

The 62nd National FFA Convention

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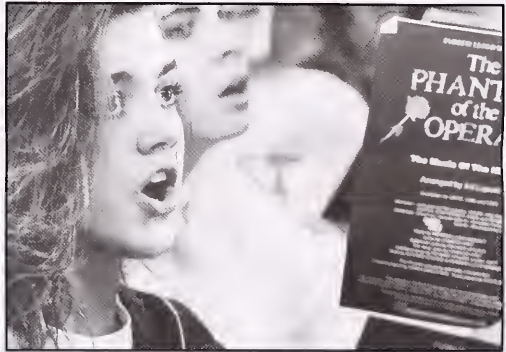
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David Tometich will not soon forget his two days of convention glory. Less than 24 hours after he was named Star Agribusinessman of America, his name was announced as the national winner of the Agricultural Sales and/or Service proficiency award.

Several hundred young entertainers found convention week to be a chance for growth through the national band, chorus and talent programs. The hours of rehearsal were long, yet the payoffs became apparent when the gifted students stood before their peers to perform.



Final registration figures totalled 23,764, and between sessions, hotel elevators, restaurants and sidewalks were jammed with excited FFA members, enjoying their stay in the city.



Looking as much like brothers as a national officer team, the six officers presented a well-received vespers program on Wednesday evening. From left, top row, Brad Chambliss, Jaye Hamby and Jeff Isom. Bottom row, Warren Boerger, Dana Soukup and Jeff Johnson.





Like clockwork it began. As if on cue, the ritual known as the National FFA

Convention took shape. Workers hoisted in place the giant stage curtains and FFA emblems to transform the Municipal Auditorium arena into a panorama of blue and gold. National officer candidates anxiously paced the halls outside their interviewing room while soon-to-be retired officers completed last-minute details in their Allis Plaza hotel rooms. Chorus, band and talent members spent hours in rehearsal, perfecting their numbers. And, across the land, FFA members began their journeys to Kansas City.

The hours flew swiftly by as FFA staff and convention

managers made last-minute preparations. National Agricultural Career Show exhibitors readied their display booths. Official delegates diligently studied committee assignments and debated constitutional issues. As the sunlight faded on Wednesday and the lights of Kansas City twinkled on, eager throngs of FFA members gathered for the vespers program and their first chance to see and hear the officers, chorus and talent in action.

On Thursday's opening tap of the gavel, an appreciative audience of students, teachers, moms, dads, business leaders and proud supporters of the organization watched a program unfold that was based upon time-honored traditions and once-in-a-lifetime special occurrences.

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These are times to remember.



With a 16mm film camera on his shoulder, Tim Martin of Venard Films documented the week for the new convention film, which will be released in spring 1990. The film will include footage from four conventions—1986 through 1989—and is sponsored by CIBA-GEIGY Corporation.



Debbie Turner, Miss America 1990, served as an eloquent spokesperson for achievement when she addressed the convention on Wednesday afternoon. Following her remarks, she signed countless autographs and delighted her many admirers with her affable personality.

Intensity built quickly during the Wednesday afternoon business session as delegates debated controversial constitutional amendments: delegate reapportionment and American FFA Degree requirements.



Józwiak Piotr of Opole, Poland, far right, spent his first full day in America at the FFA convention, yet he and two other international exchange students had their minds on events half a world away. Laszlo Szabo, center, of Szekesfehervar, Hungary, and Ribor Czigany of Enying, Hungary, were in thoughtful moods as they discussed the political turmoil in Eastern Europe with Piotr.

"We watched TV all night," said Szabo, referring to the opening of the Berlin Wall in East Germany. "It is a bloodless revolution," he said, "I think it is a historic moment."





These are the days to hold on to.



As with every other convention, the spectacle of the Stars Over America pageant, the thrill of the national speaking contest finals and the excellence of the musical performances captivated those in attendance. The national officers' retiring addresses, the awarding of American FFA Degrees and the recognition of National FFA Foundation sponsors once again served as a motivational force for the thousands who jammed Municipal Auditorium.

Each national convention, however, develops its own "personality" because of the many singular events which, combined, make it unique.

The 62nd convention will be remembered as the gathering at which *The National FUTURE FARMER* magazine was born anew as *FFA New Horizons*, as the week that newly designed FFA emblems first graced blue and gold jackets and as the occasion of William C. Moffit's inaugural directorship of the National FFA Band.

For the first time, the American Royal Queen competition was replaced by the American Royal Ambassador program. This new scholarship competition for young men and women is meant to "encourage leadership and community service," said Nancy Williams, spokesperson for the American Royal Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Bonnie Kay Haws and Shane A. Belohrad were chosen by interview on Thursday and introduced at a presentation dinner that evening at the Doubletree Hotel. Haws, of Portage, Ohio, and Belohrad, of Leigh, Neb., were charged with representing the American Royal and FFA for one year. Both were awarded scholarships.

A special treat provided early in the Thursday evening

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Wayne Sprick, executive director of the National Young Farmers Educational Association, captured the attention of four star candidates between interviews at the Kansas City Club Thursday.



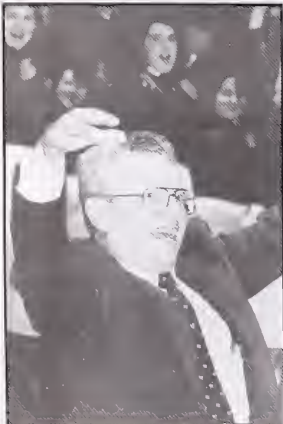


A man with a mission, Director William Bennett of the Office of National Drug Control Policy spoke earnestly with FFA members about the drug problems plaguing America. Bennett, charged with heading the federal war on drugs, urged the young people to avoid illegal substances and reminded them that no one starts out as an addict.

This is the time but time is going to change.

William C. Moffit and his merry band livened things up at Tuesday evening's Band, Chorus and Talent Dinner.

During his first year as national band director, Moffit charmed the members with his dry wit and dedication to his craft. Moffit, who lives in Jacksonville, Fla., has more than 37 years experience directing bands and arranging music.





Actor Ed Asner joined state secretaries, commissioners and directors of agriculture on stage Thursday morning and made brief remarks. He was in Kansas City to participate in the unveiling of the National Farmer's Memorial at the Agricultural Hall of Fame.



Former professional football player Terry Bradshaw served as kickoff speaker at Thursday morning's session. Bradshaw's appearance was courtesy of H.J. Heinz Company Foundation.



session was a dramatic departure in convention entertainment. A laser show, sponsored by ICI Americas Inc., captivated the audience with its clever graphic depictions of two well-known popular songs, "America" by Neil Diamond and "God Bless the U.S.A." by Lee Greenwood. With the use of smoke and lasers, the "Salute to FFA" program fascinated its viewers.

Also on Thursday evening was the premiere of "Agriculture's New Professionals," a film produced to highlight and encourage agricultural careers. Sponsored by John Deere, the 14-minute film would be available for chapters to purchase or receive on free loan when they returned home from the convention.

Clayton Yeutter, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, waved to the crowd following his remarks during the Friday morning session. Yeutter had just received the Honorary American FFA Degree.

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Another debut took place on Friday morning when three 30-second television spots for FFA premiered. Sponsored by Monsanto Agricultural Company, the PSAs would help generate awareness and enthusiasm for the diverse careers in agriculture.

A distinguished group of speakers shared their thoughts and insights from the lectern. U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yeutter and William Bennett, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, offered FFA members a rare opportunity to hear firsthand the Bush Administration's philosophies on agriculture and drug policy, respectively.

Entertaining and challenging presentations were given by Terry Bradshaw, sponsored by H.J. Heinz Company





You've given me the best of you.

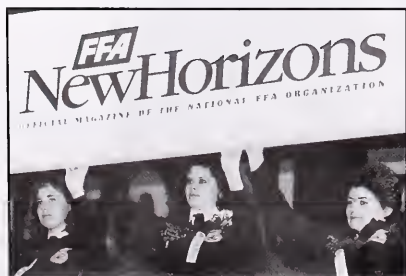
Foundation; Ty Boyd, sponsored by Ford Division—Ford Motor Company; Robert Swan, sponsored by Amway; Mamie McCullough, sponsored by Farmland Industries, Inc. and Charles Duke, sponsored by Charles Duke Enterprises. A special treat for the convention delegates was the appearance of Miss America 1990, Debbye Turner, made possible by Chevrolet.

Many rich moments ticked by during the convention, but years from now, no doubt what most participants will

Their year of service drawing to a close, national officers took every opportunity to demonstrate their feelings for each other. Following Brad Chambliss' retiring address, the other officers joined him on stage.



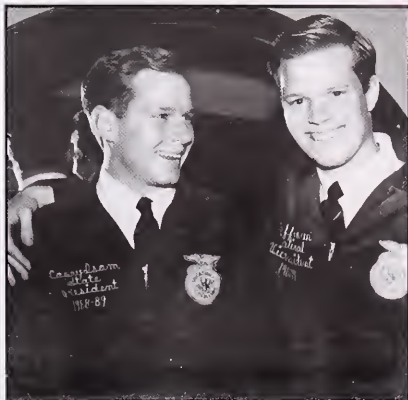
A new era in agriculture was unveiled Thursday morning. Members of the FFA New Horizons committee held the FFA magazine name and design high for viewing by the arena crowd.



remember is how this convention made them feel.

As one former national chorus member put it: "It's been nearly 15 years since I sang with the chorus, but I can still remember the lump I had in my throat during the last session. Never before had I felt such a feeling of self-worth, such a sense of excitement about what my life might hold. Today, I may be 31 years old, but even if I live to be 85, I will always have a little part of me that is 16 again, whenever I think of my first time in a spotlight."

Following Friday afternoon's American FFA Degree ceremony, National Vice President Jeff Isom gave brother Casey a hug. There was more cause for celebration a day later when Casey's name was called during the Nominating Committee report. Jeff joyfully escorted Casey to the stage to be installed as National Vice President of the western region. The last brothers to be selected as national officers were Elvin Caraway, 1978, and Bill Caraway, 1983.



National Chapter Awards

Sponsored by Cotrel Corporation

Jackets nearly bursting with pride, members accepted national awards on behalf of their chapters Thursday afternoon. Each had earned a special place in the line that curled behind the convention stage. All these chapters had proven their excellence in carrying out a program of activities.

All chapters were designated as gold, silver or bronze winners. First-time recipients went home with a plaque designating their standing; others received a spur to be affixed to the plaque they already had at home.

GOLD

ALABAMA Jacksonville Gold
ARIZONA Antelope; Peona
CALIFORNIA Kingsburg; Mt. Whitney-Visalia
FLORIDA Branford; Cheffland Senior; Sarasota Vo Ag; Trenton Senior
ILLINOIS Amboy; Chicago Ag. Science; Clisna Park; Sycamore
INDIANA Clifton Central; Woodlan
IOWA Buffalo Center Bison; Gultenberg; North Polk
KANSAS Clay Center; Concordia; Jackson Heights; Mankato; Plainville
MAINE Limestone
MINNESOTA Cannon Falls; Greenbush; New Ulm; Wilmar
MISSOURI Carthage; El Dorado Springs; Eidon; Memphis; Owensville; Stockton; Troy; Union
NEBRASKA Blue Hill; Leigh; Norris; St. Edward
NEW YORK Chateaugay
NORTH CAROLINA North Irédell; Sun Valley
OHIO Amanda-Clearcreek; Anna; East Clinton; Mississinawa Valley; New Lexington; River Valley; Wilmington
OKLAHOMA Adair; Amber-Pocasset; Chickasha; Chisolm; Copan; Elgin; Holdenville; Kingston; Konawa; LaVene; Pawnee; Ripley; Tipton; Weatherford; Woodward
SOUTH DAKOTA Elkton
TENNESSEE Bartlett; Bradley; Riverside; White House
TEXAS Callahan; Iowa Park; Kingwood; Mansfield; Pleasanton; Robert E. Lee; Ross S. Sterling; Ysleta
VERMONT Esenbourg
VIRGINIA Broadway; Essex; James Wood; Spotswood; Strasburg
WASHINGTON Elma; Winlock
WISCONSIN Darlington; Denmark; Monroe

LOUISIANA Hathaway; Lacassine; Oak Grove
MICHIGAN Coruna; Langsburg; Marshall; Unionville-Sebewaing Area
MISSOURI Chillicothe; Four Rivers
AVTS Washington; Hartville; McDonald County; Monroe City R-1; Rolla Area Vocational-Technical
MONTANA Flathead; Park City
NEBRASKA Grand Island Northwest; Verdigris; Waverly
NEVADA Churchill City; Ruby Mountain
NEW HAMPSHIRE Much-To-Do
NEW MEXICO Goddard; Raton
NEW YORK Sidney
NORTH CAROLINA Williams Township
NORTH DAKOTA: Lisbon; Rugby
OHIO: Indian Valley; Marysville; Miami Trace
OKLAHOMA: Guthrie; Marlow; Perry; Springer; Tecumseh
PENNSYLVANIA: Manheim; Twin Valley
SOUTH CAROLINA: Dorman; Green Sea Floyds
SOUTH DAKOTA: Bowdle; Menno; Roslyn
TENNESSEE: Cherokee; Lexington; McMinn County; Pook; Powell Valley
TEXAS: Boiker; Cal Farley's Boys Ranch; Katy; Lorena; Mission; Orange Grove
UTAH: Bear River
VIRGINIA: Laurel Park; Montevideo Intermediate; Stonewall Jackson Junior; W.R. Legge
WASHINGTON: Yelm
WEST VIRGINIA: Marion County
WISCONSIN: Blanchardville-Pecatonica; Bloomer; Clear Lake; Evansville; Marshfield; Mauston; New Auburn; Spencer
WYOMING: Wind River

BRONZE

ALABAMA: Brantley; Crossville; Ider; Long High; Paramount; Russellville
ARKANSAS: Brookland; Hartford; Lavaca; Lonoke; Marshall; Prairie Grove; Stuttgart
CALIFORNIA: Hanford; La Puente Valley ROP; Norco; Santa Rosa; Sonoma; Turlock
COLORADO: Byers; Delta; Dolores; Haxtun; Hoehne; Valley
CONNECTICUT: Northwestmead; Rockville
DELAWARE: Sussex Central
FLORIDA: Indian River; Latayette Senior; Lake Butler Junior; Lake Butler Senior; New Smyrna Beach Middle; Prince de Leon Senior; West Orange
GEORGIA: Franklin County High; Pelham
IDAHO: Kuna; Meridian
ILLINOIS: Clifton Central; DeKalb; Salem; Sparland; Warsaw
INDIANA: Angola; Shenandoah; Tri High
IOWA: Alburnett; Anamosa; Harlan; Mount Ayr; North Fayette; North Linn; Vinton
KANSAS: Westmoreland
KENTUCKY: Barren County; Daviess County High; East Hardin; Logan County; McLean County; Oldham County
LOUISIANA: South LaFourche
MARYLAND: Catoctin; Clear Spring
MICHIGAN: Branch Area Career Center; Byron; Centerville
MINNESOTA: Atwater-Grove City-Cosmos; Worthington
MISSISSIPPI: Carthage; Hamilton
NEBRASKA: Ansley; Kimball County; Scribner-Snyder
NEW JERSEY: Allentown; Warren Hills
NORTH CAROLINA: Chase; Forest Hills; North Lenor; Southern Wayne
NORTH DAKOTA: Bottineau; J.E. Eastgate; Wilston
OHIO: Ansonia; Bloom-Carroll; National Trail;

Talawanda
OKLAHOMA: Blair; Cushing; Idabel; Indiana; Prague; Wats; Weleetka
OREGON: Amity; Perrydale; Yamhill-Canton
PENNSYLVANIA: Greenwood; Lower Dauphin; Northem Lebanon; Selingsgrove
RHODE ISLAND: Sclatua
SOUTH CAROLINA: McBee; Pleasant Hill
TENNESSEE: Doyle; Northeast; Paris; Warren County; Woodbury
TEXAS: Alvin; Brownsboro; Clear Creek; Clint; Dayton; Dumas; Ennis; Franks; Garland; Gilmer; Godley; Groesbeck; Jacksboro;

Livingston; McGregor; Northwest; Raymondville; San Perita; South Garland; Sulphur Springs; Westlaco
UTAH: Tooele
VERMONT: Lake Region
VIRGINIA: Appomattox Senior; Carroll County; Lee-Davis; Park View Senior
WASHINGTON: Cathlamet; Evergreen; Female; Mountain View
WEST VIRGINIA: Ripley
WISCONSIN: Black Hawk; Bonduel; Green Bay East; Janesville-Parker; Shullsburg;
WYOMING: Chiel Washlake; Gillette



Rainer Boyer



Bill Smith

International

Bill Smith of Ashland-Greenwood, Neb., and Rainer Boyer of Coesfeld, West Germany, intrigued the convention audience on Saturday morning with tales of their experiences as international program participants. What follows are excerpts from their texts.

Rainer Boyer: My town is near Dusseldorf and three hours from Frankfurt. This year, I am staying in Lathrop, Mo., 40 miles north of Kansas City.

I live with the Ed Shreubury family and now have four new brothers, three sisters-in-law and three nieces. My new family has made me very much a part of everything—they even let me help sort and load cattle one hour after I arrived at the farm. The Shreubury's farm, 3,500 acres.... The average German farm is 33 acres.

...I am in the United States on a full scholarship funded by the Congress-Bundestag program, which is a part of FFA World Agriculture Studies. The Congress-Bundestag works with the Carl Duisberg Gesellschaft (CDG) in West Germany and the FFA in the United States. The CDG is an organization that sends German students to another country to study. This is the third year for the agricultural exchange. In this exchange, 15 German young farmers come to America and 15 Americans go to Germany. These students must live on a farm and attend agricultural classes. I wish to thank the host families that make these exchange programs possible.

Over a year ago, I sent my application to the CDG and took a test. At Christmas time, the organization sent me the ticket to fly to America and let me know that I had won the scholarship. In April, I was notified about my host family.

I think it is very good for young people to stay in another country. It is important to learn about the

people, culture, customs and language. I hope that when I return I will have a better understanding of American farming and others will better understand Germany. With the knowledge gained through these programs, we can make a difference in the world.

Bill Smith: The greatest learning experience anyone could have is to learn about a different culture—the food, the language, the government, the agriculture...

Last year, on Thanksgiving Day, a fellow FFA member named Jim Brown, from Montana, and I were traveling back from Vienna, Austria, to our farm in Hungary. As we crossed the border, we found ourselves in a train station in a little snow-covered village. Jim and I had just missed the last train for the night and we couldn't catch another until the next morning at 6:30. Having little money, we decided to stay in the station for the night. About 10 minutes later, forty Russian soldiers walked into the room. They too, had missed their train and had no place to go.

I recall how afraid Jim and I were. We knew that unless we said something right away, the entire night would be miserable. We had brought back a USA T-shirt from Vienna, and we decided to hold it up in hopes of attracting their attention. About five seconds later, we peeked over the paper to see all 80 eyes on us.

I quickly motioned for them to come over; sure enough, all of them came dashing over. We stayed up all night talking. Yes, talking! You see, we didn't know Russian and they didn't speak English, but we all knew a fair bit of Hungarian. And we all learned to use a great deal of non-verbal communication. When it was time for our trains to leave, one of the soldiers came over to me and pressed this military pin into my hand as we shook hands goodbye.

National Band



The spirited National FFA Band provided a wealth of sound for convention sessions. Todd Schmidt of Spring Hill, Kan., and Danny Oliver of Scottsville, Ky., top, joined other members from across the country to constitute the "mail-order" band. Below, the band raised their instruments in salute.



Sponsored by Landmark Genetics, Inc. and Manna Pro Corporation

Director: William Moffit
Assistant Director: Gene Englerth
Chaperone assistants: Jeannette Moffit, Ed
Schultz and Sue Beute

ARIZONA: Nathan Haynie, St. David, Trumpet

ARKANSAS: Harris Hopper, Royal, Trombone;
Jennifer Lowe, Elizabeth, Flute

CALIFORNIA: Brandy McWalters, Maxwell,
Flute

CONNECTICUT: Jennifer Kingstork, Rockville,
Trumpet; Kellie Moffat, Naugatuck, Clarinet

IDAHO: David Hansem, Oakley, Trumpet; Amy
May, Troy, Flute

ILLINOIS: Wendy Cherry, Stockton, Percussion;
Tammy Daniels, Waterloo, Clarinet; Travis
McIntyre, Coulterville, Trombone; Brian
Toberman, Nokomis, Tenor Sax; Bob Wright,
Arowsmith, Electric Guitar

INDIANA: Chris Hill, Brookston, Trombone;
Robert Zoman, La Grange, Baritone
Bass Class

IOWA: Nicole Dorney, Mount Ayr, Bassoon;
Rachel Kneeder, Creston, Alto Sax; Brenda
Macon, Clarion, Alto Sax; Jeff Oberholtz,
Guthrie Center, Percussion; Jon Swenson,
Belmond, Baritone Sax; Rick Vanderflugh,
Grand River, Trumpet; Matt Weesner, Conydon,
Trumpet

KANSAS: Justin Jones, Wamego, Trombone;
Todd Schmidt, Mt. Hope, Tuba; Lisa Soetaert,
Spring Hill, Percussion; Shauna Sites,
WaKeeney, French Horn

KENTUCKY: Mike Camenisch, Stanford,
Baritone Sax; Beth Jewell, Boaz, Trumpet;

Danny Oliver, Scottsville, Tuba

MARYLAND: Mike Buckley, Manchester,
Trombone; Becky Smith, Knoxville, Baritone
Bass Class

MICHIGAN: Stacy Beute, Belding, Trumpet;
Scott Ralston, Akron, Baritone Bass Class;
Rebecca Smith, Waldron, French Horn; Andrea
Westedt, Nunica, Clarinet

MINNESOTA: Heidi Anderson, Buffalo Lake,
Bass Clarinet; Marie Arnold, Caledonia, Flute;

Paula Barness, Hancock, Alto Sax; Dawn
Bonthus, Storden, Clarinet; Les Haack,
Ononoco, French Horn; Jason Shippy,
Ivanhoe, Trombone

MISSISSIPPI: Eric Meador, Laurel, Trumpet;
Clark Reynolds, Union, Baritone Treble Clef

MISSOURI: Clark, Sweet Spring, Trumpet; Brenda
Jones, Chillicothe, Clarinet; Lillie Ann Pitts,
Bronaugh, Contra Alto Class; Allen Ziebarth,
Macon, Tuba

MONTANA: Doug Ainsbrey, Bridger, Trumpet;
John Dana, Anaconda, Tuba; Barry Krapp,
Hilger, Trumpet

NEBRASKA: Marilyn Boli, Burwell, Flute; Julie
Nelson, Dannebrog, Clarinet; James Pavik,
Verdugo, Trumpet

NEVADA: Chester George, Winnemucca, Alto
Sax; Leah Rawson, Logandale, Percussion

NEW HAMPSHIRE: Peter Mahoney, West
Nottingham, French Horn

NEW MEXICO: Craig Bouvet, Garfield, Tuba

NEW YORK: Shawn Renaud, Canton, Clarinet

NORTH CAROLINA: Fred Fulkerson, Clarkton,
Trumpet

NORTH DAKOTA: Greg Anderson, Cummings,
Alto Sax; Grelchen Anderson, Carrington,
French Horn; Elizabeth Kopp, Minot, French
Horn

OHIO: Stephanie Barber, Oak Harbor, Clarinet;

Carrie Coomer, Versailles, Twirler;
Janet La Curnsky, Oak Harbor, Oboe; Karleen
Ratloff, Londonderry, Flute; Amy Wittman,
Grayton, Bassoon

OKLAHOMA: Elizabeth Crews, Holdenville,
French Horn; Trad Edwards, Stroud, Tuba; Matt
Garnett, Cashion, Percussion; Mami Hannah,
Stillwater, Trumpet; Doug Kizziar, Billings,
Trombone; Kathy Krejssek, Medford, Flute;
Jennifer Snow, Alta, French Horn; Matthew
Storm, Kingfisher, Trumpet

OREGON: Eric Smith, Independence, Tuba

PENNSYLVANIA: Dale Heagy, Annville,
Trombone; Tonya Scholl, Elizabethville, Clarinet

RHODE ISLAND: Elizabeth Johnson, Exeter,
Bass Clarinet; Seth Johnson, Exeter, Tenor Sax

SOUTH CAROLINA: Lee Mayfield, Wellford,
Alto Sax

SOUTH DAKOTA: Mark Gross, Bridgewater,
Trombone

TENNESSEE: Valerie Morgan, White House,
Flute

TEXAS: Kelly Baker, Pinedale, Trumpet; Byron
Cox, Grandfalls, Trombone; Jamie Dunklin, La
Rue, Percussion; Karissa Hawkes, Houston,
Oboe; Eric Terwilliger, Grandfalls, Trombone;

Devnie York, Round Rock, Baritone Treble Clef

WASHINGTON: Amie Jo Mathes, Pateros,
Clarinet; Lornie Murphy, Orondo, Flute; Pam
Neiffer, Ohlito, Trumpet; Lynn Reichmann,
Cashmere, Flute; Cheryl Lynn Van Beek,
Othello, Bassoon

WISCONSIN: Albert Baker, Mt. Horeb,
Trumpet; Beth Burg, Moricetown, Bass Clarinet;
Jeff Outler, New London, Percussion; Ann
Gruenberger, Campbellston, Clarinet; Ben
Kono, Rice Lake, Tenor Sax; Amy Lang-
necker, Hartford, Alto Sax; Marie Lee, Elk
Mound, Baritone Sax; Peggy Timmerman, Cuba
City, Trombone

That's Entertainment!

Convention goes ever
astounded by the array of
musical talent seen on stage
at the 62nd convention. Yet,
the young performers were
only continuing strong tradi-
tions established in 1932
when Texas sent their brass
band to the national conven-
tion. A national band was
created in 1947, and a na-
tional chorus followed in
1948.

The processes for choos-
ing band, chorus and talent
members haven't changed
much over the years.

Band, chorus and talent
members were selected by
mail, with each state eligible
to nominate students. Each
qualified applicant submitted
an audio tape. Band Director
William Moffit and Chorus
Director Stan Kingma made
the difficult decisions for
their respective groups.
Because this selection took
place months before the
convention, members were
able to practice their music in
advance, leaving time in
Kansas City to polish their
numbers.

The talent program,
directed by Gary Maricle,
held auditions in Kansas City
for FFA members who
wished to perform during
sessions and at meal func-
tions.

For some performers, the
convention week was a
coveted chance to solo before
thousands. For all, it was a
flurry of rehearsals and
appearances, highlighted by
their moments under the
spotlight.

National Chorus



Venus Campos and her national chorus counterparts brought down the house with a stirring rendition of "The Wind Beneath My Wings" at the start of Thursday night's session. Campos, a second-year chorus member, first became a favorite at the 61st convention.

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Director: Stan Kingma
Assistant Director: Owen Robbins
Chaperones and assistants: Marilyn Kingma, Joe Kingma

- ALABAMA:** Ronald Gatlin, Lester, Dewayne Owses, Thomasville; Abel Sisco, Geraldine
ARKANSAS: Melissa Bennett, Camden, Amy Haid, Siloam Springs
COLORADO: Rhonda Allen, Mancos
CONNECTICUT: Paul Stansel, Vernon
FLORIDA: Venus Campos, Lutz, Beth Douglas, High Springs; Andrea Knight, Mascotte
GEORGIA: Amy Truett, Byron
IDAHO: Cory Bench, Oakley
ILLINOIS: Jennifer Ash, Watseka; Vincent Egoff, Claytonville; Tim Marriott, Mt. Carmel; Andrew Maves, Peotone; Maria Poelinitz, Chicago; Cameron Shields, Cissna Park
INDIANA: Greg Bauman, Berne; Jon Schroeder, Reynolds
IOWA: Connie Baker, Jewell; Tracy Bowers, Toddville; Angie Brooks, Delmar; Debbie Christman, Sheldahl; Carrie Eichelberger, Muscatine; Scott Finn, Creston; Stephanie Gray, Otley; Jason Hosch, Applington; Jeff Knobloch, Alford; Mike Koester, West Union; Mark Reisinger, Eldora; Jerry Rens, Larchwood; Tim Schnell, Cedar Rapids; Scott Wederstein, Audubon; Melissa Wilder, Decorah
KANSAS: Polly Gaines, Newton; Denoya Garman, Mankato; Joseph Jackson, LaCygne; Richard Thompson, Mankato; Jay Weers, Williamsburg; Kelly Wheeler, Abilene
KENTUCKY: Beth Henderson, Irvington
MASSACHUSETTS: Gretchen Wyckoff, Hopkinton
MICHIGAN: Becky Barlow, Ossineke; Dawn Peltzer, Lennox; Diane Stevens, Hillman
MINNESOTA: Kevin Johnson, Storden;

- Reed Peterson, Danvers; Brent Snyder, Campbell
MISSOURI: Ron George, Bolivar; Matt Golorth, Butler; Melissa Grooms, Couch; Cindy Harkins, Hale; Christi Huff, Sparta; John Irwin, Bois d'Arc; Leslie Maller, Marshall; Walter Miller, Arbela; Lynette Phillips, Liberal; Kristi Sampson, Hartville; Jason Spairhour, Dawn; Andrew Sportsman, Skidmore; Scott Veatch, Trenton; Johnny Viebrock, Cole Camp
MONTANA: Marcia Mehling, Willard; John Pavex, Colstrip
NEBRASKA: Lark Bowmaster, Erickson; Corey Keller, Monroe; Holly Placek, Beatrice
NEW JERSEY: Niña Mezzacappa, Freehold
TW
NORTH DAKOTA: Tracy Ekeren, Enderlin; Britt Evenson, Williston; Danielle Thompson, Windmere
OHIO: Ginger Adams, Woodstock; Allen Aichholz, Attica; Rick Bachman, Grand Rapids; Karrick Wilson, Somerville
OKLAHOMA: Kelli Bouteller, Yukon; Kelly Colyar, Blackwell; Melanie McClure, Holdenville
OREGON: Shad Hansen, Ontario; Danae Patterson, Central Point
PENNSYLVANIA: Jennifer Brown, Coudersport
SOUTH CAROLINA: Barry Anderson, Nichols; Lee Barrett, West Columbia; Paul Collins, Nichols
SOUTH DAKOTA: Paul Fuller, Clark; Melissa Hinders, Big Stone City; Shawn Holer, Marion; Aleta Jaspers, Eden; Nicole Kost, Harrisburg; David R. Lynn, Elkton; David Yexley, Bradley
TEXAS: Anetius Clark, Anahuac; Nicki Moor, Hankamer; Linda Reza, El Paso
UTAH: Jonathan Peterson, American Fork
WASHINGTON: Krisli Scholz, Orting; Adam Thomson, Brewster; Kimberley Thome, Pasco; Trina Wells, Pasco
WISCONSIN: Lynda DeHaan, Madison; Matthew Hernes, Hubertus

National Talent

Sponsored by Ford Division— Ford Motor Company

- Director: Gary Maricle
Assistant: Suzette Bazen
ARKANSAS: Shellee Morris, Nettleton
CALIFORNIA: Cynthia Hall, Hughson; Michelle Hill, Lamore Union
COLORADO: Dená K. Davis, Woodlin; Thea Leigh Hunter, Woodlin
DELAWARE: Robert D. Wilson, Sussex
FLORIDA: JoAnna Lynn Fortner, Suwannee
GEORGIA: Mike Brannon, Cook; Lara Bush, Cook; Stacy Duren, Cook; Jody Fulch, Cook; Becky James, Cook; Chris Webb, Cook
IOWA: Thressa Sockerson, Arkeny; Georgia Slizer, Knoxville
IDAHO: Hollie Tiegs, Melba; Krista Tiegs, Melba; Tammie Tiegs, Melba
ILLINOIS: Damisha L. Cowan, Chicago; Christy E. Goewey, Chicago; Judith A. Gordon, Chicago; Christie Words, Chicago
INDIANA: Scott Clouse, Clinton; Alan Dunn, Clinton; Todd Jenkins, Clinton; Brad Lawler, Clinton; Wade Ruse, Clinton; Todd Myers, South Adams
KANSAS: Stacey L. Hager, Girard; Janette J. O'Toole, Girard
MAINE: Kelly J. Harmon, Presque Isle
MICHIGAN: Mark Jacoby, Unionville-Sebewaing
MINNESOTA: John Haberman, Brewster; Kristen Hill, Brewster; Chris Hill, Brewster; Alan Groene, Brewster; Lance Malenke, Brewster; Matt Wasmund, Brewster; Amy Watje, Brewster; Michelle Schaulier, Leroy-Ostrander; Julie Eastvold, Leroy-Ostrander; Wendy Harrington, West; Kristi Neprud, West; Christine

- Forseih, West; James Aalgaard, West; Bob Noel, West; Grant Christanson, West; Heather Anderson, West
MISSISSIPPI: Nicole Rinehart, Jumptown
MISSOURI: Karen Sue Cox, East Buchanan
MONTANA: Dennis Ayers, Denton; Ronald DeLane Cox, Sun Valley; Dean Y. Jardee, Carier
NEVADA: Suzette Lytle, Pahrnagat Valley
NEW MEXICO: Chek Rippee, Floyd
NORTH CAROLINA: Kenneth Ray Cabarus, Creswell
NORTH DAKOTA: Annette Pressnall, Walpelen
OHIO: Dan Boyle, Bowling Green; Stephanie DeVier, Swiss Hills; Jorene Straszheim, National Trail
OKLAHOMA: Edward Chandler, Wetters Falls; Christina Kay Frantz, Jones; Heather Hartsfield, Coalgate; Jennifer Jones, Hollis; Amy M. LeForce, Jel-Nash; Tara Mueggengborg, Kingfisher; Amy Palmer, Glencoe; Heather Stone, Jel Nash
TENNESSEE: Scott Emerson, Northwest
TEXAS: Brad Fritz, Rockdale; Jake Jenkins, Rockdale; Mike Waldo, Rockdale; Jimmy Foster, Rockdale; Craig Jones, Cayuga; Jay Pitts, Cayuga; Derek Spence, Cayuga; Allison Moore, Duncanville; Vonda Marie Stephenson, Greenville; Lynette Thompson, Lubbock-Cooper
UTAH: Monica Allen, Tooele; Jessica Oliver, Grantsville
VIRGINIA: William H. Boswell, Lee Davis; David E. Gray, Fauquier
WASHINGTON: Rob Embody, Toledo; Jennifer Nico McVeigh, Riverview; Denise Miller, Sumner
WISCONSIN: Melissa L. Hurlburt, Black River Falls



Christina Frantz of Jones, Okla., was just one of many talented entertainers who took part in the national talent program. Frantz and her fellow performers presented a talent show on Thursday before the evening session.

Proficiency Awards

Friday night's Agricultural Proficiency Awards recognition was a parade of excellence. Regional winners, chosen by committee in July, were recognized on stage and a national winner was announced in each of 29 areas.

Proficiency awards are the yardsticks by which FFA members measure their Supervised Agricultural Experience Programs. Starting at the chapter level, members compete with their peers to capture local awards. Competitions are held on

higher levels, culminating in the national judging on Thursday of the national convention.

Regional finalists each received \$250, a plaque and a cash travel award. National winners received \$500, a plaque, a cash travel award and an invitation to join other winners on the 1990 European Travel Seminar, a three-week tour to experience the culture and agriculture of Europe.

National winners are designated by boldfaced type.

Forest Management

Stone Container Corporation and Buck Knives
 Central: Robert A. Morrow, Zim, Minn.
 Eastern: David Yarborough, Candor, N.C.
 Southern: Tyrone Calfee, Charleston, Tenn.
 Western: Hank Russell, Elma, Wash.

Fruit and/or Vegetable Production

Briggs & Stratton Corporation Foundation, Incorporated
 Central: Andrew J. Shoutz, Muscatine, Iowa
 Eastern: J.R. Marker, Winchester, Va.
 Southern: Greg Lewis, Wadesboro, Tenn.
 Western: Nik Leslie, Sumner, Wash.

Home and/or Farmstead Improvement

Uppohn, TUCO, Agrow and O's Gold, Agricultural Division of The Uppohn Company
 Central: Amy L. Brown, West Bend, Iowa
 Eastern: Curt Cline, Albany, Ohio
 Southern: John Rayfield, Sylacauga, Ala.
 Western: Daniel C. Ostrom, Powell, Wyo.

Horse Proficiency

American Quarter Horse Association
 Central: Wade Musick, Mitchell, S.D.
 Eastern: Ric Palmer, Dublin, Va.
 Southern: James S. Bell, Seville, Fla.
 Western: Sandra A. Jasper, Eatonville, Wash.

Nursery Operations

MSD AGVET Division of Merck & Co., Inc.
 Central: Douglas L. Otto, Clarkson, Neb.
 Eastern: Barry J. Meltsch, Bridgeport, N.J.
 Southern: Danny F. Hildreth, Smithville, Tenn.
 Western: Matthew Sherman, Fallbrook, Calif.

Oil Crop Production

The Chicago Board of Trade and FMC Foundation
 Central: Kelby Paske, Arlington, Wis.
 Eastern: Charlton A. Plyler, Waxhaw, N.C.
 Southern: Mark Graham, Chiefland, Fla.
 Western: Curtis Nealey, Zual, Texas

Outdoor Recreation

Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. Inc.
 Central: Thomas A. Olson, Prairie Du Chien, Wis.
 Eastern: Joey J. VanDyke, Radford, Va.
 Southern: Annette Sarnett, Westville, Fla.
 Western: Trista J. Ward, Guthrie, Okla.

Placement in Agricultural Production

DEKALB Genetics Corporation and LeaseAmerica Corporation
 Central: Jason M. Schuette, Salem, Ill.
 Eastern: Robert W. Tanner, Roseboro, N.C.
 Southern: John Barry, Cottontown, Tenn.
 Western: Brandon P. Beazer, Syracuse, Utah



National winners in the 29 proficiency areas gathered on stage after the award ceremonies.

Agricultural Electrification

National Food & Energy Council, Incorporated and Klein Tools, Incorporated
 Central: Daniel M. Koontz, Bremen, Ind.
 Eastern: Douglas L. Milligod, Washington, N.C.
 Southern: Chris Armstrong, Hayden, Ala.
 Western: Brian Johnson, Gotebo, Okla.

Agricultural Mechanics

Case IH
 Central: Paul Kerpash, Troy, Mo.
 Eastern: Greg Garner, Newport, N.C.
 Southern: Wade Ables, Ripley, Tenn.
 Western: A. Trent Pepper, Asair, Okla.

Agricultural Processing

Carnation Company
 Central: Judy Brendle, S. Utica, Ind.
 Eastern: Johnny R. Nilong, Lexington, N.C.
 Southern: Tim Williams, Lake Placid, Fla.
 Western: Jason Coddington, Kingsburg, Calif.

Agricultural Sales and/or Service

Babson Bros. Co./SURGE; Chevrolet Motor Division-Trucks, General Motors Corporation and ICI Americas Inc./Ag Products
 Central: David R. Tometch, Muscatine, Iowa
 Eastern: Angela L. Page, Dickerson, Md.
 Southern: Jeffrey C. Mathis, Vero Beach, Fla.
 Western: Scott Barrington, Bradley, Okla.

Beef Production

Nasco Division/Nasco International, Incorporated and American Simmental Association
 Central: Gary R. Todd, Union, Neb.
 Eastern: Jason L. Boyer, East Berlin, Pa.
 Southern: Robert W. Tonn, Ellon, La.
 Western: Marc Dickinson, Maybell, Colo.

Cereal Grain Production

Chrysler Motors Corporation and Unocal 76
 Central: Mike Karman, Denmark, Wis.
 Western: Odie Dowse, Flagler, Colo.

Dairy Production

Alfa-Laval Agri, Inc.; American Breeders Service and Munnia Pro Corporation
 Central: Gregory L. Willoughby, Scottsville, Ky.
 Eastern: Charles Gottier, Tolland, Conn.
 Southern: David A. DeLoach, Eaton, Ga.
 Western: Kent Erickson, Ferndale, Wash.

Diversified Crop Production

Cargill, Incorporated
 Central: Mark Gross, Bridgewater, S.D.
 Eastern: Kirk Keefer, Athens, Ohio
 Southern: Dann Bryan, La.
 Western: Valone Ermis, Agua Dulce, Texas

Diversified Livestock Production

Wayne Feed Division/Continental Grain Company and Starbar Division of Zoexon Corporation
 Central: Glen Waters, Norborne, Mo.

Eastern: Douglas Mahlerwein, Oxford, Ohio
 Southern: Suzanne M. Peaman, Arthur, Tenn.
 Western: Stephen Knutson, Clyde Park, Mont.

Feed Grain Production

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.
 Central: Blake E. Johnson, Holdrege, Neb.
 Eastern: David A. Felumlee, Newark, Ohio
 Southern: Larry R. Godwin, Bratt, Fla.
 Western: Scot Fegler, Arapahoe, Wyo.

Fiber Crop Production

Sandoz Crop Protection Corporation
 Central: James A. Hampton, Dexter, Mo.
 Eastern: Bobby J. Jackson, Godwin, N.C.
 Southern: Chris Burrough, Halls, Tenn.
 Western: Matt Muller, Allus, Okla.

Floriculture

The Lerio Corporation; The Paul Ecke Poinsettia Ranch; American Floral Development and Professional Plant Growers Association
 Central: Angela R. Tremi, Green Bay, Wis.
 Eastern: Franke Pennington, Jonesville, Va.
 Southern: Patricia Knight, Roanoke, Ala.
 Western: Thomas E. Knutson, Sumner, Wash. Tenn.

Forage Production

Gehl Company and Northrup King Company
 Central: Kirk D. Hollingsworth, Boone, Iowa
 Eastern: Jon Orr, Appie Creek, Ohio
 Southern: Darrell Chumley, Cumberland Gap, Tenn.
 Western: Judy Rezendes, Chowchilla, Calif.

Proficiency Awards

Poultry Production

Red Brand fence/Made by Keystone Steel & Wire Company; Pitman-Moore Inc. and Chore-Time Equipment, Incorporated

Central: Jeff Stauffenecker, Greenbush, Minn.
Eastern: Brad Craig, Washington C.H., Ohio
Southern: Keith Windham, Ozark, Ala.
Western: Jim L. Pigeon, Kansas, Okla.

Sheep Production

American Sheep Industry Association; Justin Boat Company; Kent Feeds, Inc. and Evergreen Mills, Inc.

Central: Jason Johnson, Delavan, Wis.
Eastern: Paul Cassell, Wytheville, Va.
Southern: Amy Golden, Arthur, Tenn.
Western: Lance Moore, Coalville, Utah

Soil and Water Management

Ford New Holland, Inc.

Central: Van E. Underwood, Markato, Kan.
Eastern: Gary Britton, Jefferson, Ohio
Southern: Jude A. Dolse, Ellon, La.
Western: Eric Veach, Dallas, Ore.

Specialty Animal Production

Purina Mills, Incorporated and Country General Stores
Central: Anthony Heavin, Coalesville, Ind.
Eastern: Herbert L. Vincent, Bridgeport, W.Va.
Southern: Mike McCracken, Avon Park, Fla.
Western: Jon Herrmann, Robstown, Texas

Specialty Crop Production

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company
Eastern: Bruce Jones, Appomattox, Va.
Southern: John Brown, Fall Branch, Tenn.
Western: Jay M. Payne, Alex, Okla.

Swine Production

Pfizer Incorporated/Agricultural Division
Central: Angela R. Brown, West Bend, Iowa
Eastern: William Starling, Autryville, N.C.
Southern: Ryan Thompson, Tifton, Ga.
Western: Jeffrey S. Tondre, San Antonio, Texas

Turf and Landscape Management

O.M. Scott & Sons
Central: Don Schieffer, Troy, Mo.
Eastern: Lionel C. Theriault, Caribou, Maine
Southern: Chris Thompson, Martinez, Ga.
Western: Joe Sohler, Gaston, Ore.

Wildlife Management

The Prudential Foundation
Central: Rodney Pennings, Denmark, Wis.
Eastern: Michael R. Loy, Winchester, Va.
Southern: Al Griffin, Lineville, Ala.
Western: Kreg A. Coggins, Enterprise, Ore.

National FFA Contests

There was no finer example of performance under pressure than the determined concentration of national contest participants. After months of training, teams converged on locations throughout Kansas City to pit themselves against entrants from other states.

National contests do more than measure expertise; they help develop it. All participants were honored for their efforts at award banquets; one held for each of the ten contests. During these meal functions, winning teams and individuals were announced.

Each first place team was presented with a trophy and all team members received a plaque. Second through fifth place teams received a plaque, and all other teams were awarded certificates ranking them as gold, silver or bronze. High individual scorers were recognized with a medal or certificate of honorable mention.

Agricultural Mechanics

Sponsored by The Firestone Trust Fund

First place team: Leroy, Minn., Tony Hyberger, Keith Hanson, Tony Kieler

High individual: Keith Hanson, Leroy, Minn.



Floriculture

Sponsored by Ortho Consumer Products Division—Chevron Chemical Co. and the National FFA Foundation General Fund

First place team: Hermann, Mo., Susan Bader, Tammy Brucknerhoff, Brenda Koeling

High individual: Susan Bader, Hermann, Mo.

Forestry

Sponsored by Homelite Division of Textron, Inc. and Champion International Corporation

First place team: Hillsville, Va., Bradley Carico, Darrn Quisenberry, Alan Webb

High individual: John Burks, Dunmore, W.Va.

Livestock

Sponsored by Purina Mills, Inc.

First place team: Waynoka, Okla., Fred Slater, Kyle Schwerdtfeger, Bryan Kutz

High individual: Kyle Schwerdtfeger, Waynoka, Okla.

Meats

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

First place team: Clovis, Calif., Geoff Gales, Tami Sagniere, Scott Gabnelson

High individual: Ryan Prciiazek, San Antonio, Texas

Nursery/Landscape

Sponsored by American Association of Nurserymen, Inc.; Wholesale Nursery Growers of America, Inc.; Kubota Tractor Corporation and CHIPCO®/Specialty Products Group of Rhone-Poulenc Ag Company

First place team: Bear Creek, N.C., Christina Brady, Robby Oldham, Jackie Caudie

High individual: Robby Oldham, Bear Creek, N.C.

Poultry

Sponsored by Tyson Foods, Inc. and Pilgrim's Pride Corporation

First place team: Springdale, Ark., Eddie Shockley, Mark McClure, Glen Walker

High individual: Mark McClure, Springdale, Ark.

Agriscience Teacher of the Year

**Sponsored by
Dow Chemical U.S.A. and
GTE Foundation**

National Winner:

Elizabeth B. Wilson,
Durham, N.C.

Elizabeth Wilson, the newest Agriscience Teacher of the Year, increased the number and quality of students enrolled at Charles E. Jordan High School through her innovative agriscience curriculum.

Wilson developed and implemented a challenging program that includes courses in agriscience, horticulture, animal science and technology. She developed and wrote the curriculum in agriscience and technology, which focuses on scientific methods, agricultural research and biotechnology. Each of her students has a unique agriscience research project ranging from aquaculture to computerized landscape design.

Each regional winner was presented a plaque and a \$500 cash award. Wilson received an additional \$1,500 cash award and a plaque.

Regional Winners:

CENTRAL: Thomas P. Cory, Ekart, Iowa; Linda W. (Schuh) Risl, Spencer, Wis.; Joe Farrell, Hill City, Kan.
EASTERN: Anthony J. Juestrich, Hammon, Mont.



Elizabeth Wilson, the first female Agriscience Teacher of the Year, was interviewed by Cyndi Young of WJL-Radio, Jacksonville, Ill.

N.J.: Charles E. Miller, Lancaster, Ohio;
Elizabeth B. Wilson, Durham, N.C.
SOUTHERN: Terry E. Queen, Blairsville, Ga.; Joseph M. Zumstein, Hohenwald, Tenn.; Darrell W. Ricketts, Green Sea, S.C.
WESTERN: Steven W. Forsythe, El Paso, Texas; Ray E. Cholewski, Raton, N.M.; Gregory A. Pile, Sumner, Wash.

State Winners:

ARKANSAS: Lloyd A. Ashlock, Harrison
CALIFORNIA: Thomas Helm, North San Juan
FLORIDA: Eugene F. Dulac, Orange City
INDIANA: Ronald W. Hefly, Auburn
KENTUCKY: Wayne Ezell, Paducah
MICHIGAN: Peter F. Siler, Alto
MISSOURI: Edward Stephens, Carthage

MONTANA: Oscar Carlu, Winifred
NORTH DAKOTA: Greg Thompson, Williston
OKLAHOMA: Bruce Akers, Comanche
SOUTH DAKOTA: John D. Rest, Bowdle
VIRGINIA: Doug Rinker, Winchester
WYOMING: Donn C. Randall, Pine Bluffs

Agriscience Student Recognition

**Sponsored by
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National Winner:

Linda Mastin,
Puyallup, Wash.

Runner-up:

Stewart Humphrey,
Lavonia, Ga.

For the second time, FFA recognized nationally the efforts of students in scientific endeavors. Eight regional winners discussed their projects with a panel of judges on Thursday, and late that afternoon, the winner's name was revealed on the auditorium stage.

National winner Linda Mastin used a school experiment in treated forage to enhance her Supervised Agricultural Experience Program in sheep production. She found that a local yeast plant by-product could be used to treat irrigated forage to improve its feed value. The treated forage compared favorably in nutrition with alfalfa and demonstrated a considerable cost advantage.

The national winner received a \$5,000 scholarship and the runner-up, a \$3,000 scholarship. All eight regional finalists earned \$2,500 for their efforts, and the fifty state winners each received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Regional Winners:

CALIFORNIA: Julia M. Adkisson, Dexter, Iowa; Keith Arave, Keameyville, W.Va.; Jill A. Brady, Henderson, Ky.; Sandra R. Goering, Newton, Kan.; Sandra Joy Harris, Leroy, W.Va.; Stewart Humphrey, Lavonia, Ga.; Linda Mastin, Puyallup, Wash.; Renee M. Smith, Waterloo, Ind.

State Winners:

CALIFORNIA: Ray Rezendes Jr., Chowchilla; Mainieu P. Salgues, Philo
FLORIDA: John A. Friend Jr., DeLeon Springs
ILLINOIS: Mark A. McCully, Varna
MINNESOTA: Jeff Feder, Madelia
MISSISSIPPI: Terri L. Cobb, Weir
MISSOURI: Michael D. Birkman, Advance
MONTANA: Dawn M. Sherwood, Miles City
NEBRASKA: Blake Johnson, Holdrege
NEW JERSEY: Elizabeth Jost, Washington
NEW MEXICO: Cheryl L. Bada, Raton; Leah Patterson, Carrizozo
NORTH CAROLINA: Kelly N. Butler, Mebane
NORTH DAKOTA: Tana R. Arnstad, Williston

OHIO: Robert J. Bridwell, Zanesville; William J. Choate, Akron
PENNSYLVANIA: Steve J. Pavlesich, Morgantown
SOUTH CAROLINA: Clay G. Britt, Nichols
SOUTH DAKOTA: Jill Hemmstra, Dorton; Mark Wagner, Wessington Springs

TENNESSEE: Kerri E. Prince, Rivesville
VIRGINIA: John T. Stelz, Stephens City; Elizabeth D. Umberger, Mechanicsville
WISCONSIN: Paul Krueger, Horicon; Jeffrey L. Zobeck, Ferryville
WYOMING: Douglas R. Woodall, Laramie



National winner Linda Mastin was presented her plaque by National FFA Vice President Warren Boerger as teacher Greg Pyle watches proudly.

Stars Over America



Jay Overton, left, and David Tometich congratulate each other after the Star Farmer and Star Agribusinessman Awards were announced.

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Star Farmer of America:

Jay Lee Overton,
Pond Creek, Okla.

Star Agribusinessman of America:

David R. Tometich,
Muscatine, Iowa

Thursday evening's "Stars Over America" pageant served as an exciting look at the business acumen of eight accomplished young people. Four star farmers and four star agribusinessmen were honored, along with their families and teachers, in a stirring ceremony.

Before the big announcement, the eight candidates spent several days touring Kansas City and attending special meetings and meal functions. On Thursday, each went before the panel of judges to explain his program and FFA accomplishments.

The records of the regional agribusinessmen were impressive, their achievements many. Star Agribusinessman of

America David Tometich of Muscatine, Iowa, has had his own sheep shearing business since age 16 and now works as a wool buyer. Barry Todd of Longs, S.C., works in his father's agricultural machinery shop and is totally responsible for projects ordered by customers. James Stern of Machipongo, Va., worked for a rose-growing operation and for the USDA Soil Conservation Service. Robert Wolfe of Hermiston, Ore., owns a sweet corn and potato marketing business.

The four star farmers were recognized for their production expertise. Star Farmer of America Jay Overton, Pond Creek, Okla., produces wheat and has a stocker and feeder calf operation. William Courter of Alma, Mich., owns 25 percent of his father's swine, dairy and crop operation and plans to be sole owner of the farm. Tony Janes of West Carroll Parish, La., incorporated agricultural engineering practices to improve the efficiency of the family beef, rice and grain operation. Scott McLamb of Midway, N.C., owns 50 percent of the family farm, where beef, swine, tobacco, grains, oil crops and fiber crops are raised.

Following the pageant, all eight candidates and their families were honored with a reception in the convention newsroom. Their next official function will be travelling on the FFA Stars International Experience Tour of Europe. Each regional star received a \$1,000 cash award; the Star Farmer of America and Star Agribusinessman of America each received an additional \$1,000.



Tammy Myer, a star candidate escort, is flanked by four of her charges at the convention. She received the Honorary American FFA Degree for her work with the stars.



The eight regional stars were given VIP treatment throughout their week in Kansas City. From left: David Tometich, Scott McLamb, Robert Wolfe, Tony Janes, James Stern, Barry Todd, Jay Overton, William Courter.

American FFA Degrees

ALABAMA: William B. Adams, Albertville; David L. Carter, Brewton; Jeff Cowan, Hartford; Richard C. Dunnaway, Ardmore; Christopher T. Garrison, Mt. Hope; Ronald S. Gatlin, Lester; Barry Gauldin, Lincoln; Terry S. Gray, Geneva; Jimmy S. Hampton, Sylacauga; William A. Hancock, Newville; Jimmy G. Holt, Athens; Paul Hudson, Opp; Steven C. Hull, Winfield; Patricia R. Knighl, Brookley; Johnny E. Knighten, Brantley; Rodney K. Lewis, Elkmont; Thomas W. Malone Jr., Lincoln; Susan A. Marin, Enterprise; Lucas C. McCollum, Mt. Hope; Theron Pettis, Brewton; Troy A. Smith, Gadsden; James T. Waters, Enterprise; Kenny M. White, Mt. Hope



ALASKA: Whitney L. Bruno, North Pole
ARIZONA: Terry L. Chacon, Tucson; David L. Cook, Kingman; Lara A. Fryer, Chandler; Shari LaSalva, Laveen; Colin L. Mellon, Yuma; Richard K. Rogers, Laveen; Shannon S. Schulz, Buckeye; Jeff Stephens, Casa Grande; David Weatherford, Laveen
ARKANSAS: Stephen Ackerman, Huntsville; Jennifer J. Barber, Lake City; Robert A. Bollinger, Greentree; Craig D. Brown, Siloam Springs; Tina L. Drummond, Elkins; Eric Hughes, Gurdon; Jamie Mundy, Siloam Springs; Brian Rajand, Marshall; Heath L. Struble, Gepp; Bradley W. Thurman, St. Joe; Shella K. Webb, Lincoln; Lonnie D. Webb, Lincoln; Jennifer Wells, Marshall; Jeffrey D. Wells, Paragould
CALIFORNIA: Darren Aldaco, Visalia; Mike Assali, Hughson; Scott Beylik, Fillmore; Rodney Bianchi, Hollister; Duarte Bergles, Winton; Christine M. Borjón, Santa Maria; David Bryson, Winton; Carrie Camarillo, Chowchilla; Helder Coelho, Fresno; Nathan C. Corpuz, Lancaster; Robert W. DeVaux, Lompoc; Wayne Edwards, Santa Paula; Carrie W. Ellington, Chico; Krisi Essegian, Colma; Corey Fagundes, Merced; Brandon W. Friesen, Livingston; Alison K.



Gibreath, Denair; Kimberly Gomes, Tulare; James J. Grossi III, Novalo; Melissa Halanaka, Esposito; Roger W. King, Petaluma; Scott Koehn, Atwater; Dawn T. Lane, Lillerock; Michael G. Layne, Sanger; Shannon Lorenzo, Fremdale; Jeffrey S. Lundberg, Santa Maria; Vincent Machado, Chowchilla; Michael L. Machado, Visalia; Tom Minetti, Guadalupe; Sayi Munir, Atwater; Dayna N. Nachtigal, Winton; Norman D. Oilar, Corning; Joseph Pacheco, Merced; Tammy Picher, Chowchilla; Damm J. Poston, Tulare; Dawn L. Ray, Chowchilla; Judy Renendez, Chowchilla; Lisa Rienstra, Fallbrook; Diane C. Rogers, Oroville; Leslie Rowley, Visalia; Jose R. Salinas, Santa Maria; Scott Sherman, Winton; Dustin D. Snyder, Firebaugh; Brenda M. Souza, Tulare; Kristi A. Sowell, Kingsburg; Chrissie Sutton, Corning; Steven A. Teixeira, Santa Maria

American FFA Degree recipients were honored on Friday afternoon as proud teachers, family members and friends looked on. The 698-member group was recognized for their attainment of degree requirements and for their outstanding performance in FFA. All stood together for the conferring of degrees and then waited patiently for their chance to walk across the stage and claim the coveted gold key and certificate.

Charles J. Vieira, Tulare; Christy A. Wenzel, Grass Valley; Brian C. Young, Oruba
COLORADO: Kevin L. Brown, Lindon, Marc Dickinson, Maybell; Mark A. Dreher, Stratton; Clark A. Miller, LaSalle; David G. Myers, Craig; Brent Newbanks, Yuma; Jason R. Pachner, Akron; David S. Reyher, Yuma; Kraig J. Roesch, McClave; Donald K. Wighl, Lincoln
CONNECTICUT: James R. Ailyn, Preston; Joseph M. Dzen, Broad Brook; Julie E. Smith, Lebanon; Janet K. Tuttle, Columbia; Laura L. Wimpfheimer, East Granby



DELAWARE: Richard Dunning, Townsend; Earl J. Hud, Clayton
FLORIDA: Cameron A. Asbell, Bronson; Dan W. Beach, Trenton; William B. Crosby, Vero Beach; Dess Fennell III, McAlpin; Stephen C. Gindl, Cantonment; Darrell Harvey, Stien S. Mary; Nicole M. Lindholm, Dunnellon; Jeffrey C. Malhis, Vero Beach; McCraken A. Malhis, Gainesville; Chris McCracken, Avon Park; Sonja J. Mullins, Sparr; Anna M. Revels, Center Hill; Robert A. Rogers, Orlando; Rebbecca D. Shaw, Mayo; William E. Thomasson, Orlando; Paul Watson, Oxford; Sidney Whitty Jr., Belf
GEORGIA: Carol A. Bailey, Dawsonville; Stacey R. Burtinton, Jackson; Christopher C. Cantrell, Ellijay; Steve Clark, Cairo; Dan Clary, Harlem; Kenneth B. Fain, Tignall; Robert A. Futch, Ellijay; Stanley Henson, Canton; Dwayne S. Higdon, Harlem; Scott Johnson, Covington; Kirk O. Lowman, Ellijay; James A. Lumpkin, Ashburn; Paul B. Martin, Cumming; Holly S. Mock, Patterson; Glenn E. Moore, Valosta; James R. Oliver, Dawsonville; Chaddrick R. Sumner, Lenoir; Samuel R. West, Ellijay
IDAHOO: Kevin J. Barker, Payette; Joseph M. Bingham, Rupert; John C. Black, Alto; Sara Brausch, Caldwell; Ryan W. Cranney, Oakley; Eileen L. Falen, Genesee; Casey N. Isom, Fremont; Julie Perkins, Bruneau; Ryan Samples, Burley; David W. Stowitwothy, Shelley; Vernon C. Wells, Buhi

ILLINOIS: Richard L. Aden, St. Joseph; John A. Bannington, Alton; Jeffrey T. Beavers, Alton; Elaine J. Cavany, Litchfield; Daborn K. Hagemyer, Elmhurst; Ronald W. Harris Jr., Moweaqua; Carl A. Heide, DeKalb; James Hannu Heiniß, DeKalb; Greg A. Janesman, Hannu City; Kendra R. Klein, Nokomis; Mark Knoke, Fillmore; Jennifer C. McCaw, Aledo; Earl T. Mecklenburg, Sycamore; James Meisinger,

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Sycamore; Ronald W. Pierce, Marengo; Paul E. Ruble, Nebo; Kathy A. Schnell, Amboy; Corey B. Torrance, Good Hope; Jon Van Dyke, Louisville; Theodore R. Vinson, Fithian
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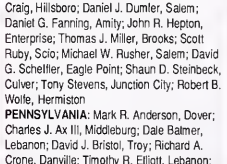
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National FFA Foundation

Sponsors Invest in Agriculture's Future

After the fog had cleared and the lasers had faded, FFA members exploded with pride, excitement and appreciation when the 1988-89 National FFA Foundation Sponsors' Board Chairman Nick Babson announced a record-setting fund raising total of \$3,720,000.

The \$350,000 increase over last year was directed by Babson, who is also president and chairman of Babson Bros. Co./SURGE, along with 30 executives who compose the foundation board and a five-member staff based in Madison, Wis. To reach the grand total, the foundation collected around \$15,000 a day.

"We set an aggressive goal for ourselves, and, even better, we exceeded it," said Babson.

Bernie Staller, executive director of the foundation, said "Foundation sponsors consider their contribution an investment in young people, agriculture and the future."

To evaluate that investment, many of the 988 sponsors nationwide participated in Thursday's contest, proficiency and star candidate judging, and

the evening session of the FFA convention. The session facilitated an atmosphere for FFA members to express their appreciation to sponsors as well as providing sponsors with an opportunity to familiarize themselves with FFA members and their programs.

"Tonight is the night," Babson said of the Thursday evening convention session. "Today, somebody told me, 'If you can't light somebody's fire on this night, then the wood must be wet.'"

Like Babson, Jim Cornick, publisher of *Successful Farming*, enjoys the convention.

"I look forward to convention every year to rejuvenate myself and company personnel," Cornick said. "Seeing young people excited about agriculture is like a field trip into tomorrow."

Seiji Shichiri, president of Mitsui Grain Corporation and recipient of one of this year's Distinguished Service Awards, has found the National FFA Convention to be a new and unique experience.

"I've never seen so many



Ken Curry, Unionville, Mich., tries out his new purchase, a Yamaha Breeze, Wednesday night after the National FFA Alumni Auction as David Byers, director of sales of ATV marketing for Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A., looks on. Yamaha donated the vehicle for the annual alumni fundraising auction.

people at one place except maybe a football or baseball game in Japan." Shichiri said. "There are so many young people wearing the same uniform, showing everyone is headed in the same direction."

To support the goals of the FFA, the foundation also helps develop new programs for FFA and agricultural education. Complementing the trend of broad-based agriculture, spon-

sors are proposing programs useful to preparing members for employment and leadership in the ever-changing industry.

"Members should come to look at the foundation as a partner," Staller said. "We'll provide the awards and recognition if you do the work. This partnership will produce better men and women, better ag leaders, and finally, stronger agriculture," he added.

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National FFA Foundation

Hennessy Leads Foundation into New Decade



Thomas Hennessy, 1990 National FFA Foundation Sponsors' Board and TSC Stores chairman, puts in overtime speaking with FFA members after Thursday night's session of the National FFA Convention.

"Going to the convention becomes a labor of love," said Thomas Hennessy, chairman of TSC Stores and the 1990 National FFA Foundation Sponsors' Board. "I like to see the quality and caliber of members who attend the convention."

Hennessy became involved with the FFA and foundation board four years ago when his company sponsored a \$25,000 scholarship to return some of their own good fortune to their customers.

Besides promoting goodwill to customers, Hennessy enjoys working with the foundation and the FFA.

"I gain personal satisfaction by contributing to such a great character-building organization," he said. "I always thought of the FFA as a farm organization, but it really develops and enhances character."

"I believe there is a lower incidence of crime and substance abuse among the youth who are FFA members. Most FFA members have a purpose in life—a goal to fulfill that gives them a focus," he said.

Hennessy lives in a suburban town outside Nashville. "I wish we had a local chapter so that I could see close-hand FFA ideals and activities at work."

"The FFA and its members have refreshed me, made me realize the youth of America are not all bad," he said. "A portion of America's youth still has high standards, integrity and morals. FFA members have shown me that not all youth have pink hair that sticks out and listen to

heavy metal music. Not that heavy metal music is bad, but working with an element that still goes to church and has old-fashioned values gives me great personal satisfaction," Hennessy said.

In addition to the obvious goal of raising even more money next year as foundation chair, Hennessy hopes to gain more exposure for the FFA.

"Not enough people are aware of FFA. When I joined the foundation board and came to Kansas City, I asked myself 'Why haven't I seen blue jackets before now? Where have they been all this time?'"

"Before I was a member of the foundation board, I knew nothing of the organization. I thought it was just a farm organization. But the focus of FFA is changing. That needs to be conveyed to others, especially sponsors who we're trying to get to dig into their pockets."

Hennessy believes an important part of foundation fund-raising rests on the shoulders of FFA members.

"There are no sweeter words, except perhaps 'I love you,' than 'thank you,'" Hennessy said. "A piece of stationery and a 25-cent stamp can go a long way. If each member picks one company and writes a thank-you letter... imagine how a company president would feel receiving 40,000 thank-you letters? They're not necessarily looking for a direct response at the cash register, but acknowledgement for their contributions."

Distinguished Service Citations

Four companies were awarded Distinguished Service Citations at the Thursday afternoon session. Selected by the National FFA Board of Directors in July, potential recipient companies are nominated by state and national leaders.

Although the FFA is a student organization, it could not survive without financial and personal support from companies and their representatives. The Distinguished Service Award recognizes companies who have made a long-term commitment to the improvement of agricultural education and the FFA.

Mitsui Grain Corp., Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

The Mitsui Grain Corporation, Mitsui & Co., Ltd. has funded the National Officer International Experience Program for 10 years. Besides making monetary donations, company employees in Tokyo have spent many long hours meeting with national officers. Mitsui Grain Corporation, Mitsui & Co., Ltd. officials have been active participants in the National FFA Foundation, serving several terms on the board.

Carnation Company

The Carnation Company has sponsored a variety of activities from National FFA Band, Sheep Production proficiency Awards and Ag Ed Net-

work to national FFA convention speakers and state/regional conferences. Currently, the company supports Agricultural Processing proficiency and General Fund programs. Lynnville Smith is serving on the National FFA Foundation Board and Clarke A. Nelson was the 1978 board chair. Other Carnation Company personnel have judged national contests and hosted national FFA officer visits.

The Firestone Trust Fund

For 45 years, the Firestone Trust Fund has supported the FFA monetarily and with leadership in the National FFA Foundation. Horace O. Millhone was the first foundation board chair in 1947-48. The Firestone Trust Fund has sponsored agricultural mechanics scholarships and has been the sole sponsor of the National FFA Agricultural Mechanics contest since its inception 16 years ago. The fund sponsored the 50th anniversary FFA film in 1977.

Upjohn Company, Agricultural Division

Through its subsidiary company, Agrrow Seed, the Upjohn Company, Agricultural Division has had an international impact by providing seeds to FFA brother organizations in Panama and Colombia. A 20-year National FFA Foundation sponsor, the Upjohn Company, Agricultural Division has supplied a board chair, and Gerald Welch is currently a member of the Sponsors' Board.



Accepting Distinguished Service Citations on behalf of their companies were, from left, Jerry Nunn, Firestone Trust Fund; Ron Miller, Upjohn Company, Agricultural Division; Seiji Shichiri, Mitsui Grain Corporation; and Lynnville Smith, Carnation Company.

Prepared Public Speaking

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Finals of the National FFA Prepared Public Speaking Contest took place in a packed arena Friday night between presentations of agricultural proficiency awards. Four regional finalists competed for the top spot in prepared communications.

Each speaker gave a six-to-eight minute presentation and answered questions posed by a panel of judges.

The four finalists received plaques and cash awards—\$200 for fourth place, \$250 for third place, \$275 for second place, and \$300 to the national winner.

National Winner:

Krista Fritz, Poland, Ind.

Second Place:

Julie Carabia, Knoxville, Tenn.

Third Place:

Anne Kemp, Mt. Airy, Md.

Fourth Place:

Zach Brady, Abilene, Texas



Krista Fritz

Farm Animals or Food Machines

Krista D. Fritz

Animal Agriculture! Think about it! What do you see? A small family farm with five barns, a few chickens in the yard, some pigs wallowing in the mud and a cow grazing in a lush green pasture? Or do you see a sterile, mechanized, emotionless "food factory" where they produce animals as though they are parts on an assembly line? Fortunately, neither of these pictures is completely correct.

Today, animal agriculture in the United States is a dynamic specialized industry, which is envied by the rest of the world. "Our nation's agriculture is unique, considering it requires only 3 percent to feed 100 percent of the population as efficiently and effectively as it does. As consumers, Americans are the most economically fed population that exists.

"The key to this efficiency?" The best care for livestock and poultry in the world." Thanks to billions of dollars being spent on private and governmental research toward raising quality livestock, we now have improved animal housing facilities, management practices, and healthy, nutritious feeds. In the ever-changing realm of animal agriculture, livestock producers have two primary concerns. First, their concern for providing the highest quality, safest food in the world and second, their concern for the welfare of the animals.

One of the best strongholds of animal welfare in our culture is the farmer. As a result of an increasingly urban society, our contact with farm animals is limited." This limitation is resulting in a lack of understanding about the actual needs and roles of domestic farm animals.

Currently, some animal interest groups are initiating a criticism of modern food animal production. These groups are supporting issues that are sometimes emotional, distorted and designed to convince the public that livestock producers no longer treat their animals as animals, but as "food machines." These "animal rights" activists, as they are called, are going so far as to propose legislation against what they consider inhumane treatment of animals, which would cause animal agriculture, as we know it, to drastically change, or in some cases, cease altogether.

"Farmers in Massachusetts have successfully defeated a state ballot question, 71 percent to 29 percent, that would have given nonfarmers a big say in how livestock producers in that state manage their animals."

"The battle started when an animal rights group called CEASE, the Coalition to End Animal Suffering and Exploitation, launched a petition drive that pushed the proposal onto the November ballot in the form of a referendum question. They were able to persuade people to sign the petition by asking one simple question, "Do you support humane treatment of animals?" The proposal, known as question three, called for a five-member advisory board that would be responsible for setting up regulations on animal feeding, transportation, housing and slaughter. CEASE also wanted animal rights organizations to have approval power over four out of the five positions on that board.

"Steve Koppert, a spokesperson for the Farm Animal Welfare Coalition, which is a national organization representing livestock producers and agribusinesses on the animal rights issue, said, "It was a very clever tactic on CEASE's part. They were asking an uninitiated, largely urban public to make a judgement on something of which they had virtually no knowledge and understanding—animal husbandry practices."

Although the livestock producers and agribusinesses won the battle in Massachusetts, the animal rights activists feel that they are ahead in winning the war. Some may feel that the words *battle* and *war* are much too extreme to use when discussing this issue, but the animal rights activists have put what were once just fierce words, into frightening actions. What once was just a theoretical animal rights issue has now become a threatening reality to agriculture.

"On January 29, 1989, flames leapt through the Dixon Livestock Auction in Dixon, California." The fire destroyed primarily the show and hog rings of what was one of the largest livestock auctions in California. "An animal rights group aligning itself with the well-known environmental group, Earth First!, claimed responsibility for the quarter of a million dollars in damages."

Another incident that recently took place was at the headquarters of the California Cattlemen's Association. Slogans derogatory

to the livestock industry were spraypainted on the front of the building and a brick with a Molotov cocktail was thrown through the front door. "During the past 18 months more than 60 acts of violence have been committed in California alone."

"Now that the animal rights issue has drawn the public's attention, don't expect it to disappear. "The 400 animal rights groups in this country have a \$200 million base and the radical end of the movement has already vandalized numerous livestock facilities in recent years."

"Being a livestock producer myself, I am compelled to ask myself this question, "Should I be concerned with these incidents that are happening on the east and west coasts?" The answer is a definite *yes!* Simply because the action is on the coasts, we cannot assume that there are no animal rights groups plotting a movement here in the Midwest.

"Livestock producers must be prepared to confront this issue. We not only have to defend consumption of our product and the practices we use, but we must also discharge the misconceptions that seem to overshadow animal agriculture. Animal rights groups are spreading these misconceptions to misinform the public."

"According to the publication *Myths and Facts about Animal Agriculture*, published by the Farm Animal Welfare Coalition, two of the most prominent misconceptions are as follows: "Farm animals are routinely raised on factory farms, confined in crowded, unventilated cages and sheds."

"The truth is, animals are generally kept in barns or other sanitary production units to protect the health and welfare of the animal. Housing practices animals from predators, disease and bad weather or extreme climate. Housing also makes breeding and birth less stressful, protects young animals and makes it easier for farmers to care for both the healthy and the sick animals."

"The second misconception is that the average U.S. farm animal is fed whatever the farmer happens to have available, without regard to what the animal needs for good health." The average U.S. farm animal, from a standard point of nutrition, eats better than the average U.S. citizen. While most people don't realize how many calories they consume in a day, feed manufacturers and farmers see that each farm animal receives almost precisely the correct amount of such vital nutrients as minerals, vitamins and amino acids."

"By what I have illustrated in these examples, it is obvious that in order for livestock producers to win the war against the animal rights activists, we must educate our public and set the record straight. By utilizing our animal agriculture related organizations, such as the National Cattlemen's Association, National Pork Producers Association and the Farm Animal Welfare Coalition, we can conduct a campaign that will help the public while protecting our interests."

"But not only must we fight this issue on the national level, we must also fight it on the local level. Ways in which we can convey the message of the farmer on the local level include having livestock producers debate this issue on radio and TV, speaking to civic groups, visiting urban areas to distribute literature to consumers and the use of billboards."

"If the correct information about animal agriculture is to be left to the public, it's quite obvious that it's up to the livestock producers and agribusinesses. We can no longer assume that the public understands our industry just as we can no longer assume that the animal rights activists will die. As long as the animal rights activists keep misinforming the public, this issue will stay on an emotional level. In order to avoid this situation, we must not allow the public to dwell on the question, "Is today's animal agriculture producing farm animals or food machines?"

Computers in Agriculture

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The Computers in Agriculture competition is designed to reward students developing their computer expertise and putting their knowledge to work in a practical way.

National winner Mark Pleis, 17, has his own software company. Besides writing and selling software programs, he has found several ways to apply his computer skills on his family's dairy farm. He developed a feed distribution system for a dairy barn and wrote an operating system.

Each of the eight finalists made a 10-minute presentation before a panel of judges on Wednesday. All received a \$250 travel award and a certificate. The national winner received

\$500 and a plaque and the runner-up received \$250 and a plaque.

National Winner:

Mark Pleis, Fairbank, Iowa

Runner-Up:

Neal Deremer, Beaver Crossing, Neb.

Finalists:

- CALIFORNIA: Susan Richards, LeGrand
- CONNECTICUT: Jon Jonells, Somers
- IOWA: Mark Pleis, Fairbank
- MISSOURI: Michael K. Parks, Clinton
- NEBRASKA: Neal Deremer, Beaver Crossing
- PENNSYLVANIA: Lynette C. Duell, Westfield
- SOUTH CAROLINA: Paul Collins, Nichols
- UTAH: Corbin Evans, Lehi

State Winners:

- ALABAMA: Glenn Lanier II, Castleberry
- COLORADO: Brady S. McElroy, Hasty
- DELAWARE: Lisa Abbott, Newark
- FLORIDA: Tim Weber, Sarasota
- GEORGIA: Shawn L. Wertz, Bremen
- IDAHO: Cindy Barks, Troy

- ILLINOIS: Jason Newell, Belle Reve
- INDIANA: Sandra A. Davis, Colfax
- KANSAS: Van E. Underwood, Markato
- KENTUCKY: Gregory L. Willoughby, Scottsville
- LOUISIANA: Kelly Jones, Denham Springs
- MAINE: Mark Madore, Caribou
- MASSACHUSETTS: Arnold J. Fedella, Attleboro
- MICHIGAN: Stephen Daley, Port Hope
- MINNESOTA: Chad D. Bot, Cottonwood
- MONTANA: Jay Boysun, Wolf Point
- NEVADA: Darla Sims, Wells
- NEW MEXICO: Jason Richards, Arimas
- NEW YORK: Mark Brown, Canton
- NORTH CAROLINA: Dwight A. Corriher, China Grove
- NORTH DAKOTA: Todd J. Rethemeier, Arvilla
- OHIO: Clay Cameron, Lyons
- OKLAHOMA: Jason Herring, Tipton
- OREGON: Jason L. Hargis, Amity
- SOUTH DAKOTA: Susan Sear, Roslyn
- TENNESSEE: Alan Richards, Niota
- TEXAS: Brad Seidel, Westlo
- VIRGINIA: Rich Lantz, Middleton
- WASHINGTON: Mandy Harman, Snohomish
- WEST VIRGINIA: Eric Stanley, Kenno
- WISCONSIN: John F. Rick, Baraboo
- WYOMING: Lance A. Lind, Lyman

Extemporaneous Speaking

Science and Technology: Creating a New Era in Agriculture

**Jenny Thomas,
California**

World Population Expected to Boom. Pesticide Issues Heat Up. Agricultural Producers Producing Food in Space. Those are just a few of the countless headlines we find printed in papers nationally, as well as internationally.

The American farmer has endured the struggles of former years and is now facing one of the most exciting periods in the history of agriculture. Yes, it's true that our society has called upon the American farmer once again to meet the demands and the needs of the consumer. And yes, I feel that the American agricultural producer is ready for this challenge. For we are truly embarking upon a new era—an era of science and technology that will change American industries forever.

You see, today, with the new advancements that are coming out, technology is expected to have many effects on the agricultural industry. It will change and revolutionize our industry. One of the main effects it will definitely have on the agriculture producer is that technology is going to enable the producer to produce more food. More food, you say? Yes, more food. With the population expected to rise to 6.2 billion people by the year 2000, it is true that the American farmer will need to keep up with this demand and to fill the demands of the consumer.

Now, the second thing we'll see in this new era is the ability to make our products more marketable. It is true that the American consumer has changed its wants and needs for food and fiber over the past decade. And the American agricultural system needs to continue to adjust to these programs and needs. No longer will we be seeing food and fiber made solely from what we've had in the past, but from new technologies such as hydroponics and genetic engineering, new machinery and even computer sciences.

Yes, it's true that we will be able to make our products more marketable. We will be able to produce the food the consumer wants. And not only will we be producing for the consumer, we will be using our commodities to produce for various industries. For example, imagine corn being used to produce alcohol, ethanol and even plastics. And soybeans being used to produce paint.

The third effect we'll feel in the agriculture industry with science and technology in this new period is making agriculture safer. It seems like the pesticide issue is one of the hottest topics in America now, but through the use of technology such as integrated pest management, we will be able to strengthen our agricultural system, providing food and fiber that is safer for the consumer, for the farmer, and for the farm workers.

We are in a new era of agriculture, an era that all of us are shaping as productive and progressive agriculturists. I feel that over the next decade we will see even more changes in the agricultural industry

than we have experienced in the past few years. And I know that there are challenges ahead for the American farmer, but that, yes, he will continue to meet the demand and supply for the American consumer.



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During a special session held Thursday at 12:30, FFA's extemporaneous speaking contest finalists prepared and presented six- to eight-minute speeches to a panel of judges. The FFA members had only 30 minutes to assemble their remarks. At the completion of their speeches, the finalists fielded questions from the judges.

The national winner received \$300, second place \$275, third place \$250 and fourth place \$200. Each participant received a plaque.

National Winner:

Jenny Thomas,
Bodfish, Calif.

Second Place:

Mark A. Voors,
Woodburn, Ind.

Third Place:

Jeffrey Lee Ryan,
Mechanicsville, Va.

Fourth Place:

Eric Lowery, Wray, Ga.

VIP Citations



At Friday morning's session, the FFA honored seven individuals for their outstanding service to FFA and agricultural education. All were awarded VIP Citations in recognition of their contributions. From left: Clinton O. Jacobs, professor emeritus, the University of Arizona; Warren G. Kelly, professor emeritus, West Virginia University; H.O. Kunkel, professor of life sciences, Texas A & M University; Duane M. Nielsen, deputy director, Division

of National Programs, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education; John H. Rodgers, head emeritus and professor emeritus of agricultural education, Clemson University; Richard Strangeway, executive director of the Agriculture Teachers Association of New York and state FFA coordinator; Donald E. Wilson, former California FFA advisor.

Honorary American FFA Degrees

Honorary membership is bestowed upon teachers and other adults who have given significantly of themselves for the advancement of FFA. These supporters were recognized on Friday morning with the brightly ribboned Honorary American FFA key and certificate.

ALABAMA: H. Lloyd Borden, Auburn, Gary D. Jackson, Birmingham

CALIFORNIA: David Austin, Sacramento; James Leising, Davis, Leland Ruth, Sacramento; Keith V. Smith, Oakland; Rose A. Vuich, Sacramento

CONNECTICUT: Richard G. Rausch, Hartford DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Dottie Click, Washington; Paul E. Kinginger, Washington; Roland R. Vautour, Washington, Judy Kaplan Wener, Washington

FLORIDA: Wayne Johnson, Dover, Laura Johnson, Dover

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IDAHO: Trudy Anderson, Boise; Norman F. Hurst, Burley, W.E. Isom, Fruitland; Patricia Isom, Fruitland; Horace Morrill, Pocatello

ILLINOIS: Nicholas C. Babson, Naperville; David Catton, Joliet; Alfred F. Kemnitz, Normal; Michael Wilson, Decatur

INDIANA: Melvin D. Hollingsworth, Indianapolis; Phillip K. Kregar, Indianapolis

IOWA: Alan L. O'Neal, Des Moines; Anton Tomelich, Muscatine; Marilyn Tomelich, Muscatine

KANSAS: Andrea L. Corbin, Bonner Springs; Lee W. Doyen, Concordia

KENTUCKY: Robert Chambliss, Hardinsburg; Janet Chambliss, Hardinsburg

LOUISIANA: John R. James, Oak Grove; Sheila K. James, Oak Grove

MAINE: J. Kenneth Blackstone, Carbow

MARYLAND: Martha Clark, Glen Elg; C. Lester Dudrow, Frederick; Boyd F. Robinson Jr., Baltimore; Richard J. Sauer, Chevy Chase; Larry E. Stewart, College Park

MASSACHUSETTS: Harry L. Adriance, W. Springfield

MICHIGAN: Louise Courter, Alma; William Courter, Alma

MINNESOTA: Kenneth Auslin, Owatonna; Stanley L. Droogsmo, Golden Valley; Noel K. Esterson, St. Paul; Leo Keskinen, Grand Rapids; Thomas D. Larson, St. Paul; Donovan C. Loeslie, Red Lake Falls; Vernon L. Moore, Minneapolis; Leland C. Thiesen, Mountain Lake; Robert G. Wells, Austin

MISSOURI: Rebecca Bryant, Kansas City; William Bushmeyer, Warrensburg; Carl Hubbell, Kansas City; Larry Nicholson, Kansas City; Linda Shelina, Kansas City; Stephen G. Trent, Kansas City

MONTANA: Taylor Brown, Billings

NEBRASKA: Ted E. Hartung, Lincoln; David Howe, Lincoln; Alvin F. Snyder DVM, Bridgeport; David Soukup, Spencer; Linda Soukup, Spencer

NEW HAMPSHIRE: Thomas P. Fairchild, Durham

NEW JERSEY: G. Richard Lange, Columbus

NORTH CAROLINA: K.C. Beavers III, Raleigh; Dieta Dyer, Winston-Salem; Robert W. McLamb, Roseboro; Rena McLamb, Roseboro; Doug Powell, Raleigh; Nortleat L. Sugg, Rocky Mount

NORTH DAKOTA: Tammy Meyer, Bismark

OHIO: Marvin Boeger, Irwin; Karen Boeger, Irwin; Jane Buller, Delaware; Frederick E. Hutchinsom, Columbus; William L. Phillis, Columbus

OKLAHOMA: Ann Benson, Stillwater; Michael K. Boggs, Stillwater; C. Wesley Holley, Stillwater; Ernest Overton, Pond Creek; Joyce Overton, Pond Creek

OREGON: William B. Wolle, Hermiston; Lou A. Wolle, Hermiston

PENNSYLVANIA: William Good, Yardley; Donna Good, Yardley; James W. Hilton, University Park; Donald L. Mincmoyer, University Park; Owen Robbins, Philadelphia

SOUTH CAROLINA: Harry S. Bell, Columbia; David L. Tindal, Columbia; Donnie Todd, Longs; Carol Todd, Longs; Charlie G. Williams, Columbia

SOUTH DAKOTA: Lorn R. Catchpole, Lemmon; J.D. Lynd, Huron

TENNESSEE: Billie G. Hamby, Benton; L.H. Ivy, Nashville; C.N. Wornack, McMinnville

TEXAS: Jay Eudy, Austin

VIRGINIA: Mavis G. Crum, Alexandria; Gerald Devers, Alexandria; James Stern Jr., Machipongo; Nancy Stern, Machipongo; Harnel F. Verzagt, Alexandria; George E. Verzagt, Alexandria

WEST VIRGINIA: Stacy A. Garlin, Morgantown; Robert H. Maxwell, Morgantown

WISCONSIN: Fritz A. Albert, Madison; M. Gene Pressnall, Madison; James Spiorski, Green Bay; Leonard L. Splet, Barron

WYOMING: Tom Parker, Torrington

Teachers

ALABAMA: Don F. Britnell, Mt. Hope; Randy P. Britnell, Arab; Darwin S. Sniard, Lester; Thomas L. Strickland, Gardendale

ARIZONA: Pat V. English, Elinda

GEORGIA: David H. Garrard, Washington; Charles A. Magli, Dallas

IDAHO: Jay C. Mortensen, Blackfoot

ILLINOIS: Phillip E. Brown, Hanard

INDIANA: Larry Clodfelter, Crawfordsville; Ken Sakeld, Hanover

IOWA: Jerry W. Chizek, Manson; Brad Greiman, Algonia, Galeen R. Zumbach, Creston

MASSACHUSETTS: Edward A. White, Ipswich

MICHIGAN: Carl Kieser, Sebewaing

MINNESOTA: Wayne Flynn, Worthington; J. Maldon Kloster, Luverne; Gerald W. McConkey, Round Lake; Dwan N. Vangness, Adams

MISSOURI: Rich Borgmann, Owensville; William K. Mallory, Bowling Green; Joe Rowland, Tipton; Edward D. Stephens,

Carthage

NEBRASKA: Jack Broderick, Seward; Mike Davis, Chappell

NEW JERSEY: Bryan N. Leh, Belvidere

NORTH CAROLINA: Herman G. Croom Jr., Pikeville; Benjamin D. Forrest III, Washington; Joseph P. Gore, Whiteville; Carlton M. Jenkins, Deep Run

NORTH DAKOTA: Frank Manderfeld, Washburn

OHIO: Charles L. Flint, New Philadelphia; Larry L. Heiniz, Oak Harbor; Robert L. Hoffman, Bellevue; Timothy Reichert, Johnstown; Don Van Nostran, Albany

OKLAHOMA: Kenny Beams, Kingfisher; R.J. Curry, Marlow; Verlin Goodson, Yukon; Don Morris, Bokicho

OREGON: Gale Wilson, Elgin

TEXAS: Stanley Blackwell, Coahoma; David Douglas, McGregor; George L. McAllister, Jourdanton

UTAH: Marion Marwill, Payson

VIRGINIA: Albert H. Carter, Appomattox; Wayne Combs, Hillsville

WASHINGTON: Gary M. Parkert, Enumclaw; Clinton L. Sams, Othello

WISCONSIN: Carlton L. Austin, Fennimore; Merle J. Richler, Bloomer

WYOMING: James T. Bohn, Sheridan



Mavis Crum, staffer at the National FFA Center, is one of many friends of FFA to be honored with the Honorary American FFA Degree.



FFA Advisor Verlin Goodson received the Honorary American FFA Degree.



Michael Wilson, managing editor of *Prairie Farmer* magazine, was awarded the Honorary American FFA Degree for service to FFA.

National FFA Alumni Association

As thousands of blue corduroy jackets descended upon downtown Kansas City, so did blue sport coats for the 18th Annual FFA Alumni Convention.

The Jacket Club recognizes states with membership that has increased by 50 since the previous convention. States admitted into the Jacket Club were Connecticut, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Alumni delegates elected Josiah Phelps, Fort Valley, Ga., their 1989-90 National FFA Alumni president. Other newly elected officers are: Roxann Sommers, London, Ohio, vice president; June Dean, Sperry, Okla., western representative, and Virgil Martinson, Stoughton, Wis., central representative. Past president Jim Sipiorski, Green Bay, Wis., and eastern representative Mark Williams, Oviedo, Fla., will remain on the National FFA Alumni Council for the coming year.

Following Wednesday's action-packed business meetings, the association closed its convention with the 4th annual FFA Alumni Auction, raising more than \$33,000 to support the FFA.

The National FFA Foundation assisted the alumni in the donation of three major items.

A 1990 Silverado four-wheel-drive pickup truck donated by Chevrolet Motor Division brought the highest bid—\$17,100. Don and Dean Ramsey of Blue and Gold Sausage Co., Jones, Okla., purchased the blue and gold truck complete with FFA emblems.

A four-wheel-drive all-terrain vehicle, donated by Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. was purchased by Ken Curry, Unionville, Mich., for \$2,025.

Dick and Sue Krull-Schultz, Chilton, Wis., offered the high bid of \$1,150 for a tool chest donated by Snap-on Tools Corporation.

Patz Sales Incorporated contributed a 30-foot conveyor belt that was purchased for \$1,200 by Dan Brown, Gillett, Wis.

The Yoap family of Pound, Wis., and Eugene Adler, Bowling Green, Ohio, served as auctioneers for more than 300 items collected by Kim Natzke, Bonduel, Wis.

Although the last "Sold!"



FFA Alumni elected their first black president during the Wednesday business session. Josiah Phelps, above, a former state executive secretary of the New Farmers of America (NFA), also served the Georgia FFA as a state leader for 14 years before retiring in 1982. NFA was the organization of black vocational agriculture students which merged with FFA in 1965. Left, former national officers Scott McKain and Mark Mayfield provided a humorous experience for participants in their alumni workshop.

confirmed the end of the FFA Alumni convention, the association continued playing an important role in the week's activities.

The FFA Alumni association sponsored the popular national leadership workshops, providing members with one-hour sessions designed to develop leadership skills, in Bartle Hall. Workshops Chair Odell Miller of Marysville, Ohio, scheduled the presenters: Scott McKain, 1974-75 national FFA secretary, Indiana; Mark Mayfield, 1973-74 national FFA president, Kansas; Kelli Evans, 1987-88 national FFA president, Nebraska; Terri Hames, 1987-88 national FFA vice president, Oklahoma; Kevin Yost, 1986-87 national FFA secretary, Nebraska; Rick Malir, 1985-86 national FFA president, Kansas; Kevin Eblen, 1986-87 national FFA president, Iowa, and Dean Harder, 1986-87 national FFA vice president, Minnesota.

Awards

Alan Mazna, Denmark, Wis., Gary Maricle, Columbia, Mo., and Ralph Barnett, Humboldt, Tenn., were honored as the FFA Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award recipients.

The Milton and Denmark chapters, both of Wisconsin, earned first and second place honors, respectively, in the Outstanding FFA Alumni Affiliate competition.

In addition, 33 affiliates were recognized as Outstanding FFA Alumni Affiliates:

Gold

Bushnell-Prairie City, Ill.
West Bend Hawkeye, Iowa
New Ulm, Minn.
Denmark, Wis.
Milton, Wis.

Silver

Hill City, Kan.
Apollo, Ky.
Homer, Mich.
Norfolk, Neb.
Scottsbluff, Neb.
Finley-Sharon, N.D.
New Lexington, Ohio
Frederick Co., Va.
Blackhawk, Wis.
Bonduel, Wis.
Mauston, Wis.
Pulaski, Wis.

Bronze

Sebring, Fla.
Barrow County, Ga.
Delta, Ind.
North Polk, Iowa
Wamego, Kan.
Washington, Kan.
Westmoreland, Kan.
Milan, Mo.
Clyde Park, Mont.
Fullerton, Neb.
South Rowan, N.C.
Manor, Pa.
Lexington, Tenn.
Pomeroy, Wash.
Yelm/Rainier, Wash.
Trailblazer, Wyo.

National Agricultural Career Show

The Agricultural Career Show was officially opened by Miss America, Debbye Turner and national officers Brad Chambliss, Dana Soukup and Warren Boergo. George Verant, far left, has managed the educational trade show for 13 years and was recognized with the Honorary FFA Degree.



Exhibitors

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American Breeders Service
American Cyanamid Company
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Fisheries Society
American Gelbvieh Association
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American Institute of Cooperation
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American Simmental Association
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Hampshire Swine Registry
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Industrial Safety Equipment Association
International Rangus Breeders Association
Interlec Publishing Corporation
Iowa State University
Kaiser Agricultural Chemicals/Estech (Divisions of Vigoro Industries, Inc.)
Kansas State University
Lincoln University
Louisiana State University
Michigan State University
Mid-America Dairymen, Inc.
Mobby Chemical Corporation
Modesto Junior College
Na-Churs Plant Food Company
National Agricultural Aviation Association
National Association of State Universities & Land Grant Colleges
National Farm-City Council
National Food and Feed Council
National Grain and Energy Association
National Guard Bureau
National High School Rodeo Association
National Pork Producers' Council
National Rifle Association

National Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association
National Weather Service
North American Limousin Foundation
North Carolina State University
Northeast Louisiana University
Northwest Missouri State University
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Ohio State University—Instructional Materials
Oklahoma CIMC/MAVCC
Oklahoma State University
Park College
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Soil Conservation Service
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U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census
U.S. Department of Education
U.S. Navy Recruiting Command
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University of Florida
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University of Maryland
University of Minnesota
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National Chapter Safety

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For 40 years, FFA has been rewarding the efforts of chapters in promoting safety. Members analyze the safety needs of their communities and sponsor activities to help rectify problems and educate people.

After receiving superior rankings within their states, chapters were rated by the national organization. On Thursday morning, recipients of gold, silver and bronze awards walked across the stage and were presented with their prizes.

GOLD

ALABAMA: Elkmont; Jacksonville Gold
ARIZONA: Antelope; Peoria
ARKANSAS: Hartford
COLORADO: Byers
FLORIDA: Lake Butler Junior; Sarasota Vo-Ag
ILLINOIS: Bluffs; Clifton Central; Sycamore; Winchester
INDIANA: Carroll Fort Wayne; Clinton Central; Southwestern-Hanover

IOWA: Buffalo Center Bison; Cascade; Creston
KANSAS: Coffeyville; Concordia
KENTUCKY: Spencer County
MICHIGAN: Laingsburg
MISSOURI: Carthage; El Dorado Springs; McDonald County; Stockton
MONTANA: Hysham
NEBRASKA: Franklin; Leigh; Ravenna; Schuyler; Supenor
NEVADA: Ruby Mountain
NEW YORK: Chemung-Tioga Future Conserv.
OHIO: Bowling Green; River Valley; West Muskingum
OKLAHOMA: Allis; Laverne
SOUTH DAKOTA: Bowdle; Roslyn
TENNESSEE: Lexington; White House
TEXAS: Baytown-Robert E. Lee; Ysleta
VIRGINIA: Broadway; Park View
WASHINGTON: Elmira; Winlock; Yelm
WISCONSIN: Denmark; Mauston; New Auburn; Pulaski

SILVER

ALABAMA: Crossville; Daleville; West Limestone
ARKANSAS: Blevins; Lavaca; Stuttgart
CALIFORNIA: Mt. Whitney
FLORIDA: Lake Placid
GEORGIA: Cook; Newton County
ILLINOIS: Amboy; Cissna Park
INDIANA: North Newton; Woodlan
IOWA: Estherville; Humboldt; Manson;

Marengo; Orient-Macksburg; Webster City
KANSAS: Marysville; Miltonvale
KENTUCKY: Barren County
LOUISIANA: Larose-Cut Off Junior
MINNESOTA: Elk River; Winona; Worthington
MISSOURI: Nevada; Owensville; Union
MONTANA: Miles City
NEBRASKA: Blue Hill
NEW JERSEY: Warren Hills
NEW MEXICO: Goddard; Raton
NORTH CAROLINA: North Lenoir
NORTH DAKOTA: Egin
OHIO: Greenville
PENNSYLVANIA: Lower Dauphin; Spud Groves
SOUTH CAROLINA: Dorman
SOUTH DAKOTA: Menno
TEXAS: Brownsboro
UTAH: Lehi
VIRGINIA: Essex; Montevideo Intermediate; Northampton High; Stonewall Jackson Junior
WASHINGTON: Mabton
WEST VIRGINIA: Marion County
WISCONSIN: Boscelo; Clear Lake; Green Bay East; Green Bay West; Marion; Monroe; Spencer
WYOMING: Gillette

BRONZE

ALABAMA: Brantley; Dale County; R.C. Hatch High
CALIFORNIA: La Puente Valley ROP

CONNECTICUT: Rockville
DELAWARE: Sussex Central
FLORIDA: Avon Park Senior
IDAHO: Notus
ILLINOIS: Clinton; Franklin Center; Georgetown-Ridge Farm; Somonauk-Leland; Warsaw
IOWA: Southeast Warren; Vinton
KANSAS: Clay Center; Dodge City; Norton; Plainville
LOUISIANA: Elton; South LaBourche
MAINE: Limestone
MICHIGAN: Marshall
MINNESOTA: Alwataer-Grove City-Cosmos; Jackson; Lanesboro
MISSISSIPPI: Pine Grove; Vicksburg-Warren
NEW YORK: Greenwich
NORTH CAROLINA: Creswell; East Montgomery; Mountain Heritage; Northeastern; Piedmont; Sun Valley
NORTH DAKOTA: J.E. Eastgate; Larimore
OREGON: Forest Grove; McKay
PENNSYLVANIA: Greenwood
SOUTH CAROLINA: Loris; Pleasant Hill
TEXAS: Cisco; Iowa Park; Little Cypress Mauriceville; Navasota; Raymondville; Slocum; Weslaco
VIRGINIA: Marion Middle; Tunstall
WASHINGTON: Bethel; Quincy
WISCONSIN: Black Hawk; Darlington; Granton; New Holstein; Oregon
WYOMING: Wind River

Building Our American Communities

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Chapters were recognized Friday morning for cooperative community service efforts known as "Building Our American Communities." In this program, chapters analyze the needs in their hometowns and work, by themselves or in concert with other groups, to meet those needs.

One such chapter, Flagler, Colo., was recognized for its national winning project. Members planted a natural snow fence of 2,223 trees along Interstate 70. Their objectives were four-fold: deter the heavy drifting caused by blowing snow, provide a habitat for wildlife, conserve topsoil moisture and enhance the natural beauty of the area.

GOLD

ARKANSAS: Amity
CALIFORNIA: Anderson Valley; Fresno United
COLORADO: Flagler
FLORIDA: Apopka Memorial Middle; Taylor Senior
GEORGIA: Perry
HAWAII: Kohala
ILLINOIS: Cissna Park; Franklin Center; Sycamore; Warsaw

INDIANA: Delphi
IOWA: Algona; Buffalo Center Bison; Lake View-Auburn; Marengo; Webster City
MAINE: Limestone
MISSOURI: Owensville; Stockton; Union
MONTANA: Augusta
NEBRASKA: Blue Hill; Schuyler
OHIO: Liberty Center; New Lexington; Seninele; West Muskingum
SOUTH CAROLINA: Britton's Neck
SOUTH DAKOTA: Bowdle; Elkton
TENNESSEE: Bartlett
TEXAS: Calallen; Lanier-Austin
WASHINGTON: Bethel; Cathlamet; Eima; Mabton; Yelm
WEST VIRGINIA: Marion County; St. Mary's
WISCONSIN: Bloomer; Denmark; Green Bay East; Monroe; New Auburn; Pulaski; Spencer

SILVER

ARIZONA: Yuma
ARKANSAS: Delaplaine Arkansas
GEORGIA: Harison County
ILLINOIS: Central; DeKalb; Winchester
INDIANA: Carroll Fort Wayne; Prairie Heights
IOWA: Clarion; Crestland; Ford Madison; Holland; Humboldt; North Pok
KANSAS: Concordia; Jackson Heights; Mankato
KENTUCKY: Reidland
LOUISIANA: Crowley; Hathaway; Midland
MICHIGAN: St. Louis
MINNESOTA: Kimball; Luverne
MISSOURI: Keyesville; Memphis; Rolla AVTS
MONTANA: Conrad
NEBRASKA: Ravenna; Superior
NEVADA: Carson Valley
NEW JERSEY: Medford Tech

NEW MEXICO: Raton; Roswell Goddard
NEW YORK: Greenwich
NORTH CAROLINA: West Craven; West Montgomery
NORTH DAKOTA: Beach
OKLAHOMA: Chickasha
OREGON: Elgin
PENNSYLVANIA: Brothersville; Cedar Crest; Lower Dauphin; Spud Groves
SOUTH DAKOTA: Roslyn; Waubay
VIRGINIA: Abingdon; Lee-Davis; Park View Senior; Strasburg
WASHINGTON: North River
WISCONSIN: Black Hawk; Blanchardville-Pecalonica; Darlington; Green Bay West; Hartford; Holcombe-Lake Holcombe; Marion; Mauston; Mishicot; Waupaca

BRONZE

ALABAMA: Brantley; Daleville; Eiba; Florida; Grand Bay; J.R. Pittard; Jacksonville Gold; Robert Clinton Hatch; West Limestone
ARIZONA: Kola
ARKANSAS: Lavaca; Lonoke
CALIFORNIA: Golden West-Visalia; Kingsburg; La Puente Valley ROP; Mt. Whitney; North San Juan
COLORADO: Custer County
CONNECTICUT: Killingly; Rockville
DELAWARE: Caesar Rodney
FLORIDA: New Smyrna Beach; Palatka; West Orange
HAWAII: Kaneohe
IDAHO: Cambridge; Troy
ILLINOIS: Bluffs; Georgetown-Ridge Farm; Octavia; Salem; Westmer
INDIANA: Angola; Blue River Valley;

Carroll @ Flora
IOWA: Andrew; Charles City; Riceville; Sheldon
KANSAS: Jetmore; Labette County; Lebo; Marysville; Wamego
KENTUCKY: Oldham County; Spencer County
MARYLAND: Clear Spring; Harford Vo-Tech
MASSACHUSETTS: Bristol
MICHIGAN: Laingsburg; Marshall
MINNESOTA: Alwataer-Grove City-Cosmos; Frazer; Glencoe; Lanesboro; New Ulm
MISSISSIPPI: Carthage; Magee
MISSOURI: South Shelby
NEBRASKA: Scribner-Snyder
NEVADA: Ruby Mountain
NEW HAMPSHIRE: Coe-Brown Academy
NEW JERSEY: Warren Hills
NEW YORK: Young Foresters
NORTH CAROLINA: Clifton High; Mount Pleasant; North Iredell; Piedmont; South Johnston
NORTH DAKOTA: Botheau
OHIO: Bowling Green; Indian Valley; River Valley
OKLAHOMA: Guthrie; Laverne
OREGON: Forest Grove
PENNSYLVANIA: Greenwood
RHODE ISLAND: Davies Vo-Tech
SOUTH CAROLINA: Central; Clover; Furman-Manchester
TENNESSEE: White House
UTAH: Grantsville; Payson; Weber
VERMONT: Central Vermont; Danville
VIRGINIA: Montevideo Intermediate; Nelson Senior; Northampton High
WASHINGTON: Winlock
WYOMING: Gillette; Wind River

Business

The Wednesday afternoon business session included debate on three proposed amendments to the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws. The amendments are indicated by boldface type.

Delegate Apportionment

The most hotly debated issue was the proposal to change the number of official delegates to the national FFA convention. The amendment would increase the number of delegates from 113 to 474, based on this year's membership figures, and would increase the number of delegate committees. After repeated attempts at amending the amendment, which all failed, the proposal was postponed until a special Friday evening session, when it also failed. At publication time for the *Proceedings*, the issue had not yet been resolved.

The original proposed amendment follows.

Article XII, Section B. "At the national convention, each state association shall be entitled to two official delegates from its active membership to be designated as chair and vice chair of the state delegation, plus one additional delegate for each 1,000 active members. The delegates shall be selected by the state FFA association. A quorum shall exist when both the following conditions are met at the time business is conducted: a majority of the official delegates registered at the national convention are present and 26 state associations are represented by official delegates. Business items shall only be considered when approved by a delegate committee, or by a two-thirds vote of the delegate body."

American FFA Degree Requirements

Another amendment proposed to drop the American FFA Degree quota system, increase the requirements for the degree and provide a procedure for equating hours worked with dollars earned. It passed as introduced. The text follows.

Article VII, delete Section A. Re-letter the balance of the sections in the article and amend Article VI, Section E by deleting paragraph five and inserting a new paragraph as follows: "Have earned and productively invested at least \$7,500 or have earned and productively invested at least \$1,500 and worked 2,250 hours in excess of scheduled class time. Any combination of hours must be equal to or

greater than the number 9,000. Hours used for the purpose of producing earnings reported as productively invested income shall not be duplicated as hours of credit to meet the minimum requirements for the degree."

Active Membership Waiver for International Participants

Delegates passed an amendment that provides the same waiver to participants in FFA international programs as the constitution provides to FFA members serving in the armed forces. The change extends participants an extra year of eligibility to apply for awards and degrees or to run for state or national office. Following is the text of the change.

Article V, Section B. "...A member who is in good standing at the time of induction into the armed forces of the United States of America or into the FFA international program, shall be in good standing during that period of time without further payment of dues or attendance at meetings. Time spent in the armed forces or FFA international program shall not be considered as elapsed time in determining the maximum period of four conventions following graduation from high school or leaving high school. Members making use of this waiver of time for the purpose of maintaining active membership for application for advanced degrees, must resume active participation within six months after having been honorably discharged from military service or completing their FFA international program, indicating such a desire by payment of dues and attendance at meetings. Members participating in the six months' armed services program or participating in the FFA international program for less than six months shall be eligible for one full year of extended membership. No individual, however may retain active membership beyond the twenty-third birthday.

Official FFA Ceremonies

Delegates also passed a proposal to revise wording of the Official FFA Ceremonies. The purpose of revising the seven ceremonies was to modernize the language and include the new areas of agricultural education.

In other business, delegates clarified a 1988 constitutional amendment allowing 7th and 8th grade students to join FFA. They also voted to keep national FFA dues at \$3.50 for 1990-91.

Delegates

ALABAMA: Delicia Carey, Boigee; John Gladden, Gadsden; Kevin E. Webb, Dothan

ALASKA: Greg Glaucus, Palmer; Ann Powalski, Two Rivers

ARIZONA: Laren B. Flake, Snowflake; Sammi L. Jenkins, Mesa

ARKANSAS: Lora K. Rowland, Royal; John Westerman, Lonsdale

CALIFORNIA: Louie A. Brown, Hanford; Julie Daddow, Gridley; Jennifer L. Thomas, Bodfish; Brian Young, Fullerton

COLORADO: Stephen W. Cline, Wiley; Daniel V. Seedorf, Yuma

CONNECTICUT: Colleen Haraghey, Enfield; William E. Syme, South Windsor

DELAWARE: Shelly Atha, Frankfort; Kimberly Dannenhauer, Felton

FLORIDA: Anne-Kathryn Daniel, Mayo; Aaron R. Gilley, Cantonment

GEORGIA: Scott Jordan, Statham; Denise Thompson, Tifton

HAWAII: Maluelu Fagala Jr., Wahiawa; Denise Vasconcelos, Koloa

IDAHO: Angie Beck, Burley; Sara Braasch, Caldwell

ILLINOIS: James C. Davis, Sycamore; Timothy A. Reed, Herod

INDIANA: Krista D. Fritz, Trafalgar; Mark A. Timm, Trafalgar

IOWA: Larry J. Geerts, Charles City; Chad O. Luthro, Moorland

KANSAS: John A. Niemann, Nortonville; Sara S. Schweer, Garden City

KENTUCKY: David W. Pace, Woodburn; Susan Smilson, Lexington

LOUISIANA: Sherman G. Ruth, Baton Rouge; Michael S. Wallon, Mansfield

MAINE: Brent Grass, Mars Hill; Gregg Hemphill, Easton

MARYLAND: Kevin Barton, Woodsboro; Trish E. Bull, Maryland Line

MASSACHUSETTS: Christine E. Lucero, Readville; Richard Rego, Swansea

MICHIGAN: Jamie B. Cook, Lowell; Julene T. Mohr, Hillsdale

MINNESOTA: Jon Brekke, Hanska; Jeremy J. Freking, Heron Lake

MISSISSIPPI: Allen Butler, Carthage; Susan E. Watkins, Madison

MISSOURI: Joseph B. Cooley, Southwest City; Susan Waters, Norborne

MONTEANA: Jeremy Danbrook, Conrad; Kirk M. Frizl, Kalispell

NEBRASKA: John S. Goertzen, Lincoln; Jill M. Lorenz, Crete

NEVADA: James R. Barbee, Minden; Melissa Haworth, Logandale

NEW HAMPSHIRE: Kathryn E. Clark, Newmarket; Melissa H. Marden, Newton

NEW JERSEY: Daniel J. Berg, Cream Ridge; Russell G. Kenny III, Columbus

NEW MEXICO: Melissa Bouvet, Garfield; Ernest Cummings, Truth or Consequences

NEW YORK: Colleen McKeon, Woodbourne; Nancy J. Sears, Falconer

NORTH CAROLINA: Susan Cook, New London; Shannon L. Eagle, Catawba; Anthony D. Westmoreland, Thomasville

NORTH DAKOTA: Beverly J. MacDonald, Bismarck; Brenda J. Potts, LaMoure

OHIO: Timothy E. Keller, Napoleon; Amy Schotte, Morrar; Dena K. Wyley, Fresno

OKLAHOMA: Brett Frank, Bokchito; Daniel J. Greiner, Kingfisher; Chris L. McDaniel, Newcastle

OREGON: Cory Boswell, Joseph; John P. Kelly, Pendleton

PENNSYLVANIA: Tammy S. Baltasar, Berwyn; Rebecca A. Sonnen, Richland

PUERTO RICO: Ene A. Perez, Sabana Hoyos; Roberto Zayas, Uluado

RHODE ISLAND: Debra L. Hammond, North Scituate; Mark Peckham, West Kingston

SOUTH CAROLINA: Floyd D. Elliott, Galivants Ferry; Benny C. Young, Georgetown

SOUTH DAKOTA: Gregg A. Koerner, Marion; Gem A. Nagel, Gettysburg

TENNESSEE: Jay Morgan, Paris; Brad K. Mosley, Greenbrier

TEXAS: Bill Clifton, Cleburne; David Cobb, Lubbock; Stacy Gilbert, Electra; Jell Rash, Gilmer; Michelle Schertz, Krum; Ken Ullrich, Houston

UTAH: Lori Freston, Bridgeland; James A. Wilson, Lethi

VERMONT: David M. Meunier, Franklin; Betsy A. Miller, Bradford

VIRGINIA: Cindy Fannon, Charlotte Courthouse; Matthew J. Lohr, Broadway

WASHINGTON: Glenn Cook, Vancouver; Kamille Thorne, Pasco

WEST VIRGINIA: Jason E. Hughes, Ravenswood; Richard Tennant, Knob Fork

WISCONSIN: Cindy Harbek, Roberts; Kimberly Lindow, Chili; Amber L. Vickers, South Wayne

WYOMING: Daniel T. Reimler, Moorcroft; Thea R. Slack, Kinross



Committees

Membership Development and Retention

We submit the following recommendations.

1. Develop new, modern public relations tools including public service announcements, TV commercials, magazine ads, brochures, posters and videos that emphasize the broad opportunities in high school agriculture and FFA, using recognized spokespersons.
2. The national officers develop programs for the State Presidents' Conference and the National Leadership Conference for State Officers that give more direction to state officers in regard to membership development.
3. The National FFA Organization develop a videotape exploring all aspects of agricultural education, supervised agricultural experience and FFA for use by state officers to help them develop membership in their states.
4. The National FFA Board appoint a task force to look into developing incentive award programs for 7th and 8th grade membership. Study curriculum and differences in membership between states and investigate the possibility of developing a junior high FFA program.
5. The National FFA Organization develop a system that recognizes chapter programs by evaluating their improvement over the past year, possibly bringing back programs similar to 100% chapters and 10-plus chapter programs.
6. Consider membership options for students graduating from high school, possibly offering a three-year package with membership incentives including activities for out-of-school members.
7. The state and national FFA organizations be more aggressive in developing agriculture/FFA programs in urban or nontraditional areas, developing exciting new programs for these areas.
8. Continue efforts in presenting in-service FFA programs to teachers, teacher educators, state leaders and future agriculture teachers.
9. The national organization should continue to seek support for the "FFA Today" program.
10. We endorse the satellite conference that was scheduled by the National FFA Organization and the National Council for Agricultural Education for September 1990.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Thomas, Calif. (C)
Larry Geerts, Iowa (CC)
L. Kay Beeton, N.C.
Daniel Berg, N.J.
David Cobb, Texas
Susan Cook, N.C.

National Information Services

We have analyzed the program of the National FFA Organization. We feel our primary concern should be external public relations on individual, local and state levels. The various suggestions focus on promoting the opportunities FFA offers to all members in agricultural education. We submit the following recommendations:

1. We encourage the continued incorporation of females and minority students in advertisements and public service announcements. We also encourage the use of the new FFA posters illustrating agriculture's diversity, but in a larger quantity.
2. To continue the direct communication between the national organization and chapter officers, we recommend a series of articles in the national magazine directed toward leadership development for chapter officers.
3. We recommend that the national information service issue a bimonthly challenge to local chapters and state associations to implement new promotional projects, such as adopt-a-highway and billboards on state highways and interstates.
4. We encourage that a workshop be offered at the national convention for all state reporters to develop more effective public relations in all aspects of agriculture and the FFA.
5. We support continuing the listing of all sponsors and their addresses at the national FFA convention so that members may extend their gratitude toward them.
6. We recommend that each chapter and state be encouraged to develop stronger working relationships with news media, such as television and radio stations.

In conclusion, we congratulate the 1988-89 national officer team for a job well done in serving the FFA. We also thank Bill Stagg, and Jeri Mattics for their information and guidance to our committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Rash, Texas (C)
Jill Lorenz, Neb. (CC)
Amy Schotte, Ohio (S)
Kevin Barton, Md.
Kirk Fritz, Mont.
Scott Jordan, Ga.
Melissa Marden, N.H.
John Westerman, Ark.
Bill Stagg (Consultant)
Jeri Mattics (Consultant)

Respectfully submitted,
Christy Dixon, Ala.
Lori Freston, Utah
Sara S. Schweer, Kan.
Marshall Stewart (Consultant)
Richard Strangeway (Consultant)

National Alumni

The National Alumni Committee expresses gratitude to Woody Cox, Josiah Phelps, James Sipiorski, Mark A. Williams and Raymond Cockrum for their valuable contributions to our committee.

We strongly urge that the following actions be taken:

1. We urge that the National FFA Alumni Council be allotted a minimum of 30 minutes for FFA Alumni workshops at the following national functions: the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association conference, State Presidents' Conference, Washington Conference Program and National Leadership Conference for State Officers. This should be done to educate state officers, chapter leaders, agricultural educators and state staff about the FFA Alumni, its programs and what it can offer local FFA chapters.
2. Encourage lifetime membership of all former FFA members, especially former state and national FFA officers.
3. Encourage exposure in state and national agriculture media.
4. We suggest that the current FFA Alumni Manual be distributed to current and future state FFA officers.

We feel that the implementation of these ideas will strongly enhance the credibility of the FFA Alumni Association.

Respectfully submitted,
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Nancy Sears, N.Y. (CC)
Stacy Gilbert, Texas (S)
Eric Cole, Ind.
Brad Mosley, Tenn.
Mark Peckham, R.I.
Dan Seedorf, Colo.
Amber Vickers, Wis.
Woody Cox (Consultant)
Josiah Phelps (Consultant)
James Sipiorski (Consultant)
Mark A. Williams (Consultant)
Raymond Cockrum (Consultant)

We, the members of the International Committee, submit the following recommendations:

1. Train a staff member from the FFA international department to make presentations at state functions about international travel opportunities.
2. Compile a list of past international program participants, then choose a state travel ambassador to assist in promoting international FFA programs.
3. Produce a promotional video aimed at prospective participants at the high school level. The video should include World Agriculture Studies, Japan Short, YFC England/Wales Direct and Italy Direct programs.
4. Include an insert in all program pamphlets outlining scholarship procedures and suggestions for soliciting funds for program expenses.
5. Use public service announcements and news releases to promote all international FFA programs.
6. Inform FFA members that international travel arrangements beyond organized programs are available through the FFA International department.
7. Simplify and clarify applications for all international FFA programs and create a separate section for host family placement information.
8. Promote opportunities for American families to host foreign agricultural students.

Respectfully submitted,
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Respectfully submitted,
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Beverly MacDonald, N.D. (CC)
James A. Wilson, Utah (S)
Shannon Eagle, N.C.
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Lori Fowler, Ky.
David Meunier, Vt.
Allen Butler, Miss.
Monte Scholz, Wash.
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Auditing

We recommend to the National FFA Organization:

1. The audit report of Stoy, Malone and Company, found satisfactory in meeting the requirements of Public Law 740 for the fiscal year September 1, 1988, to August 31, 1989, be accepted.
2. Continue to place a copy of the budget summary in the convention package sent to official delegates and state FFA staff before arrival in Kansas City and provide, upon request, copies of the National FFA Organization budget from the National FFA Center.
3. Continue to distribute a condensed financial report in the packet each delegate receives upon registration in Kansas City and encourage delegates to share this information with their fellow state officers and other interested FFA members.
4. Provide orally an explanation of the condensed financial report and highlights of the current operating budget.
5. Continue to provide, upon request, copies of the Stoy, Malone and Company audit report from the National FFA Center.

We feel that these recommendations will provide a sound basis for the financial growth of the National FFA Organization.

Special thanks to David Miller, national treasurer, and Wilson Carnes, administrative director, National FFA Center, for their help and advice concerning this committee's work.

Respectfully submitted,
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Michelle Schertz, Texas (CC)
Shelly Atha, Del.
Cory Boswell, Ore.
Delicia Carey, Ala.
Floyd Elliott, S.C.
Brent Grass, Maine
Greg Koerner, S.D.
Sherman Ruth, La.

Respectfully submitted,
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Rebecca A. Sonnen, Pa. (CC)
Susan C. Smitson, Ky. (S)
Louie A. Brown, Calif.
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Anthony Westmoreland, N.C.
Brent C. Young, S.C.
Arnold B. Cordes (Consultant)
Sidney E. Koon Jr. (Consultant)
Eldon E. Witt (Consultant)

Nominating Committee

We, the Nominating Committee, have given careful and deliberate consideration to all applicants running for national office. The committee presents the following slate of candidates to the delegates of the 62nd National FFA Convention to serve as national officers for the year 1989-90.

President: Donnell Brown, Texas
Secretary: Scott Crouch, Indiana
Vice President: William Henriksen, Iowa
Vice President: Dan Schroer, Ohio
Southern Region: Bradley Lewis, Alabama
Vice President: Casey Isom, Idaho
National Treasurer: David Miller, Maryland
National Executive Secretary: C. Coleman Harris, Washington, D.C.
National Advisory: Larry D. Case, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully submitted,
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John A. Keivert, Ala.
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Sidney E. Koon Jr. (Consultant)
Eldon E. Witt (Consultant)

Committees

FFA New Horizons Magazine

We submit the following recommendations for the official magazine of the National FFA Organization.

1. To ensure home delivery of the magazine to all students, advisors must use accurate students' home addresses when filling out membership rosters.

2. Graduating seniors are encouraged to continue membership in FFA and subscribe to the magazine in order to stay informed about FFA information and happenings.

3. State associations are encouraged to compile news and information for their state to be featured in editions of *FFA New Horizons*.

4. A feature to be added, entitled "Where Are They Now," will include updates on the current activities of past national officers. Also included will be a "flashback" section that will reflect on significant occurrences at past national conventions.

5. Encourage motivational speakers and congressional representatives to submit articles concerning their views of agriculture and FFA.

6. "Charlie, the Greenhand" will emphasize the entire scope of agriculture and its related concentrations instead of simply production agriculture.

Respectfully submitted,
John S. Goertzen, Neb. (C)
Kathryn E. Clark, N.H. (CC)
Brenda J. Potts, N.D. (S)
Malueue Fagafa Jr., Hawaii
Melissa Haworth, Nev.
Kimberly Lindow, Wis.
Richard Rego, Mass.
Michael S. Walton, La.



National Awards Program

We have reviewed Building Our American Communities (BOAC); National Chapter Safety; Computers in Agriculture; Take Pride in America; Agricultural Proficiency Awards and the degree program. We recommend the following:

1. That the national FFA staff explore the possibility of establishing a cumulative award that would include the BOAC, National Chapter and National Chapter Safety Awards.

2. Inform FFA chapters about the Take Pride in America program and encourage them to participate in it.

3. Re-evaluate the 29 agricultural proficiency awards and determine the most efficient way to serve FFA members in agrimarketing areas.

4. Inform FFA members about the Computers in Agriculture Award program and encourage them to participate in it.

5. Assist members in applying for agricultural proficiency awards at all levels of competition.

6. That the national FFA staff provide information to chapter advisors about agricultural proficiency awards and state and American FFA degree applications.

7. We advocate participation in the BOAC program and commend the RIR Nabisco Foundation for their continued support.

8. Continue distribution of BOAC information and encourage state officers to stress that chapters should file applications.

9. Inform the public and members about existing safety programs and investigate more diversified and effective safety programs.

10. We agree with the proposed constitutional amendment to change American FFA Degree requirements.

11. We appreciate our sponsors and encourage all members to write thank-you notes to these dedicated individuals and companies.

We extend appreciation to our consultants, Bob Seefeldt, program specialist, awards, and Laurie Cunniff, staff intern, National FFA Center. Respectfully submitted,

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National Convention

We have observed at this national FFA convention excellence surpassing many expectations held by the largest student organization in America. We recommend the following:

1. We recommend that the delegate area be thoroughly examined to find the most efficient way to use microphones during the business session and that officials consider ways to afford better visibility of the stage by delegates.

2. We recommend that the convention program be restructured so that events are placed in chronological order.

3. We suggest a booth in the career show with a computer at which students can key in information and receive a list of colleges and scholarships in their area of interest.

4. We suggest that a display of all the state's shops be posted on a wall supplied with markers to allow people from the respective states to sign their names as they pass through the career show. We hope each state association would take that display back to their homes as a souvenir from the national FFA convention.

5. We suggest that a time capsule be set up in the career show area with a time capsule from the convention 10 years earlier would be opened.

6. We suggest that a large electronic message board be placed in the lobby of the Municipal Auditorium to list all events that occur each day. We cannot allow this convention to pass by without thanking and commending the special people who made our excellence shine at the 62nd National FFA Convention.

We thank Dana, Jeff, Brad, Warren, Jaye and Jeff for presenting to us the best national convention ever.

Dr. Larry Case, Coleman Harris, David Miller, Tony Hoyt and the national FFA staff, we appreciate you and all your hard work.

The committee also thanks the following people for being part of our convention. Our entertainers and speakers, including Terry Bradshaw, William Bennett, Clayton Yutner, Miss America Debby Turner, Nicholas Babson, Thomas Hienney, Sam Brownback, Ty Boyd, Robert Swan, Bill Sanders, Marnie McCullough, Charles Duke and the Bellamy Brothers. We greatly appreciate your participation.

We also thank all the convention managers; sponsors; people conducting leadership workshops; Gary Maricle, talent director; Stan Kingma, chorus director; William Moffit, band conductor; the National FFA Foundation staff; board and executive council; James Sipiorski and the National FFA Alumni Association officers, council and staff; the

judges and timekeepers of the national contests; George Verzagt and the career show participants; the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, host of the educational tours; Richard Berkley, mayor of Kansas City, Mo.; Joe Steinger, mayor of Kansas City, Kan.; the American Royal, the media and the sponsors of the National FFA Foundation.

We thank our international guests; the many sponsors of the 47 meal functions; the John Deere Company for sponsoring the new FFA film and the merchants of Kansas City as well as the citizens of this great town.

We congratulate all the contest winners and the student ambassadors to the American Royal Livestock Show and Rodeo. We thank all those who participated. We also thank all those involved with the dedication of the Farm Memorial.

We commend the delegates for showing professionalism during the business sessions. We appreciate all the members, advisors and special guests who attended this year.

We commend all the committee members who worked so hard compiling reports for this convention. We give a special thanks to those who served on the nominating committee for putting in many extra hours this week. We also realize that there would not be a nominating committee without the 35 great candidates for national office—we wish you the best of luck. We also wish the best of luck to our national FFA magazine, *FFA New Horizons*.

We commend our new technical director, Jay Wilson, for doing a fine job with this year's sound, light and audiovisual aids.

We thank the courtesy corps members for their dedication and details that contribute to the successful management of the convention.

We commend RFD/TV for more than 17 hours of convention coverage promoting FFA throughout America and we thank the co-anchors.

We extend our warmest thanks to ICI Americas Inc. for allowing us the opportunity to view a most awesome and spectacular sight at our Thursday night session—the laser show.

Finally, we wish the 1989-90 national officers continuing success in leading the challenge.

Most importantly, we owe our committee consultant the sincerest of thanks. We all respect and admire this man. We regret that it is his last year to be with us, but we have faith that in his heart, he will never leave the FFA. Thank you for everything, Dr. Duane Nielsen.

The National Convention Committee gives the 62nd

National Contests

We bring forth the following recommendations:

1. To encourage the National FFA Board of Directors to promote contest opportunities and participation.

2. Continually update contests by implementing new materials and information as they become available.

3. Due to continuing change and advancements in agriculture, periodically evaluate all contests to determine their suitability.

4. In light of the expanding interests of members, continue to research and develop contests concentrating on agribusiness and agrimarketing.

5. We strongly recommend that a national parliamentary procedure contest be developed to increase the use of proper parliamentary procedure, which is extremely important to efficient communication and decision making.

6. Believing that agriculture is becoming more consumer oriented, we strongly support the recommendations of the National FFA Task Force on Agrimarketing. We strongly recommend that a national agricultural sales contest be established, as outlined by the task force, by 1991.

7. Contest officials at all levels, where feasible, should seriously consider integrating a job interview scenario into each contest format. We recognize the need for practical, applicable job interview skills.

8. Consider other dates and sites if it is not feasible to hold contests in Kansas City during the national convention. If such a situation should arise, we recommend that contest winners be recognized at the national FFA convention.

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National FFA Convention a big thumbs-up because we just love it when a plan comes together!

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Committees

National Leadership Conferences

The Washington Conference Program/Made For Excellence Committee submits the following recommendations:

Washington Conference Program (WCP)

1. Lower the cost of the program to encourage increased participation. Raise money for sponsorships from community organizations and businesses.
2. Produce additional pamphlets to promote sponsorship funding and pledges.
3. Inform students about scholarships available.
4. Encourage state organizations to implement scholarship contests.
5. Encourage all participants in WCP, especially students, to write thank-you notes to sponsors at the conclusion of the conference. Enclose special pledge cards (thank-you notes) to enclose with letters to sponsors.

6. Allow the use of credit cards for WCP conference registration of students and advisors.

7. Graduating seniors should not be permitted to attend WCP unless they are newly elected state officers. If a student is a state officer and has not attended WCP, he or she should be allowed to attend regardless of age or year in school.

8. Consider using videotapes instead of slides for the week's audiovisual presentation. Make the videotapes available to WCP participants.

9. Continue to emphasize leadership abilities and the effect of such abilities on job opportunities.

10. Continue to strengthen and promote the advisors' program at WCP.

1. Incorporate the use of state officers at MFE programs.

2. Explore ways to aid students in paying for MFE (for example, sponsorships and scholarships).

3. When revising the MFE program, maintain the substantial information it is based on.

The following suggestions apply to both WCP and MFE.

1. Seek sponsorship for the printing of promotional pamphlets.

2. Advertise the conferences in FFA *New Horizons* and other press releases such as *Links* to make them more widely known. Have registration information available in FFA *New Horizons*.

3. Continue to send new copies of MFE/WCP videotapes to state organizations to promote the programs in individual states.

The committee extends a special thanks to all WCP and MFE conference staff mem-

National Organizational Development

After considering the status of the organization and its development, we believe the following issues should be addressed.

National Contests

We recommend exploring the possibility of creating a national interest in the following areas through the initiation of national contests in those areas:

1. Parliamentary procedure
2. Commodity marketing
3. National creed public speaking contest
4. Job application and interview

Awards and Incentive Programs

- We recommend developing the following awards and/or incentive programs to emphasize the need for training and development:
1. Ag journalism
 2. Ag policy development
 3. Agscience research programs/science fairs
 4. International agricultural trade and relations

Possibilities for implementing these programs include national conferences to develop skills in these areas and awards and activities sponsored by businesses in those areas.

Telecommunication

We recommend maintaining sponsorship for a nationally televised FFA program dealing with agriculture and organizational topics.

We propose setting a goal for the 65th National Convention to make available through satellite TV to every FFA chapter in the nation, a live broadcast of the convention. SAEF Development

We recommend the establishment of a local skills and competencies recognition program to recognize individual achievement in Supervised Agricultural Experience Programs. This program would supplement the current proficiency award and degree recognition programs.

National Chapter Awards Program

We recommend that, as an incentive to strengthen local chapters, the national FFA increase emphasis on the National Chapter Awards program.

Expansion of Leadership Programs

Investigate the feasibility of a nationwide leadership

program. We also thank Marshall Stewart, the 1988 program manager, for his time and cooperation. His diligence and extreme dedication are greatly appreciated.

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training program targeted to middle school students and administered by FFA members of the respective school district.

Membership Development

Each national convention target a specific group for attendance at the national convention. For example:
 1990 — superintendents
 1991 — guidance counselors
 1992 — principals
 1993 — school board members
 Develop appropriate functions and sessions to recognize the above groups and to bring each group together.

We recommend that the National FFA Foundation fund and special projects to encourage the initiation of an agricultural education program where one does not exist. This goal could be accomplished through numerous vehicles, such as the following:

- Bring school administrators to the national FFA convention.
- Encourage legislative model functions at the state level.
- Encourage states to recognize administrators at state conventions.
- Encourage a chapter awards program that recognizes outstanding achievements in membership development and retention.
- To implement our objective, we encourage the National FFA Foundation to establish matching funds to assist local and state efforts in bringing school administrators and legislators to the national convention.

Finally, we believe that the biggest challenge of this organization for the future is to establish a means of promoting the changes that have been made in FFA and agriculture. It is there where we believe a national comprehensive educational advertising campaign is needed.

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National Leadership Conferences for State Officers

We commend the national officers and staff for the extensive preparation and careful consideration put forth in conducting two outstanding leadership training conferences—the National Leadership Conference for State Officers (NLCSO) and the State Presidents' Conference (SPC). Our thoughts and suggestions follow.

National Leadership Conferences for State Officers

1. Because of the diversity among regions and states, we recommend that the national officers coordinate their programs to address the needs of each area.
2. For efficiency at each NLCSO, proper information should be distributed before each conference. Preconference information should include coordination of activities, attire for the week, recreational activities and knowledge in accordance with program participation.

3. The need for each officer to be fully effective in the conference setting creates a desire for a variety of teaching materials and styles. The following changes would be most beneficial in training officers to handle chapter visits due to the increased contact that state officers have with chapters: better explanation of dealing with the media, state share time, membership development and awareness of national issues in agriculture and FFA.

4. To better understand other state associations at each NLCSO, we strongly encourage each state to share its individuality by displaying promotional items unique to each state FFA association.

5. With understanding comes learning, therefore we support the continuation of the D-I-S-C personality development program. We support social functions (for example, parties and dances) and positive reinforcement techniques (for example, Happy Grams) so each state officer will be properly prepared for living to serve.

State Presidents' Conference

1. Due to the excessive scheduling and consideration to official business, we advise a rescheduling of events. The schedule should include one full day of tours at the beginning of the week with a get-acquainted social activity included. The remainder of the week should include official business, committee work, leadership workshops and official visits. We feel that this creates a better balance between business and social activities.

2. The purpose of the SPC is to train participants in leading and preparing their state officer teams. Therefore, a slight differentiation should be made from the Washington Conference Program and information obtained from the NLCSO should be further emphasized.

3. The national convention operates more smoothly because of prior committee work and delegate transactions. We support the continuation of this type of preparation and request financial sponsorship of the second delegate to the State Presidents' Conference.

4. Knowledge and wisdom are vital to our organization. Therefore, we wish to continue the presence of past national officers as counselors and would like to include the state adult leaders in this part of our learning process.

5. The continuation of specialized leadership workshops would be beneficial to the quality of the State Presidents' Conference.

6. The promotion of FFA has positive impact on our organization. To increase public awareness of our organization and program, we request SPC T-shirts.

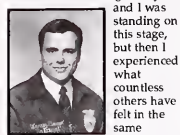
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The "Eye" Vision

Retiring Address by Warren L. Boergers

Excited and terrified! That is exactly how I felt as I scrambled up to this stage, picked Jeff Isom and Jaye Hamby up in the air and turned to see thousands of eyes upon me. I was thrilled that my dream was becoming reality



and I was standing on this stage, but then I experienced what countless others have felt in the same position: fear. My muscles started to tighten up, my heart was racing, and it was hard to concentrate. I began looking for familiar faces and found my parents, who were still jumping up and down. There were tears in my mother's eyes.

Then I came back to the thought that over 20,000 pairs of eyes were looking at me. "Oh my gosh, what do I do now?" So I quickly did what national officers are supposed to do in front of large crowds—I checked to make sure my shirt-tails weren't out, that my tie was somewhat straight, and that I was smiling.

As I turned to greet Jeff Johnson, Dana Soukup and Brad Chambliss, I still felt overwhelmed. In just a few minutes, our team was not only given the responsibility of trying to aid in the direction of this organization, but also to support and carry the news of agriculture and youth throughout the country. I looked at the other five members of our team, and could see in their eyes the same look. I saw progress and friendship and a willingness to promote our organization.

Throughout my year of service one thing has always stuck in my mind—the eyes of individuals. Through these eyes I have been able to see so much this year.

No, it wasn't the blue ones, the brown ones, or any other color. It was the vision that each individual had. Some saw clearer than others, but vision was never lacking. What I saw was a guiding vision of what could be, should be, and will be. I saw a team trained to Japan, China and Thailand for the 10th anniversary of the National Officers International Experience Program sponsored by Mitsui Grain Corporation. I had no idea what to expect when we landed in Beijing, China. I knew that I was looking forward to visiting the Great Wall and there was a great deal of history involved, but I really wasn't prepared for what I saw when those wheels touched down.

Throughout China, we saw all the sights but were rarely allowed to talk to people other than our guide. When we did get to speak to individuals, they seemed different. It wasn't just their clothes or appearance. There was obviously something dramatic missing from their lives.

It wasn't until we packed up and started for home that I realized what was missing. To this day, much of my impression of the Far East depended on this fact. You rarely saw a

simple smile; only blank stares. Even small children, who would normally be laughing as they played games, seemed withdrawn. There was a bleak picture of life, with happy times being few and far between. When we left, I assumed that the only time I would see Communism China again would be in photographs and memories.

A few weeks later, I turned on the television to see thousands of students gathered in Tiananmen Square, where I had stood only a few months before. As I looked over my photographs, I saw small groups of young people gathered together, normal students. The students on the television did not look like the ones in my pictures. The individuals on the television had a purpose. They were armed only with a vision that they wanted to see as a reality, a vision of a free country. They could have sat back and let the opportunity pass, yet they believed in what they were doing and tried to bring about a change. As the weeks stretched, countless students were tracked down, tried, and even shot for their vision. Some people may think that their actions were in vain, but I know that this is only the beginning of a slow change. The world now sees China in a different light, and because of the vision of those students, it will hopefully become a reality someday.

What would you have done? Marched proudly through the square or covered in dust something like that? Or would you have come up with excuses such as "I can't do that. I am too young or too old, I am too busy, or I need more people." It is kind of funny. Conditions are never really right to bring about change, are they?

Around the world you have seen change brought about by an individual's vision. In Poland, a new government has emerged because of a dockworker's vision. In South Africa, we see the hopes of a people who strive to be seen as equals. By car, train, or bus, thousands of individuals make the long trek to a new life in West Germany. All because of a simple vision.

My friends, what visions do each of you have? As I have traveled from one corner of the United States to the other, I always felt homesick and comfortable with you. You took the time to share with me what you saw in the future, and then you told me how you could bring about the needed changes in order to be prepared for that future. Many of you realized that change in vision can not be made overnight, but must be planted and nurtured to bring to reality. You have always acted with an act of vision.

I traveled to Raton, New Mexico, in June and saw through the advisor's eyes, Mr. Ray Chelowski, the possibilities for our organization to expand and grow in the areas of community service, horticulture, and natural resources. I saw an animal refuge, built by the chapter with the help and support of the community. We will be able to transport deer and turkeys,

while nursing sick or hurt wildlife back to health. This same chapter set out to reclaim land at a former mining site, and did it!

What did this chapter have that many others could learn from? An active vision. They traveled from New Mexico to Washington D.C. to try to gain approval and support for many of their programs. They became involved with the state fish and game department, and when a small bear cub was found homeless in Alaska they were on the phone trying to gain permission to care for it.

That is an active vision. But the road was not always the brightest. Before the current agriculture teacher arrived, the program had been closed. Enrollment was low and funds were nonexistent. Because of the efforts of the community and a renewed interest in the program, Raton FFA now plays a large role in competitions in New Mexico and nationally. My friends, we need to continue on, actively seeking to bring our visions to reality. But let's not set our visions in stone. We need to realize that as time passes and technology progresses, our vision will need changes to keep it current.

Being the best in a particular job does not mean that you do the same thing over and over. Rather, you implement new ideas and constantly strive for innovation. That is why we recognize the American FFA Degree Recipients today. For seeing what could be, seeking it out, and implementing it into their own supervised Agricultural Experience Program. That is what sets them apart and makes them so very special.

There are those who helped me see what could be and probably had the largest impact on my vision: my family. Growing up on a livestock farm, I always knew what work was. But my father believed that work could be done after school activities, and, with the help of my mother and sister, the work got done. My mother and my entire family always took the time to listen to the exciting things I had seen and the problems I had seen. To my Mom, Dad, John, Crystal and my grandparents, thank you for your support, love and belief in me.

To my five good friends with whom I have worked: With a year I will remember Jeff Johnson's laugh, Dana's sophisticated look, Jeff Isom's dancing, Brad's hotel room decorating, and Jaye's calm. Dana, Jeff, Jaye, Brad and Jeff, we have agreed, disagreed, played, worked, traveled and praised, always as a team. We have watched as a member of the team succeeded and listened when that member was hurt or frustrated. Thank you for always being there for me. There isn't a term that does justice to the memories and experiences we have had this year.

To my advisors, Mr. Conklin and Mr. Joe Williams, thank you for pushing, prodding, leading, presenting and even sometimes "making" me become involved in the FFA to develop myself. I am proud to say that I had the pleasure of

having you as an advisor, teacher and most of all... a friend.

To Mr. Rob Hovis, thank you for the fantastic year when I was a state officer and for always working to help our team reach its potential. And to Mr. Jim Scott, during my year you have always been supportive and available for whatever I needed. I could call late at night or early in the morning and you would always be there to help or just talk. I offer you my heartfelt thanks and gratitude.

Now for the hardest thank-you of all. A thank-you to all of you that I've come in contact with this past year. I have had the proud privilege of being in Iowa, North Dakota and New Jersey for their state conventions, where I always felt right at home. I did the hula in Hawaii, much to the amusement of 300 students and parents. I look back at pictures when I was dressed as an angel at the State Presidents' Conference and in Kansas. I remember the 50th anniversary at my home chapter of Fairbanks where I always found support. I shared the 50th anniversary of chapters in Nashua, Iowa, and Clear Lake, Wisconsin, as well.

I saw a chapter walk away with a new vision of what could be at a banquet in Bonifay, Florida. I still have bruises from the time I tried to show members in Montana how to ride a bull. Countless times I was amazed at the beauty of our country as I shared the sheer awe and power of the Rocky Mountains with FFA members from Meeteetse, Wyoming, and played volleyball by the ocean with members from the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida. Leaving was something that came hard many times, except when I left Vermont due to the rapid approach of hurricane Hugo! There are too many experiences to try to mention, and I will treasure those memories when I was at my best, with you.

I look back at those times and so many others, and remember the gleam and sparkle in those members' eyes. Those members were high on life, ready to take on the challenges that were to arise. Through your strength and your belief in tomorrow, I always felt confident in agriculture and in our country.

My friends, it is time for someone new to present their vision and help lead this great organization. I know that you will show them the kindness, sincerity and love that you have shown me so much of. Keep the vision my friends, keep the vision.

The retiring addresses of Dana Soukup, Jeff Johnson, Jeff Isom, Jaye Hamby and Brad Chambliss were unavailable at press deadline.

Copies of the speeches will be mailed to each FFA chapter following the convention. The speeches are also available on videotape and may be purchased from the National FFA Supply Service.

National Program of Activities Committee

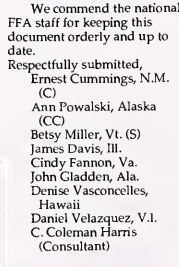
We have analyzed the national FFA program of activities and submit the following recommendations:

1. Update the program of activities to comply with any changes to the National FFA Constitution.
2. Continue efforts to strengthen ties with areas outside the continental United States, dealing primarily with the development of new state associations and international agricultural youth affiliates.
3. Encourage the FFA to study the establishment of agribusness, agriscience (agriculture and technology), agrimarketing, sales and service and job internships contests not related directly to production agriculture.
4. Revise and broaden contests in conjunction with the broadening of agricultural education.
5. Expand the interstate exchange program with the possibility of a work experience program.
6. Explore the creation of an international agricultural summit for youth in conjunction with the national FFA convention.
7. Explore the creation of a national FFA creed speaking contest.
8. Develop a program within the program of activities dealing specifically with junior high membership.
9. Continue to supply delegate committee members with a report of action taken on the previous year's committee recommendations.

We commend the national FFA staff for keeping this document orderly and up to date.

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National FFA Supply Service Committee

We commend the National FFA Supply Service on yet another successful year of providing high-quality products, exceptional service and improvements. We also commend the service on being more responsive to the progressive needs of our membership.

We recommend the following new products:

- Official corduroy FFA jacket with attachments for chain placement and adjustments to avoid the zipper tab showing.
- FFA women's fashion hosiery.
- Golden FFA pinky rings.
- FFA ankle bracelet.
- Woven FFA friendship bracelet.
- Women's wallet.
- FFA self-stick removable notes.
- Laminated FFA membership cards.
- Parents' FFA bumper stickers.
- FFA giftwrap.
- New FFA letter opener.
- Personalized FFA stationery (envelopes, letterhead stationery and memo pads).
- Show sleeve protector.
- Women advisors' scarf.
- Colored T-shirts and polo shirts for advisors.
- FFA squeeze light.
- FFA pen flashlight.

We deem necessary the following improvements and/or revisions of existing products.

- Improve quality of FFA tie by installing buttoned pockets.
- Lengthen the brass collar bar and women's material scarf.
- Increase durability of jewelry and accessories.
- Make available multicolor FFA roll bags with emblem.
- Update style of sunglasses.
- Make both traditional and modern versions of officers' symbols available for purchase.

- Review and update existing audiovisual and program materials.

- We suggest discontinuing the following items:
 - Camouflage travel bags, watches and suspenders.
 - FFA stadium blankets.
 - FFA show vests.

- We suggest the following improvements, revisions and additions for the catalog layout.

- Revise the catalog cover by incorporating national officers and/or the national FFA theme.
- Continue the new product directory on the back cover.
- Highlight various categories on the film page.
- Publicize the metals and awards plaques.
- Provide a service number for customized items not listed in the catalog.

We encourage all chapters to purchase from the supply service. We request that all state FFA associations, at all times, promote the purchase of products from the supply service. We urge that the National FFA Supply Service continue to work closely with manufacturers to help insure the highest quality of products available to FFA members.

We believe these recommendations are in the best interests of our organization for providing high-quality products to members. Our sincerest thanks to Dennis Shafer and Jan Brown for their immeasurable guidance, genuine support, input and overall assistance in making these decisions.

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1989-90 National FFA Officers

Donnell Brown, a 20-year-old from **Throckmorton, Texas**, was elected national FFA president. The son of Rob and Peggy Brown, Donnell is a member of the Throckmorton FFA Chapter. His local advisor is Bill Bredemeier.

Brown's FFA leadership experience includes service as chapter, area and state president. He has participated in numerous leadership conferences as well as extemporaneous speaking and judging contests.

Brown's Supervised Agricultural Experience Program uses the latest technological advances, such as embryo transfer, in raising registered beef cattle. He also has an extensive quarter horse operation.

Brown, a sophomore majoring in animal business, will take a one-year leave of absence from Texas Tech University to fulfill his duties as national president. After graduation, he plans to join the family's farming operation.



Donnell Brown
National President



Dan Schroer
Vice President
Eastern Region

Dan Schroer, a 20-year-old from New Bremen, Ohio, was elected national FFA vice president for the eastern region. The son of James and Martha Schroer, Dan is a member of the New Bremen FFA Chapter. His local advisor is Tom Roetgerman.

Schroer previously served as state president and sectional vice president. He has participated in numerous FFA activities, including prepared and extemporaneous public speaking contests, skills contests and leadership workshops.

Schroer's Supervised Agricultural Experience Program includes work experience at ABN Radio & Television, the Ohio State Fair, the Ohio Department of Education, Agricultural Education Service and placement on several area farms. He also had a fruit and vegetable production enterprise.

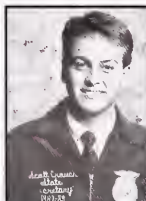
Schroer, a sophomore majoring in agricultural education and agricultural economics at Ohio State University, will take a one-year leave of absence to fulfill his duties. He plans to become a secondary agricultural education instructor.

Scott Crouch, a 20-year-old from Cicero, Ind., was elected national FFA secretary. The son of Robert E. Crouch and Cheryl Ann Walsh, Scott is a member of the Tipton FFA Chapter. His local advisors are Guy Kirby, Hank Carson and George Price.

Crouch has served as state secretary, district secretary and president, and chapter treasurer and president. He participated in public speaking, agricultural judging and community service activities.

Crouch's Supervised Agricultural Experience Program includes swine production and horse management. He worked as a program assistant for the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service and as a broadcaster for WEWZ radio.

Crouch will take a year's leave of absence from Purdue University, where he is carrying a dual major in agricultural education and community development. He hopes to attend graduate school to become an administrator for a school system or government agency.



Scott Crouch
National Secretary



Bradley Lewis
Vice President
Eastern Region

Bradley Lewis, 21, of Elkmont, Ala., was elected national FFA vice president of the southern region. The son of Wayne and Annette Lewis, Brad is a member of the Elkmont FFA Chapter. His local advisor is Randy Blackledge.

In Alabama, Lewis served as state president, district president and district reporter. He also held the offices of chapter reporter and student advisor and participated in leadership workshops, public speaking contests and dairy contests.

Lewis' Supervised Agricultural Experience Program included agricultural construction and maintenance and agricultural electrification. During high school, he worked for a construction company that specialized in the building of farm homes, barns, stables and machine shops.

As a junior in agricultural education at Auburn University, Lewis will take a one-year leave of absence to fulfill his duties. After graduation, he plans to attend law school and pursue a career in teaching or agribusness.

William Henriksen, a 21-year-old from DeWitt, Iowa, was elected national FFA vice president for the central region. The son of Patricia Henriksen and the late Donald Henriksen, Bill is a member of the DeWitt Central FFA Chapter. His local advisor is Daniel Smicker.

Before being named national vice president, Henriksen served as state vice president and held offices on the chapter and district levels. He has participated in numerous leadership workshops, agricultural sales and job interview contests, judging contests and proficiency award competitions.

For his Supervised Agricultural Experience Program, Henriksen operates his family's 368-acre farm. With a minimum of hired help, he runs the entire operation from purchasing all inputs and planting to harvesting.

Henriksen, a junior majoring in agricultural business, will take a one-year leave of absence from Iowa State University to fulfill his duties as national vice president. He plans a career in agribusness.



William Henriksen
Vice President
Central Region



Casey Isom
National President
Western Region

Casey Isom, 19, of Fruitland, Idaho, was elected national FFA vice president of the western region. He is the son of Waldon and Patricia Isom and the brother of the 1988-89 holder of that office. He is a member of the Fruitland FFA Chapter, where he is the local advisor is Dwayne Teschobidek.

Before being elected national vice president, Isom served as state president, federation president, and chapter vice president and secretary. He has participated in numerous leadership workshops, speaking contests and judging contests.

Isom's Supervised Agricultural Experience Program includes management of a cattle operation with pasture and alfalfa hay acreage.

He will take a one-year leave of absence from Brigham Young University, where he is majoring in international relations, to fulfill his duties as national vice president. Isom plans to pursue a career in government foreign service.

National Officer Candidates

National officer candidate reception sponsored by Mobay Corporation, Agricultural Chemicals Division

Six new national officers were selected by a nominating committee from an outstanding field of candidates. All 35 interview participants took part in a challenging process designed to assist the committee in nominat-

ing a team that would serve together well for the coming year.

ALABAMA: Bradley K. Lewis, Elkmont
ARIZONA: Tami M. Austin, Mesa
ARKANSAS: Jennifer J. Barber, Lake City
CALIFORNIA: Kathy Almond, Rio Oso
COLORADO: Brenli Newbanks, Yuma
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INDIANA: Scott E. Crouch, Cicero

IOWA: William J. Henriksen, DeWitt
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NORTH DAKOTA: Will J. MacDonald,

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PENNSYLVANIA: Mark R. Anderson, Dover
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SOUTH DAKOTA: Kevin J. Albrecht, Marion
TENNESSEE: Shane M. Williams, Riceville
TEXAS: Donnell Brown, Throckmorton
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