

Let me extend to each of you a hearty welcome to Auburn today. We are truly glad that you are here today to participate in our state job. I want to congratulate each of you for participating in these contest today, for by entering these contest you have become a winner. I feel you are a winner because when you first entered ~~the~~ your contest you gained valuable leadership training as well as hours of enjoyment and opportunities to meet new friends. Of course some of you will go home today with state honors and a chance to go for national honors at the national ~~honors~~ ^{Convention}, but again let me say that each of you have ~~won~~ won or you wouldn't be here today. You have gained some valuable training that you would not have had if you hadn't entered your contest.

Fellows I want to thank you for entering these contest. You are the backbone of this organization and your participation in these contest will help to assure the ~~pro~~ continued progress of

our Association. Many ~~of~~ companies
have provided these cash awards for
you today and I ask you to
write the respective sponsors of
your contest. Fellows, this is the
only thanks they get. So please
write them and thank them for sponsoring
this contest.

I also want to say on behalf
of the other state officers that this
has truly been a year that we will
never forget and we sincerely thank
you for letting us serve as your
state officers. We have truly enjoyed
representing you this year throughout
Alabama and the nation and we
are indebted to you for if it weren't
for you we would not have this
opportunity. You are the backbone
of our organization and let me
again say thank you for giving
us this opportunity. We will never
forget this year but we will always
hold a place for the FFA in our hearts.

[Signature]

Again I want to welcome you
to Auburn and I trust your day
will be one you will never forget
and will always cherish.

Now, without further ado let's
get on with our awards program.