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## NAJAC HISTORY *travel is fun /*

Sometime during this week at NAJAC take a good look around at the 2,000 plus achievers here. Now try to imagine what it would have been like to be a delegate at the first NAJAC.

According to Mr. Joseph Francomano, executive vice-president of Junior Achievement, the first attempt by achievers to gather on the national level took place in Chicago in 1943.

"We used the auditorium of the Museum of Science and Industry," said Mr. Francomano. "There were about 100 achievers there, representing the states of Ohio, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. This really was the first national meeting." Previously meetings had been held, but they were solely for discussion purposes. Later, meetings were held in Miami, Ohio and New York.

The first real NAJAC took place at Camp Rolli, New Jersey in 1944. Six states were represented and about 50 achievers attended. This was the 24th year of Junior Achievement. Mr. Francomano pointed out that because of the small number of achievers in attendance, there was no break-down into discussion groups necessary.

The first contest held at a national conference was that of the Speaker's Corp in 1951 at the eighth NAJAC.

Mr. Francomano mentioned that although NAJAC has grown tremendously in these 26 years, an even greater change can be noticed in the conference schedule for the

Delegates to NAJAC experienced many exciting and perhaps upsetting adventures on their way to the conference. Here are a few of the more outspoken ones:

The San Jose, California delegation arrived at the Indianapolis airport at 3:11 A.M. Sunday morning and proceeded to take up residence in the wing of the airport awaiting their pick-up for the conference. To entertain themselves, the delegates played cards, went sight-seeing around the airport and slept. Meanwhile their mascot, Senor JA, a stuffed bear, was enjoying a ride to Miami after being left behind on the plane. Thanks to the speed of the airline personnel, Senor JA was returned to the delegates before they left Indianapolis.

The Lynchburg and Roanoke, Va. delegations were scheduled to travel together by plane to Indianapolis. However, due to an airlines strike, Lynchburg had to travel by train and Roanoke by chartered bus. The only misfortune being that Roanoke's bus had no windows that opened, no air-conditioning and no lights.

One achiever from Butler, Pa. was visiting Leene, New Hampshire and expected to fly to the conference from there. Due to the airlines strike he had to travel to Boston to catch a plane.

The Hawaii delegation endured a much more enjoyable venture on their way to NAJAC. Most of the delegates were lucky enough to stop at Disneyland for a visit before continuing to Indiana.

# SWEENY WELCOME

Mr. Hugh B. (Jim) Sweeny, Conference Director, extends a warm welcome to this years NAJAC delegates. NAJAC presently is the largest teenage business conference in the country, and Mr. Sweeny feels this is something of which we should be very proud.

As director, Mr. Sweeny has the responsibility of designing program materials. This year he also is making plans for honoring the 50th anniversary of Junior Achievement.

Mr. Sweeny said how pleased he was to be at this convention, where people from all fifty states and several foreign countries can meet and immediately function as a unit. This proves that no one is a stranger when he shares a common experience: Junior Achievement.

Mr. Sweeny reported that the first celebration in honor of the fiftieth year of JA was a banquet held in New York City at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Slides on the history of Junior Achievement were shown. This is similar to the film shown in the general meeting last night.

Other special features in honor of 50 years are far to many to mention, but here at the convention we many pins and decorations depicting the anniversary. A book on the life of Horace A. Moses, founder of Junior Achievement, has been published and will be presented to all finalists in the contests and elections. It is titled: ACHIEVEMENT IS MY GOAL.

Questions have arisen in Mr. Sweeney's mind as to whether a 50th anniversary celebration is necessary. He feels the time could be spent more to everyone's benefit in expanding JA.

## coke count contest

How many free cokes have you had this year, or did you know we had them? The NAJAC NEWS is sponsoring a contest to see which NAJACer can come closest to guessing the number of gallons of coke delegates will consume this week.

There will be a ballot box placed in the coke tent located in the north area, McNutt. All entries will have to be in by 12:00 noon Thursday. The winners name will be printed in the paper Friday morning.

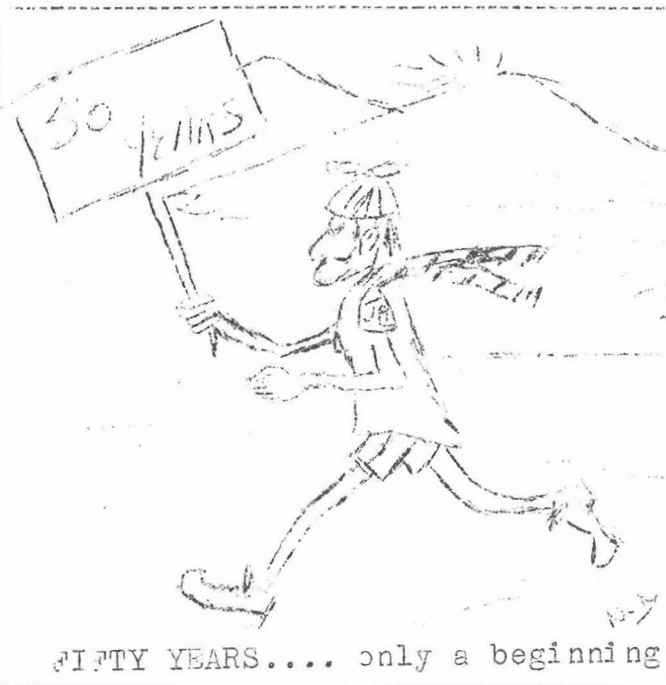
The period to be covered will include the entire conference to Thursday night. Please use the form below.

Number of gallons: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Area: \_\_\_\_\_



# CONTESTS

For the majority of contestants at NAJAC, yesterday was filled with frequent orientation meetings, registration details and the frustrating task of trying to get organized. But their busy week has just begun.

Testing began this morning at 10:45 with an exam on general knowledge of both Junior Achievement and business. Interviews have been scheduled for today and tomorrow in the preliminary rounds. A list of semi-finalists from each contest will be posted in the contest and validations tent between Briscoe and McNutt sometime Tuesday evening or early Wednesday morning.

The judges said that in general the semi-finalist round of competition will consist of performance tests; that is a test of the contestants ability to apply his knowledge to a practical situation. Interviews will be used for question and answers on the performance tests. From these tests the judges will select a list of finalists to be posted either late Wednesday night or Thursday morning.

In most contests the finalists rounds will consist of a presentation of some sort, but each test will vary according to the contest.

Contest winners will be announced at the closing meeting Friday morning.

## get well soon

Rod Miller, conference president, acquired an infected ankle prior to the convention and is in the hospital. Other conference officers reported that Rod may make an appearance sometime today; and they hope to have him back with them by Tuesday evening, no word as yet has been released from the hospital as to Rod's release.

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# COFFEE HOUSE

The Coffee House, located in the basement of McNutt dorm, opened last night to all delegates with a dance. It will be open every evening after the general meeting with entertainment.

Andy Kostas, Coffee House committee chairman reported that the Glass Museum will be playing in the Coffee House Thursday night.

# SCHEDULE °°

7:00	curfew ends
7:00-8:15	breakfast
8:30	delegate panoramic picture
9:00	general meeting
10:00	group discussion
12:00-1:15	lunch
2:00	group discussion
4:00	recreation and committee
5:15-6:30	dinner
8:00	general meeting
11:30	curfew
12:00	lights out

## MENU

### Monday Lunch:

vegetable soup/ crax  
franks on a bun  
buttered cut asparagus  
potato salad  
= fruit cocktail or red jello  
CTM / iced tea / lemonade

### Monday Dinner:

grilled steak  
french fried potatoes  
buttered frozen peas  
tossed salad CTM