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CALL TO THE 57TH STATE CONVENTION

By: Cathy Hively, State President

Lights! Camera! Action! It's that time of year again—When FFA members look eagerly ahead to the exciting State FFA Convention. This year's convention begins on Tuesday, June 14th and winds up on Friday, June 17th. This convention has been rated "E." "E" for lots of Enthusiasm, Excitement, and Entertainment!

Exciting highlights of this year's convention will include addresses by Miss Jan Eberly, National FFA President, and Dr. William Bosher, Superintendent of Henrico County Schools. Kicking off the convention on Tuesday evening will be the stimulating National FFA Theme Show, "Vocational Agriculture . . . Educating Through Experience." Friday morning features two more audio visual

presentations—the "State Officers' Annual Report" and the "Convention in Review" which features the *real* stars of the week, you, the FFA members.

For your enjoyment, special entertainment will be provided by members of the State FFA Chorus and the State FFA Band. You will also witness a once-in-a-lifetime event when the state officers exhibit their "Swingin" talent!

Competition fills the air on Wednesday and Thursday as students put to practical use the training that they have received this year. Members will compete in 14 contest areas ranging from livestock judging to horticulture and from agricultural mechanics to farm business management. In addition to these contests,

convention goers will witness the finals in the State Prepared Public Speaking Contest Wednesday night.

The presentation of awards is always exciting! Many chapters and individuals have worked very hard this past year and will be justly rewarded for their efforts. Chapters will be recognized in Safety, BOAC, 100% Membership, Public Relations, Energy Challenge, and National Chapter Award Programs. Twenty-three individuals will be named state winners in the Proficiency Award areas.

Thursday evening is anxiously awaited by over 300 members who are recipients of the coveted State Farmer Degree. This

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The 1982-83 state FFA officers will be in command of the 57th Annual FFA Convention June 14-17, 1983. Front row (l. to r.) David Sadler; Treasurer, Cathy Hively; President, Gary Larrowe; Secretary, Robert Vaughn; Reporter. Back row (l. to r.) Vice Presidents Jeff Goff; Central Area, Marc Van Pelt; Northern Area, Randy Alls; Appalachian Area, Cris Eastep; Eastern Area, Mike Reeves; Southside Area.

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is the third of the four degrees offered by the organization, and the highest award that the state may bestow. From these worthy candidates, 5 area Star Farmers and Star Agribusinessmen are chosen. During the impressive Stars Over Virginia Pageant, the 1983 State Star Farmer and State Star Agribusinessman will be revealed.

The convention is not all sessions and contests. There is plenty of time to get away from all the bustle and hubbub. The beautiful campus of Virginia Tech offers many different escapes. If athletics is your game, there are softball and volleyball tournaments awaiting your participation. Or for the less energetic, how about a friendly game of tennis or a relaxing dip in the pool? After that, why not stop by the bookstore or relax under a big shade tree? Members also get a true taste of college life by staying in the college dormitories and eating in the dining hall.

The convention is definitely the highlight of the FFA year, but it is always met with mixed emotion. Members and advisors are always elated with their awards and recognition, but it can be a sad time for the state officers as they give their retiring addresses and head out in a "Blaze of Glory," and 10 new officers are installed.

So as state president, it is my pleasure to cordially invite all of you to the convention. We have a lot of surprises in store for you and it is our sincere wish that you will be there to experience them. We're certainly looking forward to meeting you and with your help, the 57th Annual Convention *will be the best ever!*

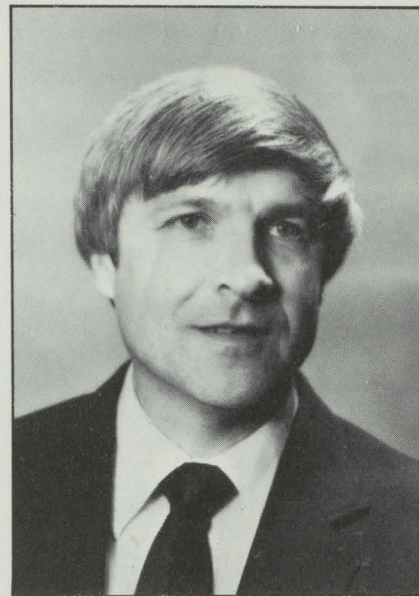
Kettler To Speak at Tech

Submitted by: **George Bowers**

National FFA Vice President, Bruce Kettler, will be the featured speaker at the third annual leadership conference sponsored by the Virginia Tech Agricultural Education Society, Friday, September 30. The 1983-84 State FFA officers will assist with the conference. Other highlights will include a special breakfast, campus tours and the Virginia Tech-Louisville football game on Saturday.

The conference, geared for first and second year FFA members, will feature twelve leadership workshops on topics ranging from public speaking to banquet etiquette. All workshop sessions will be conducted by AES members and past and present state FFA officers.

Some lodging arrangements are being made and pre-registration forms will be mailed to all chapters this summer.



W. T. (Tommy) Johnson

W. T. Johnson Appointed State Advisor

Mr. W. T. (Tommy) Johnson has been appointed Associate Director of Agricultural Education for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Along with this position, Johnson is the new State Advisor of the Virginia Association FFA.

Johnson began his career with vocational agriculture as a teacher in Appomattox County. In 1972, he became principal of an elementary school and in 1973 was named Assistant Supervisor of Agricultural Education in the Department of Education's Richmond office. In that post, he served as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Virginia Association FFA.

In 1978, Johnson was promoted to Supervisor of State Plan and Evaluation, with statewide responsibilities in Vocational Education.

He is a recipient of the Chapter Farmer and State Farmer Degrees, the Outstanding Young Member Award of the VVATA, Distinguished Service Award from the Appomattox Education Association, and the Silver Teacher of Teachers Award from the NVATA.

Johnson, his wife Pat and their three children reside in Mechanicsville.

The Virginia Association FFA welcomes Mr. Johnson back to Agricultural Education and the FFA.

Essex Wins At Fairgrounds

The Essex FFA team won the 1983 Junior Swine Field Day judging event April 12, at the State Fairgrounds. The team, with members Rodney Carter, Dale King and Timmy Barrett, outscored 40 other 4-H and FFA teams from across Virginia.

The team was coached by Mr. Dale Sanders. Mark Overstreet was an alternate.

The judging contest was held following an afternoon of seminars on selection of swine. The seminars were conducted by members of the Animal Science Department of Virginia Tech.

After the contest all 4-H and FFA members and advisors were treated to a barbecued pork chop dinner sponsored by the State Fair of Virginia, the Virginia Feeder Pig Association, the Virginia Purebred Swine Breeders' Association, the Virginia Pork Industry Association and American Cyanamide of Salisbury, Maryland.

Two teams from the Virginia Beach 4-H placed second and third, while Louisa Junior FFA was fourth and Liberty Junior FFA was fifth. In sixth place was Cumberland 4-H, followed by King William FFA (7th), Laurel Park FFA (8th), Dinwiddie Junior FFA (9th), and Powhatan 4-H (10th).

The highest scoring individual was William Gilman of the Liberty Junior FFA chapter. Kevin Lane of Patrick Henry FFA (Hanover County) placed second, third and fourth places went to Candy Meiggs and Robbie Vaughan, both of Virginia Beach 4-H. Brunswick Senior FFA member Santee Gerald was in fifth place while Laura Carpenter of Virginia Beach was sixth. Seventh place was earned by Bruce Hall of Parkview Senior FFA, while Dale King of Essex placed eighth, Mike Perkis of Dinwiddie placed ninth and Rodney Carter of Essex placed tenth.

National Notes

FFA WEEK MATERIALS are still available for use in decorating banquets and for use this summer at state and county fairs. Supplies are becoming low, so get orders in early.

A REVIEW COMMITTEE for National FFA Center Productions has been selected to review and evaluate FFA audio-visuals. Two professors selected to act as reviewers: Dr. Dick Carter, Iowa State and Mike Rush, Virginia Tech, and three vocational agriculture instructors: Herbert Lackey, Tennessee; Cyrus Vernon, North Carolina, and Larry Bishop, California.



Winning Team From Essex

Members of the Essex FFA team which placed first in the swine judging during the Swine Field Day in Richmond. (l. to r.) Timmy Barrett, Rodney Carter, Dale Sanders (Coach), Dale King and Mark Overstreet.

ROCKINGHAM SCHOOLS WIN

Two Rockingham County Future Farmers of America teams captured first place in their divisions in the annual FFA state parliamentary procedure contest March 19. Broadway FFA was named winner of the senior division and Montevideo Intermediate won the junior division of the contest. Each division winner competed against four other teams from across Virginia.

In the senior division, Nelson County placed second, Essex County was third, while Amelia Senior placed fourth and Carroll County was fifth.

Second place in the junior division was Staunton River of Bedford County. Third was Blacksburg while Nelson County Junior placed fourth and Essex County Junior placed fifth.

Each team had earned a berth in the state finals by winning contests on the federation level, then advancing to one of the five area contests. The area winners competed in the state contest. Each area winner will receive a plaque at the state FFA convention in June. The senior division winners will receive an additional plaque from the Virginia Association FFA. The junior division contest is sponsored by the Virginia FFA Alumni Association.

In addition to the chapter winners, "All-Star" members were selected to designate the members who performed best in each officer position. In the senior division contest, four Broadway members were named to the all-star team. Steve Reedy was selected the best President, Cindy Bailey the best Vice-President, Irvin Armentrout the best Secretary and

Roy Dean the best Second Committee Chairman. Reporter is Mark Hayes of Amelia, Carroll County's Myra Newman is the Treasurer, Scott Reinhardt of Essex is the Sentinel and Robert-Jon Purvis of Nelson County is the First Committee Chairman. James Hively and Dennis Smith, FFA advisors at Broadway, coached the state winning team.

In the junior division four members of the Montevideo Intermediate team were named "all-stars." Kevin Craun was selected as President, Sherri Bodkins the Secretary, Paul Hansen the Treasurer and David Amerman the Second Committee Chairman. Named to the Vice-President division was Will DeShazo of Essex, while Nelson Junior's John Cash was named Reporter, David Austin of Staunton River was named Sentinel and Blacksburg's Dan Bower was named First Committee Chairman. A. W. Mitchell and Greg Trobaugh, both teachers at Montevideo Intermediate School, coached the winning team.

The Parliamentary Procedure Contest is a leadership training exercise that reflects the classroom instructional program in agricultural education in Virginia. Students learn how to conduct meetings, speak in public forums and how a democratic society functions properly. Promoting rural leadership is one of the main aims of the Future Farmers of America. Many state and national leaders, including former President Jimmy Carter, North Carolina Governor Hunt and State Senator Danny Bird, attribute their early leadership experiences to their FFA membership.



Tentative Program 57th State Convention



Monday Afternoon, June 13

1:00 p.m. State Officers Meeting, Pritchard Hall, First Floor, Lounge

Tuesday Morning, June 14

8:00 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting - Pritchard Hall
10:00 a.m. Registration Begins - Pritchard Hall

AFTERNOON

1:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting - Burruss Hall
1:30 p.m. State Officer Candidate Interviews - 104 Pamplin
2:00 p.m. Recreation Committee - 219 Gym
2:00 p.m. Band Practice - Squires Rehearsal Room
2:00 p.m. Chorus Practice - McBryde 100
2:00 p.m. Practice for posting of colors - Area Creed Speaking winners - Burruss Hall Auditorium
2:30 p.m. Delegate Meeting - Burruss Hall Auditorium (for all delegates)
3:00 p.m. FFA Committee Chairmen meet in Burruss Hall Auditorium
3:00 p.m. Volleyball and Softball
Northern vs. Appalachian
3:45-4:20 p.m. Swimming - Memorial Gym - Northern, Southside
4:30-5:00 p.m. Swimming - Memorial Gym - Eastern, Appalachian, Central
4:00 p.m. Contest orientation meeting for FFA Advisors, Agriculture Auditorium (146 Smyth)
5:15 p.m. Dinner - Dietrick Dining Hall
7:15 p.m. Vespers - Burruss Hall Auditorium—State Officers
7:30 p.m. First Session - Burruss Hall Auditorium
Posting the Colors - Area Creed Speaking Winners and State FFA Band - Mr. Bill Propst, Director
National Anthem - led by State Band and Chorus
Opening Ceremony - State Officers
Invocation - Randy Alls, State Vice-President
Welcome - Virginia Tech
Special Feature - "Vo-Ag. Educating Through Experience"
National Theme Show
Nomination and Election of State Farmer Degree Candidates
Introduction of State Officer Candidates
Special Feature -
Awards: Chapter Safety
Forest Management
Ag. Sales and/or Service
International Greenweek - Cathy Hively, State President
Awards: Forestry Judging
Home and/or Farmstead Improvement
Placement in Agricultural Production
Turf Management
Announcements
Closing Ceremony
10:00 p.m. Rap Sessions with State Officers - Dietrick Dining Hall
11:00 p.m. Lights Out

Wednesday Morning, June 15

6:30 a.m. Breakfast - Dietrick Dining Hall
7:45 a.m. Assemble for Judging Contests - across from Cassell Coliseum
8:00 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting
8:00 a.m. Sr. Agricultural Mechanics Contest - Agriculture Engineering Department
8:30 a.m. State Judging Contests
A. Livestock

Address: Dr. William C. Boshier, Superintendent of Schools,
Henrico County
Retiring Thoughts - Marc VanPelt, State Vice-President
Awards: Agricultural Electrification
Tractor Operators
Public Relations
Retiring Thoughts - Randy Alls, State Vice-President
Results of Public Speaking - Jr., Sr. and Extemporaneous -
George Bowers, Past State President
Announcements
Closing Ceremony
10:00 p.m. Rap Sessions with State Officers - Dietrick Dining Hall
11:00 p.m. Lights Out

Thursday Morning, June 16

7:00 a.m. Breakfast - Dietrick Dining Hall
8:30 a.m. Judging Contests: Crops (top 10%)
Livestock (top 10%)
Junior Agricultural Mechanics
8:30 a.m. Horticulture Contest Practicum
8:30 a.m. Co-op Seminar - 409 Saunders
8:30 a.m. Dairy Management Contest
8:30 a.m. Chorus Practice - 100 McBryde
8:30 a.m. Fourth Session - Burruss Hall Auditorium
Music by State FFA Band
Opening Ceremony - State Officers
Awards: Chapter Forestry
Nursery Operations
Retiring Thoughts - Gary Larrowe, State Secretary
Awards: Chapter Wildlife
Sheep Production
Retiring Thoughts - Mike Reeves, State Vice-President
Awards: Fruit and/or Vegetable Production
Fish and Wildlife Management
Pride in Tobacco Production
Retiring Thoughts - David Sadler, State Treasurer
Business Session
Roll Call of Delegates
Report of Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Unfinished Business
New Business
Committee Reports
a. Auditing
b. Budget and Dues
Music by State FFA Band
c. Constitution and By-Laws
d. Chapter Chats
e. FFA-FHA Camps
f. Program of Activities
g. Contests and Awards
h. Public Relations
Music by State FFA Chorus
Nomination of State Officers for 1983-84
Announcements
Closing Ceremony

AFTERNOON

8:00 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting
 8:00 a.m. Sr. Agricultural Mechanics Contest - Agriculture Engineering Department
 8:30 a.m. State Judging Contests
 A. Livestock
 B. Dairy
 C. Poultry
 D. Crops
 E. Floriculture
 F. Nursery/Landscape
 8:30 a.m. Band Practice - Squires Student Center
 8:30 a.m. Chorus Practice - McBryde 100
 8:30 a.m. Farm Business Management Contest - 223 Biochemistry
 8:30 a.m. Co-op Seminar - 409 Saunders
 8:30 a.m. State Officer Candidate Interviews - 104 Pamplin
 8:30 a.m. Tractor Operators Contest - Written Exam - Agriculture Engineering Building
 9:00 a.m. Preliminary Sr. Public Speaking Contest - Burruss Hall Auditorium
 9:00 a.m. Extemporaneous Speaking Contest - Animal Science Building 1840-70
 9:00 a.m. Junior Public Speaking Contest - Animal Science Building 1850-60
 9:00 a.m. Agribusiness Contest - Williams Hall, Rooms 105, 219, 220, 221
 11:00 a.m. Review of Judging Contest Classes

AFTERNOON

12:00 noon Lunch - Dietrick Dining Hall
 12:30 p.m. Farm Business Management Continuation - 223 Biochemistry
 1:00 p.m. Tractor Operators Contest
 1:30 p.m. Co-op Seminar - 409 Saunders
 1:30 p.m. State Officer Candidate Interviews - 104 Pamplin
 1:30 p.m. Second Session - Burruss Hall Auditorium
 Opening Ceremony
 Music by State FFA Chorus - Mr. Larry Davidson, Director
 Awards: Building Our American Communities
 Diversified Livestock
 Retiring Thoughts - Jeff Goff, State Vice-President
 Awards: Beef Production
 Horse Proficiency
 Floriculture
 Energy Challenge
 Special Feature -
 Awards: Poultry Production
 Dairy Production
 Swine Production
 Parliamentary Procedure - Jr. & Sr.
 Retiring Thoughts: Cris Eastep, State Vice-President
 Awards: Agricultural Processing
 Outdoor Recreation
 Crop Production
 Soil & Water Management
 Agriculture Mechanics
 Retiring Thoughts: Robert Vaughn, State Reporter
 Announcements
 Closing Ceremony

3:00 p.m. Committee Meetings - All Delegates
 1. Resolutions - McBryde 658
 2. Auditing - Burruss Hall
 3. Budget and Dues - McBryde 666
 4. Constitution and By-Laws - 116 Randolph
 5. Chapter Chats - 120 Randolph
 6. FFA-FHA Camps - 121 Randolph
 7. Program of Activities - 212 Randolph
 8. Contest and Awards - 102 Randolph
 9. Public Relations - 115 Randolph

4:00 p.m. Softball and Volleyball Games - Tuesday's winner vs. Southside, Central vs. Eastern
 4:00-4:30 p.m. Swimming - Memorial Gym - Eastern, Central, Appalachian
 4:30-5:00 p.m. Swimming - Memorial Gym - Northern, Southside
 4:30 p.m. Reception for FFA Foundation Donor Representatives - Dietrick Dining Hall, Hosted by Virginia Tech Collegiate FFA Chapter
 5:15 p.m. Dinner - Dietrick Dining Hall

EVENING

7:00 p.m. Third Session - Burruss Hall Auditorium
 Music by State FFA Band
 Opening Ceremony - State Officers
 Public Speaking Contest Finals - Sr. Prepared Contest
 Special Feature - State Officers
 Music by State FFA Band
 Recognition of FFA Foundation Donor Representatives

Music by State FFA Chorus
 Nomination of State Officers for 1983-84
 Announcements
 Closing Ceremony

AFTERNOON

12:00 noon Lunch - Dietrick Dining Hall
 1:00-4:00 p.m. Virginia FFA Alumni Association Convention - 146 Smyth
 1:00 - Business Meeting
 2:00 - Strengthening Local Affiliates - R. W. Cox, Executive Director, National FFA Alumni Association
 4:00 - Adjourn
 1:00 p.m. Creed Speaking Contest -
 1:30 p.m. Band and Chorus Practice
 1:30 p.m. National Officer Candidate Interviews - 105 Lane Hall
 1:30 p.m. Co-op Seminar - 409 Saunders
 3:30 p.m. Softball Championship - Drill Field
 3:30 p.m. Volleyball Championship -
 3:30-4:30 p.m. Reception for State Farmer Degree Recipients in Agricultural Production - Sponsored by Virginia Farm Bureau Federation - Squires Ballroom
 4:00-4:30 p.m. Swimming - Memorial Gym - Northern, Southside
 4:30-5:00 p.m. Swimming - Memorial Gym - Eastern, Central, Appalachian
 4:15 p.m. State Officer Family Reception - Dietrick Dining Hall
 Hosted by Virginia Tech Collegiate FFA
 5:15 p.m. Dinner - Dietrick Dining Hall

EVENING

6:45 p.m. State FFA Band - Burruss Auditorium
 7:00 p.m. Fifth Session - Burruss Hall Auditorium
 Opening Ceremony - State Officers
 Greetings from State Young Farmers - James Mohler, President
 Greetings from Virginia's Vocational Student Organizations
 Conferring Active State Farmer Degrees
 Music by State FFA Chorus
 Conferring Honorary State Farmer Degrees
 Address - Jan Eberly, National President
 Presentation of FFA Alumni Association Scholarship - Norman Grove, President
 Presentation of Alpha Gamma Rho Ray Warren Memorial Scholarship
 Special Feature
 Conferring of Distinguished Service Awards
 Recognition of State Officers' Parents
 Music by State FFA Band
 Stars Over Virginia - Star Farmer and Star Agribusinessman Awards
 Closing Ceremony
 Lights Out

11:00 p.m.

Friday Morning, June 17

7:00 a.m. Breakfast - Dietrick Dining Hall
 8:30 a.m. Sixth Session - Burruss Hall Auditorium
 Opening Ceremony - State Officers
 Committee Reports
 Resolutions
 FFA Advisory Council
 Music - State FFA Band and Chorus
 State Officers Annual Report
 Special Presentation to State Officers - Kendall Clay, State President 1961-62
 Announcement of National Officer Candidate
 Awards: Community Service
 Recognition of New Chapters
 Co-op Seminar Scholarships to AIC
 Creed Speaking Results
 100% Membership Chapters
 Superior Chapter
 Chapter Contest (Jr. and Sr.)
 Softball Games
 Volleyball Games
 Housing Contest
 Judging Contest Results - Final
 President's Annual Address - Cathy Hively, State President, 1982-83
 Installation of Officers for 1983-84
 Incoming President's Address
 Closing Prayer - Gary Larowe, State Secretary, 1982-83
 Closing Ceremony - 1983-84 State Officers
 Meeting of Newly Elected State Officers - Burruss Hall
 11:15 a.m. Lunch - Dietrick Dining Hall
 11:30 a.m. Leave for Home

Chesterfield Chapter Has Sale

The Chesterfield Vo-Tech FFA Chapter held a plant sale recently as part of their horticulture program. The sale was begun during the Chesterfield Tech Center's Annual Technology Fair, which opened the school for public displays of student skills and programs. The horticulture students planted seeds, and transplanted seedlings in preparation for the fair. Available for sale were petunias,

marigolds, snapdragons, coleus, tomatoes, peppers, ferns, spider plants, wandering jew and many other plants.

The horticulture department has also undertaken a monthly newsletter, "The Green Thumb," which is sent to county residents and supporters of the program. The newsletter has tips on plant growth, news of school and student activities and FFA chapter news.

CONFERENCE DATES SET

Dates have been tentatively set for future FFA state and national conventions and Agriculture teacher conferences. The following schedules will apply.

	State FFA Convention	Ag. Teacher's Conference	National FFA Convention
1983	June 14 - 17	July 12 - 15	November 10 - 12
1984	June 12 - 15	July 10 - 13	November 8 - 10
1985	June 10 - 14	July 9 - 12	November 14 - 16
1986	June 16 - 20	July 9 - 11	November 13 - 15
1987	June 15 - 19	July 7 - 10	November 12 - 14
1988	June 13 - 17	TBA	November 10 - 12
1989	June 12 - 16	TBA	November 9 - 11
1990	June 11 - 15	TBA	November 8 - 10
1991	TBA	TBA	November 14 - 16



Broadway Winners

(Left to right) Benny Sonifrank; Star Greenhand, Keith May; Star Chapter Farmer, Irvin Armentrout; DeKalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award.

Broadway Holds Chapter Banquet

Keith May has been named the Broadway Star Chapter Farmer. The award, the highest given by a local chapter, was presented during the Broadway group's annual parent-member banquet.

The FFA chapter also presented three honorary degrees and gave outstanding service awards to two area banks.

Honorary degrees were awarded to Mr. William Sprinkle, Assistant Principal at the school, and Mrs. Carole Hively and Mrs. Faye Smith, wives of vocational agriculture teachers at Broadway High.

The three were cited for their support of the FFA program.

The service awards went to Farmers and Merchants Banks of Rockingham and First National Bank of Broadway for their continued financial support of chapter activities.

The DeKalb Agriculture Accomplishment Award went to Irvin Armentrout, and the Star Greenhand award for the top first-year FFA member went to Benny Sonifrank.

The program for the banquet was presented by Cathy Hively, State FFA President. She showed a series of slides and discussed her recent trip to the International Greenweek Exposition in Germany.

Notes From the National Center

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT CAMPAIGN—The Directors and Trustees approved the funding of a National Public Service Announcement Campaign for television, radio, newspaper and magazine placement. A portion of the budget will pay for reproduction of materials for state associations to distribute. The campaign will be previewed in July 1983, tapes delivered at the convention to states in November 1983 so that it will be available to be aired during the 1984 National FFA Week.

STUDENT AND ADVISOR HANDBOOKS—The Student Handbook and Advisor's Handbook were approved through both Boards for sponsorship as a special project. Funds solicited will go towards an update of the two handbooks for the 1984-85 school year. The Advisor's Handbook will be updated and rewritten so as to correspond and complement the Student Handbook as a teacher's guide.

NEW SAFETY EMPHASIS—The Board accepted a proposal for a special emphasis safety program in the area of "Occupant Protection" for use in the existing National FFA Safety Awards program. The program will be developed in cooperation with and funding provided through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

NEW APPLICATION FORMS—New American Farmer and Agricultural proficiency application forms were approved for field study in 1983. The new application will first be used for the 1984-85 school year for awards presented at the 1985 National Convention.

BOAC INSERVICE FUNDS—A proposal to create a BOAC funding source for assisting state inservice efforts in order to make available a resource team of community development specialists along with instructional materials to strengthen the BOAC program was approved.

MIKE RUSH, VIRGINIA AND LARRY SVEHLA, NEBRASKA have been selected to serve as the 1983 FFA Alumni Association Interns in Washington, D.C. Rush is an Agricultural Education Instructor at Virginia Tech. Svehla is a former state president of the Nebraska FFA, and is an agricultural economics student at the University of Nebraska. Both Rush and Svehla will serve as the FFA Alumni's representatives on Capitol Hill this summer.

Maloney Wins Creed Contest

Drew Maloney, President of the John Wayland FFA chapter, won the 1983 Northern Area Creed Speaking Contest. Maloney, of Weyers Cave, will compete in the state contest in June at Virginia Tech.

The Creed Contest is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Long of Harrisonburg and is intended to be a leadership training activity of the Virginia Association FFA. The contestants are required to recite the FFA Creed and then answer questions concerning its content and meaning.

Madison Aids Watershed

The Madison County Future Farmers of America recently helped the Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District in their Beautiful Run Watershed maintenance program. Their chapter performed the regular maintenance of brush removal and bush hogging on three watershed structures in the area. The Beautiful Run Watershed, which consists of 13,800 acres, had 6 watershed lakes within its boundaries. These privately owned lakes provide much of southeastern Madison with watershed protection and flood prevention. These structures minimize flooding, scouring and overbank deposition of cropland and pasture in the flood plain, flooding of highways, farm roads, and other fixed improvements. Annual maintenance of these dams is important to the Culpeper Conservation District because brush and tree roots tend to break up these earthen structures.

Halifax Junior News

The Halifax County Junior High FFA Chapter met recently with the county school board. The chapter members presented a slide program to the county officials, illustrating the chapter's work with community development, fund raising activities, and leadership training activities.

The program was led by Chapter President Alfred Coleman and Advisors M. V. Hopson and Thomas Slavik. Other members on the program were: John Harlow, Secretary; Cheryl Dalton, Reporter; and committee members Scott Crowder and Bryan Nunn.

Charlotte Central Part of Community Watch

By Ann Marie Toombs, Reporter

The Charlotte Central Middle FFA Chapter members are becoming nosy neighbors. The chapter is working with the Sheriff's Department and other community groups to organize a Community Watch Program.

The chapter selected this project as their major Building Our American Communities activity. The students identified their homes as neighborhood watch stations. This tells people in need of assistance that they are willing and able to

help them. The Sheriff's Department has conducted workshops for the members on safety, protection of property and how to inform the authorities of any suspected wrongdoing. The students are the eyes and ears of the program, but the police are still the action group.

The students hope this program will reduce crime in Charlotte County, making it a better place in which to live. At the present time 46 of the 68 members are involved in the program.

Collegiate Chapter Active

By: Billy Tolbert, Reporter

The Collegiate FFA Chapter of Virginia Tech held their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the New Animal Science Building.

Business was discussed. Plans are being made for the chapter picnic to be held jointly with the Ag. Ed. Society on May 8th.

The Collegiate FFA Chapter participated in a Donkey Basketball game with the Blacksburg Alumni FFA Chapter on April 20th in the Blacksburg High School Gym. The team members of the Collegiate Team who participated were: Dan Hadecek, Jeff Morris, Donna Akers, Eric Fitzgerald, Melanie Burgess, Richie Richardson, Bruce Monroe, Billy Tolbert, John Venskoski, Joe Bowman, Marshall Elson, Dale Reeves, George Bowers, Gary Daughtry, and Dr. James Clouse. The coach for the collegiate chapter was Makietta Cather. The collegiate chapter won the contest by a score of 30-28.

Turner Ashby Busy

Submitted by: Patty Kiser, Reporter

The Turner Ashby FFA Chapter has had a busy season. As part of the Building Our American Community Program, they have donated five Back Boards to the Bridgewater Rescue Squad. The Back Boards are used to move and support accident victims who may have neck or back injuries, thus preventing more severe injury during transport.

Natalie Liskey recently won the Northern Area Public Speaking Contest, with her speech on stress in agriculture. She competed against contestants representing the other federations in the area. She will compete in the state contest at Virginia Tech in June.

Patrick Henry Chapter Activities

The Patrick Henry FFA Chapter of Washington County took care of "Old MacDonald's Farm" during the 33rd Annual Burley Tobacco Festival. Several members worked during the Festival. Kittens, deer, ducks, a calf, goats, sheep, a peacock, baby chicks, pups, hens, and rabbits were exhibited.

In preparation for the festival, the FFA members designed and built a float for the parade on Saturday morning. The theme of the float was "Agriculture—Our Heritage, Our Future." Members had materials to represent each era in Agriculture and four members rode the float.



Jan Eberly



Cindy Bailey, Broadway, is congratulated by S. Mason Carbaugh, Virginia's Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Cindy was named the winner of the Agriculture Week Essay Contest sponsored by the VDACS. The award was presented March 24 in Richmond.

Eberly to Attend Convention

Jan Eberly, National FFA President, will attend the 57th Annual State FFA Convention at Virginia Tech in June. Eberly, of Fallbrook, California, was elected to national office in November and will devote one year of service to the organization. She will travel over 150,000 miles during the year, visiting a majority of the states and several foreign countries meeting with state, national and international business and political leaders.

The 19 year-old Eberly has taken a leave of absence from the University of California at Davis where she is a sophomore in agricultural economics. She is working toward a law degree and plans to practice agricultural law.

Her experience program includes work in horticulture with ornamental, avocado and citrus nurseries and a twenty head swine breeding operation.

Eberly served as president of the California FFA Association for 1981-82.

While at the state convention in June, she will have the opportunity to meet with individual FFA members and advisors and will deliver the major address on Thursday night.

Delegates to Serve On Committees

Official FFA chapter delegates will serve on the state committees during the FFA Convention in June at Virginia Tech. The state executive committee voted in 1982 to depart from tradition and assign delegates, rather than state farmer degree recipients, to the committees. This procedure guarantees that all chapters present at the convention have the opportunity to participate in the committee work.

Delegates will be randomly assigned to committees when they register for the convention. The delegate badges will be numbered and delegates will report to the corresponding committee meeting on Wednesday afternoon, June 15. Chapters should elect members to be the official delegates who are able to make responsible decisions concerning the work of the state association.

The state executive committee has asked the area supervisors to provide qualified state farmer degree recipients to chair these committees. A chairman and vice-chairman will be named to serve with each committee and the advisor of the chairman will serve as an ex-officio member.

Copies of the 1982 state FFA Convention Committee reports were mailed to all chapters in August.