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IT'S ABOUT THE PRESIDENT

What in the world does a Conference President do once elected? Anyone who holds the position may do as much or as little as he wishes. What kind of man then is our own Chris Streifender? You'd better bet that he's quite a guy.

"I do not choose to be a common man; It is my right to be uncommon, if I can."

This is an excerpt taken from The Creed of an Achiever, printed in Tuesday's issue of the NEWS. I can think of no finer eulogy to bestow upon Chris Streifender.

Almost immediately after being elected to the President's post by 2,000 Achievers last year, Chris began planning this year's NAJAC. For the duration of the year, Chris wore the hat of middleman, co-ordinator between achievers and administration on a national level. As if this were not enough, Chris missed one-third of his first year at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio. Incidentally, Chris was accepted at Harvard University -- ever heard of it? Well, it happens that he turned down the acceptance to one of the nation's greatest institutions. Why? because he had a job to do! Now that's what I call dedication plus. Don't go away, there's still more!

Chris attended sectional conferences in Atlanta, Georgia; Dayton, Ohio; and Flint, Michigan; not to mention a regional conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Chris also visited forty, count 'em, 40 centers around the country during the year. Every week he attempted to visit at least one center. Everywhere he visited, he met and talked with individual achievers so that he might gain greater insight as to how they really felt about Junior Achievement -- good and bad!

Chris spent a full week in St. Louis and another in Pittsburg, and he visited New York City four times. In addition, almost with his own hands, he completed the rudimentary steps of begetting several new programs in cities where no previous J. A. organization had existed.

Chris feels that the key word for his successor is correspondence -- correspondence with his fellow national officers.

As Marilyn Van Der Bur, former Miss America, would have put it: "Is it talent? Is it natural ability? Is it physical appearance or strength? No, it's WORK!" Chris, we owe you more than we could ever express.

by Mike French, Editor

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

- 7:00-8:15 Breakfast
- 9:00 General Meeting
- 10:00 Workshop Presentations
- 12:00-1:15 Lucheon
- 2:00 General Meeting
- 3:00 Discussions Groups
- 4:00 Recreation
- 5:15-6:30 Dinner
- 9:00-12:00 President's Ball
- 12:30 Curfew
- 1:00 Lights Out

Sing Out NAJAC

A new tradition called Sing Out NAJAC will be started at this year's NAJAC. It is a division of a world wide group of people wishing to express their feelings in song. They are planning to have a concert at one of the general meetings.

This organization was mainly started to try to do something about our low moral standards, crime rate, etc. by the use of music.

Next year they hope to get a bigger and better production.

PUPPET OR PERSON?

Can you be an individual? Have you enough fortitude and courage to strike out on your own? You do have the right, you know.

Over the last several years, and maybe longer, it has been the consensus of returning delegates that the NAJAC elections have been decided by blocks of votes. Delegations have bound together, many times before the validations have been announced. When whole states could form a large block, a great amount of power would end up in the hands of a very few people. Is this the democratic system of which we boast?

Mine is an appeal for individual sovereignty. Each person should decide for himself who the most qualified and best candidate is. Too many delegates say, "Well, my delegate chairman wants me to vote for these four, so I might as well go along with everyone else."

This year individuality has been given an opening; now, each delegate will have one vote. No one is tied down to the idea of voting for a certain number of J. A. companies back home. Each delegate is still a representative of his J. A. area, but he or she has his own vote and should not allow himself to be told for whom to cast his vote. Think about it. A puppet or a person, which are you?

by Mike Alexander

J. A. PIONEERS

Tune in on America and what does one see? A nation founded and dedicated to a worthy cause. People who sacrificed their lives for the future. Does this sound unrealistic?

In much the same way, Achievers are dedicated to the future of our nation. They sacrifice some small part of their lives now, for what the future can hold.

Achievers are youth so inspired and filled with aspiration and expectancy that they, too, are the founders of our nation's future. Delegates, may you be saluted for supporting a slice of tomorrow's future.

MISS J A

There were five finalists in the 1968 Miss J. A. contest. The five achievers who awaited the climax of this nationwide contest are: Ginny Babcock, Terre Haute, Ind.; Kim Hardesty, Tulsa, Okla.; Mary Grace, Kniola Cleveland, Ohio; Robin Krueger, Seattle, Washington; and Cynthia Johnson, Danville, Ill.

These candidates were interviewed for their comments concerning the Miss J. A. contest. When asked how they felt about the remaining portion of the contest they said:

Ginny B., "happy, proud, and nervous"
Kim H., "wonderful, but scared to death"

Mary K., "excited" "really great fun"
Robin K., "honored, but a hard task"
Cynthia J., "fun" "great"

All the finalists felt that they had worked very hard, and had done their best. Not one of the five had felt that they would make it this far in the competition.

menu

Breakfast

- Orange or Apple Juice
- Scrambled eggs
- Cream of Wheat or cold cereal
- Toast-jelly
- Cocoa

Lunch

- French onion soup & crackers
- Bacon, Lett, Tomato sandwich
- Corn
- Fruit cup
- Whitehouse cherry or pecan Ice cream
- Iced tea-lemonade

Dinner

- Tomato Blare, Meat Loaf
- Parsley creamed potatoes
- Spinach
- H. C. or deviled eggs
- Apple crumb pie
- Lemonade

CONFERENCE SECRETARY

Today we are proud to bring you an interview with Pat Wiley, Conference Secretary.

Q What have you done since NAJAC '67 in preparation for this NAJAC or in connection with J. A.?

A I met several times with the other Conference officers, attended the "Dialogue '67", and was President of my company. I compiled a Sectional and Regional conference report which will be issued to all delegates this week.

Q Do you have any advice you'd like to give the next Conference Secretary.

A I would tell her to do her best as I know she will, and to meet as many people as possible. I also want to give her some information on her duties as Conference Secretary. I want her to know some thing that I didn't know.

Q What are some of your accomplishments, Awards, honors?

A I was National Secretary of the Year 1966, second in Treasurer of the year 1967, President of my company, ECCO, this year, National Honor Society, Preble County Junior Miss 1968, and the Century Club.

Q What's in your future?

A I intend to do social work in the inner city areas or teach. To prepare myself for my work I am entering Florida Presbyterian College this September. I am going to major in English or sociology.

Q Is there anything else you'd like to say?

A I have had a terrific year as Conference Secretary. I thank Junior Achievement for it. The delegates this year are the most enthusiastic group I've seen in the past three yrs. I hope they keep it up. Being Conference Secretary has given me the greatest opportunity I have ever had, by learning about business and through understanding others. I only hope,

when I finish school, that I can use that which I have learned for the betterment of society.

All the delegates at NAJAC have the opportunity to learn about others. Get involved in what you do and you will find that it can open doors in every field. The images you leave will be lasting impressions; the business you learn will give you a respect for the work of others. All it takes is a little involvement and willingness to learn.

costumes

Throughout this year's Conference, groups and dorm members have shown tremendous enthusiasm and pride in their identity. But what supercedes this are the identities of the separate delegations. Their identities have been personified not only by cheers and songs, but also by various costumes.

One of the costumes most consistently seen is that of a red and white striped vest with the Arch and Busch Memorial Stadium on the back. This is worn by the St. Louis delegation. Other delegations with vests are from Memphis, Tennessee; St. Paul, Minnesota; and Hartford, Connecticut. The Memphis is significantly covered with musical notes, a queen boat, and the hardwood tree. This delegation is giving out wooden nickels and J.A. Medallions, and promises to give out albums on the last day of the Conference. St. Paul's conference members wear a gold corduroy vest. Hartford has a red felt vest in addition to a red umbrella and white straw hat.

Secondly, we have the delegates that wear jackets. The delegates from Phoenix, Arizona, wear a light yellow jacket with a labeling of their name and a cactus plant. Cincinnati has navy blue jackets with their nametag. Michigan, however, has just the the plain navy blue windbreaker. Akron Ohio, cannot be missed with their

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bright yellow windbreakers. Windsor in Ontario, Canada, distinguishes themselves with light blue windbreakers marked "Puma Power". Other Canadian delegations have been seen marching around with their national flag.

Delegations wearing hats come from Chicago, Illinois; Spokane, Washington; Boston, Massachusetts; Cleveland, Ohio; and Wichita, Kansas. Wichita delegates wear cowboy hats with a big sunflower, Kansas' state flower. Spokane delegates wear purple berets. Cleveland in dedication to their large port wear sailor hats with pins on them saying "Cleveland Now". Boston members wear black three-cornered hats, trimmed with gold.

There are still left those who wore complete costumes- Battle Creek, Michigan and Owensboro, Kentucky. Battle Creek delegates have uniforms of white levis and navy blue turtle-neck T-shirts. Last but not least, Kentucky delegates wear blue jean cut-offs, T-shirts, and hillbilly hats.

By Mary Bodie

J.A.'s FUTURE

How important J.A. is to the future,
For it is the future,
For it is the hope,

For it is the knowledge,
For it is the enthusiasm;
For without it we would fail.

Without experience there is no knowledge,
Without knowledge, no hope.

STRANGE NAMES

The most oxygenated name at the National Junior Achievers Conference belongs to Rusty Pipes of the Chicago Delegation.

CANDIDATES SPEAK...

The following six candidates for President were asked these two questions.

1. As a candidate for president, what are your objectives for J.A. in the coming year?
2. What funny or peculiar things happened to you while you were campaigning?

Here are their responses:

Alan Fogg

Alan has many new ideas for the Conference and J.A.. Because of J.A.'s Golden Anniversary he wants to work for more publicity. He wants to set up National and Regional clinics, and get the President to proclaim a National J.A. Day. This has been brought up in the resolutions committee. He wants more Newsletters with information about the officers and all of the J.A. areas. He wants to write and speak to as many groups and people as possible. In conclusion he said, "The world today is faced with grave situations. I am sure that with our generation, which is made up of people like the achievers at this Conference, the tensions among other nations and even those that exist within our own nation will cease."

Alan has been plagued with the problem of his opponents' campaigners walking up to him and giving him their campaign material.

Gerry Kaufhold

Gerry says that he realizes the limitations in setting the policies of the Conference. He doesn't want to make bold promises that can't be realized; therefore, he wants to devote his full effort towards initiating a drive to obtain a million J.A.'ers. He plans to do this by traveling, coresponding, and other means. Gerry ended, "This year's Conference has been great, but you ain't seen nothing yet."

Gerry seems to be attracting compliments. A girl told him yesterday that all the candidates were alike.

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Rod Miller

Rod has many ambitious ideas for the next Conference. He would like to bring in top captains of achievement to rub shoulders with the achievers in the workshops. He wants to increase international participation in NAJAC, in the sense of closer relations. He'd like to bring in international businessmen to visit and find out about J.A. Because of the 50th anniversary he wants businessmen who attend the conference to be shown step by step how a J.A. co. is set up. Rod ended saying, "I believe that a NAJAC president should be like a quarterback... able to call the right plays and coordinate activities- not like a cheerleader who merely chants them."

Trello Prince

Trello's main goal is to work for a membership goal of one million. He feels that by the year 2,000 J.A. will be mandatory for future businessmen. He feels that by being President he can help make J.A. such an organization. He concluded, "Because J.A. is a perfect program, my desire is to push and build that perfection."

John Vlcek

John said that his objective is to increase communications between the sections and regions. He wishes to initiate a literary newsletter to supplement the current Newsletter. He wants to work for a streamlining of the Conference. He stated that the discussion topic for the next Conference would be "how to improve the conference itself." He wants to start the Conference earlier on Sunday so that the delegates will have a more relaxed orientation. John ended saying, "The individual is the most important element of the Conference, so I will strive to make the Achievers Conference more worthwhile for the individual."

John's only problem was getting to one of his interviews, which was to take place in the Student Union. Not only are the directions to the Union somewhat complex, but there are five entrances. Unlucky as he was, he tried four before finding the correct door.

Woody Willis

Woody believes that J.A. needs more and better publicity. He wants better communication between achievers, staff, and the business community. Woody concluded, "I'm tired of seeing J.A. on the obituary page!"

by Steven Jacobson