the many agricultural and FFA scholarships offered to students.
 - f. Articles that discuss farm safety.
 - g. Articles that help promote FFA recruitment.
8. We suggest that a year-end report be made to this committee next year which entails the progress made on the above stated recommendations.

National Issues Committee

We, the members of the National Issues Committee, have met and defined our purpose to be: identify, clarify, prioritize, and discuss the issue or issues facing the National FFA Organization between now and the turn of the century to the delegate body. The development of recommendations for resolving these issues will be the responsibility of the delegate body and future work by the Issues Committee. I may add, and I do, I commend that the National Issues Committee has been formed by selecting an individual from each of the respective committees that had met earlier this week. This committee is a very vital and important part of the national convention and should be continued in future years. There are many factors and issues affecting today's agriculture and vocational agriculture; thus, this committee was formed to investigate these problems. Therefore, we submit the following:

1. Issue of concern.
2. Image and understanding of the FFA and vocational agriculture.
3. External and internal factors affecting issue of concern:
 - A. Back to basics movement has affected today's curriculum.
 - B. Declining enrollment of membership.
 - C. Lack of involvement and participation.
 - D. Need for support through public relations and information.
4. Causes of issue:
 - A. Lack of information to:
 1. School administration

prove and further develop the informational services on the national, regional, state, and local levels.

- We recommend:
1. The image and understanding of Vocational Agriculture and FFA program within local schools be enhanced by communicating the educators, the benefits of a Vocational Agriculture curriculum, as well as the successes of its students.
 2. As national public opinion poll to determine the image of vocational agriculture/FFA
 3. Encourage chapters to work with local stations on providing their local P.S.A. as well as the National P.S.A.
 4. Encouragement of the college level of Teacher educators to provide, and Agriculture Education students to use the resource system and other materials in developing a student teaching plan.
 5. A continued emphasis be placed on state officer visits to discuss and explain how the resource system is available to chapters. Chapter members and advisors be encouraged to use this resource system as an independent basis.

6. Providing a period of time during the National Leadership Conferences for State Officers to be instructed on the correct presentation of materials from the system to members. Encouraging the state, wherever financially possible provide these materials to the state officers.

7. Encourage use of the FFA Week packet by state officers for chapter visit discussion materials, and encourage officers to assist chapters in preparation for FFA Week activities on the local level.

8. All materials from National Information services be made available in Spanish as well as English to aid in educating those members whose main language is Spanish.

We would like to commend the National Staff for their unceasing effort to improve the image of the Vocational Agriculture/FFA programs and its member.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill McCabe, Indiana, Chairman
Lee Kirkman, North Carolina, Co-Chairman
8 Scott Austin, Tennessee
Mike Sims, Texas
Messa McKinley, New Mexico
Theresa Schuchman, South Dakota
Ana Maria Garcia, Puerto Rico

National Leadership Conferences Committee

We, the members of the National Leadership Conference Committee, have reviewed and evaluated all aspects of the Washington Conference Program and State Presidents' Conference for summer, 1984, and do hereby submit the following recommendations and proposals:

1. Continue to use the national officers at the Washington Conference Program, having one present during each conference session.
2. Encourage participation in the promotion of the Washington Conference Program by
 - a. recommending that an application and article be published in at least two spring issues of the National FUTURE FARMER magazine.
 - b. having two copies of the application sent to all chapters by March 31.
 - c. having copies of the application distributed to all state officers at all national leadership conferences for state officers
 - i. having information on becoming a Washington conference staff member included in the following information sources: Between Issues, Update and mailings to state staff.
 - ii. participants encouraging school administrators to attend.
 - iii. developing a promotional slide show and encouraging its use at National FFA Convention, state, district and chapter activities, or a report from a Washington conference representative to chapters and to service clubs such as Lions, Alumni, Rotary, etc.
 - iv. cooperating with FFA Calendar Program to promote and inform members of the conference dates and registration date.
 - v. We recommend that these dates be highlighted on the calendars.

3. In promotion of the advisors program of the Washington Conference Program, we recommend a schedule of activities be available to advisors and their spouses
 - i. to alleviate the cost of the Washington Conference Program by
 - a. providing the chapters with various fund-raising ideas and encouraging them to seek sponsorships for their delegates to the conference.
 - b. having the national association seek discounted travel rates for state associations
 - c. having more information readily available to chapters to use while seeking sponsors and promoting the conference within their own community
 5. We recommend the continuation and the expansion of scholarships available to members for the Washington Conference Program from the alumni and local communities.
 6. We recommend that the Washington Program Staff should be diversified to include not only past national officers, but other people who participants can relate well to.

STATE PRESIDENT'S CONFERENCE

We recommend that Washington Conference Program participants who are attending during the State Presidents Conference have at least one session where they can interact with the state officers. Besides that, each should have separate schedules even though they may attend the same activities to avoid any minor conflicts which may occur.

We recommend that along with regular conference program activities, more state officer training and leadership development be incorporated in the conference.

We recommend that individual participants take care of all correspondence but that they be instructed in ample time to contact all congressmen in their respective states.

We recommend that the conference staff organize the schedule of Congressional visits, consolidating appointments for visits in order to increase convenience and efficiency of the visits.

We recommend the following objectives for the State Presidents' Conference:

- a. have the objectives of the State Presidents' Conference directed toward the development of American leadership, citizenship and cooperation.
- b. increase the emphasis on the exchange of views and methods of operation between states, and further develop the spirit of unity and cooperation, rather than emphasizing National FFA Convention issues and activities
- c. We recommend that congressmen on the conference staff all cooperate to practice positive motivational leadership.
- d. We recommend that State Presidents' Conference restrictions be relaxed thus giving the State Officers the chance to express maturity as they handle their own responsibilities.
- e. We recommend that State Presidents' Conference participants as well as Washington Conference Program participants be given more free time to visit their congressmen and the historical sites of Washington, D. C.

To follow up the 1984 National Leadership Conference, we recommend the following resolutions go on record at the 57th National FFA Convention:

1. Be it resolved that the National Leadership Committee at the National FFA Convention be provided evaluations of the Washington Conference Program and the State Presidents' Conference by the national staff.
2. Be it resolved the National FFA Director sincerely appreciates the efforts and cooperation of the following who helped make an effective conference in 1984.
 - a. President Ronald Reagan and staff.
 - b. Secretary of Agriculture John Block and staff.

- c. Ms. Chris Mosher Wilson, Assistant to the Secretary of the Twin Bridges and Key Bridge Marriott Hotels.
- e. The FFA Alumni Association, and President John West.
- f. Colonel Paul Miller for army ceremonies and special events.
- g. Mr. Benjie Staller, National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee.
- h. Business Men: Mr. Bill Johnson and Mr. Virgil Kline.
- i. Mr. Robert Burger, GMC, Chevrolet Motor Division.
- j. Mr. Jim Williams, Director of Public Relations, Chevrolet Motor Division.
- k. Mr. Jerry Howe, Creative Service Division, Chevrolet Motors.
- l. FFA Supply Service Employees.
- m. All National officers, national staff and all conference counselors.
- n. The Lacy Susan Diner Theatre.

o. Ms. Mary Ann Amley, associate director, office of public liaison.

p. Ms. Faith Whitlsey, director, office of public liaison.

q. Dave Schuh, Seal-Sweet Growers, Inc.

r. Senator Robert Dole.

s. Congressman Kika de la Garza, chairman of the house committee on agriculture.

t. Congressman Wes Watkins

u. Mr. Fred McClure.

v. Dr. Charles Vetter.

w. Mr. James Gullinger, Vo-ag instructor.

x. All congressmen and staffs.

y. All other individuals who worked hard to make the conference a success.

Respectfully submitted:
James Hunsley, Missouri, Chairman
LeAnne Lawrence, Texas, Co-Chairman
Jack Brewer III, Alabama, Secretary
Van Cooke, North Carolina
Steve Sizask, Wisconsin
Kyle Tims, North Dakota
LeAnne West, Tennessee
Kendall Sunheim, Montana

National Leadership Conferences for State Officers Committee

We, the delegates comprising the 1984 National Leadership Conference for State Officers Committee, upon evaluation of the previous year's report and our own respective conferences, realize the primary purpose of NLCSD is to produce more reliable and qualified state officers to perform more efficiently as a team and serve their respective associations. While striving for that primary purpose the committee submits the following goals:

1. To develop state officers' skills in order that they will better serve their association and organization as a whole.
2. To develop state officers' abilities to motivate members, chapter officers, advisors, and members of the community
3. To provide an opportunity for state officers to exchange ideas and programs by intermingling of room assignments, activities and an informal discussion session.
4. To supply state officers and staff members with resource materials and information on current issues for the future development of the FFA.
5. To utilize key leaders in business and industry to achieve the objectives of the leadership conferences through training programs, speakers bureaus and leadership sessions.
6. To schedule impromptu and extemporaneous public speaking events as a high priority to be covered on the agenda of all conferences.
7. To develop a program that expresses the importance of GDEPs and the various fields available to students enrolled in the FFA. This committee sup-

National Information Services Committee

We, the members of the 1984 National Information Services Committee, make the following recommendations to im-

ports the general format of previous conferences. The conferences should be held at least three days and three nights in duration with at least two national officers, a national staff person and a board member in attendance at each conference. The emphasis will be that of national instead of regional conferences. Forty dollars per person in resource materials will be implemented to achieve maximum leadership development. All funding will be handled through the National FFA Foundation. The committee supports the above objectives with the following recommendations:

1. Continue training for national officers for NLCSSO.
2. Encourage all stages to participate in the leadership program by:
 - a. Encourage rotation of the location if the location is adequate and is agreed upon by all of the states in their respective region.
 - b. Withhold allocated funds for his particular NLCSSO for those states not in attendance in order to encourage all states to come.
3. Stress interstate fellowship by:
 - a. Encouraging time allowances for states to compile and then share a list of motivational activities, eye openers and other information.

b. Provide a more relaxed, informal atmosphere yet maintain a professional image.

4. Allow adequate time for teams to get officer team goals and priorities.

5. Any material such as audiovisuals should focus on presentations at the chapter level.

6. Add more emphasis on extemporaneous and public speaking and have participants present a speech during NLCSSO programs.

a. Use constructive critiquing.

7. Encourage standardization of all NLCSSOs to an extent that all have access to the same materials and resources.

8. Encourage all state associations to send thank you notes to sponsors.

9. To insure recommendations are being followed, require a summary of individual evaluations of the NLCSSOs to be submitted to next year's NLCSSOs committee.

10. Whenever possible to lengthen the conference to allow more time for all activities.

We suggest that a committee be formed to study the possibility of re-

arranging NLCSSO schedules so that they may fit the schedules of the associations and come no later than one month after the election of the state officers. We the members of the NLCSSO committee trust that the future participants will take into consideration the goals and recommendations that we as a committee have set forth.

This committee would like to express our thanks to those who put in their effort and dedication into the NLCSSO conference.

Dale N. Donaldson, Oregon, Chairman
Lisa M. Hixson, Massachusetts
Melanie Hamel, Georgia
Jody Silva, Rhode Island
Dewey E. Stephens, Kentucky

National Program of Activities Committee

The members of the 1984 National Program of Activities Committee realize the significance of the committee results and approached committee work in a manner of concern for our organiza-

tions continued success. We are extremely appreciative to Mr. Les Thompson, of the National Board of Directors, for his assistance during committee deliberations.

We have carefully examined the 1984-85 National Program of Activities and present the following recommendations:

1. The National Organization should place an emphasis on stronger community/chapter interaction in the BQAC program and encourage state associations to have a standard state selection process for individual BQAC winners.

2. The State Presidents/Official Delegates seminar should be made more readily available for attendance.

3. Encourage the Future Farmer magazine to include more informative articles dealing with national and international agriculture issues in addition to the present format.

4. Recommend that the FFA and American Royal discuss candidacy for American Royal Queen. We strongly encourage that candidates be FFA members and that judges review their active FFA qualifications. Also, we would like to see more publicity associated with the activity for the FFA.

5. Recommend that the Board of Directors study the 108+ program for efficiency.

6. Add to the membership section of Increasing FFA Membership. Utilize promotional materials to help increase membership.

7. Encourage the use of photos of FFA members in action for the FFA calendars. Captions should be used to identify these action shots. Also, encourage states to promote calendar program. Promotion can be accomplished by having booths at the National Convention and/or state conventions.

8. Recommend the establishment of a national parliamentary procedures contest.

9. Encourage states to follow National Contest guidelines for state contests.

10. We strongly recommend that each state association be aggressively supportive of and promote the new chapter resource system as a means of effective communication and instruction.

11. Encourage the National Supply Service to develop a limited supply of convention wearing apparel that would be appealing to FFA members.

12. We feel that the form of printing is acceptable but we request that the program of activities be reviewed by staff for the correction of typographical errors.

In addition to our recommendations, we would like to commend the following:

- a. New meal functions available are excellent. We would like to see more of such affordable meal functions available.

b. Commend the National Alumni Association on their efforts of promoting the Alumni to the public.

c. Commend the Board of Directors for a balanced budget.

These recommendations have been presented by the following members of the Program of Activities:

- Respectfully submitted:
- Coby Shorter, III, Texas, Chairman
Daryl Yarrow, Kansas, Co-Chairman
Lynn Bullen, Delaware, Secretary
Wendy Hoarty, California
Lee Fletcher, Louisiana
David N. Smith, Connecticut
Wanda Iverson, Montana
Karen Hamilton, Maryland
Lisa Dilvet, Oklahoma

Nominating Committee

We, the Nominating Committee, have given careful and deliberate consideration to all applicants running for National Office. The Committee nominates the following state candidates to the delegates of the 57th National Convention to serve as National Officers for the year 1994-95:

- President—Steve Meredith, Glendale, Kentucky
Secretary—Michael Gayalido, Kelseyville, California
Vice President, Central Region—Michael Barnett, Mead, Nebraska
Vice President, Eastern Region—Graham Boyd, Phenixtown, North Carolina
Vice President, Southern Region—Nanci Mason, Collins, Mississippi
Vice President, Western Region—Brad Bass, Winesboro, Texas
National Treasurer—David Miller, Baltimore, Maryland
National Executive Secretary—C. Coleman Hams, Washington, D.C.
National Advisor—Larry D. Case, Washington, D.C.

- Respectfully Submitted,
- Lynn Kennedy, Colorado (Chairman)
Steve Kaufman, Florida (Co-Chairman)
Crystal Wooten, New Mexico
Tracy L. Yarborough, South Carolina
John Kugel, Jr., Kentucky
Richard Miller, Arizona
Carolyn L. Witzer, Pennsylvania
Jeff Moon, Minnesota
Margaret "Annie" Perkins, West Virginia
James W. Warren, Consultant
James P. Cloos, Consultant



KEEP AGRICULTURE #1!

Agriculture is America's number one industry and feeds half the world.

To insure our future as a world leader, our strength and sustenance will have to come from the land and the young people who will protect and manage it.

Young people in high school today will be tomorrow's leaders. Agriculture is a career where young people can make a difference and work with the latest sophisticated technology.

Career opportunities are unlimited if they have the right skills, because today's agriculture is marketing, sales and research. It's biogenetics, chemistry, engineering and a whole lot more.

Young people can get a head start on developing those skills, half a million young leaders are already confident about their futures because of the experience they are getting now in vocational agriculture and the FFA.

The future is in their hands.

Keep agriculture #1—support vocational agriculture and the FFA!

