The present challenge for the Future Farmers of America is developing "Leaders for the New Fields of Agriculture," because agriculture is more than just farming. The new fields of agriculture range from hydroponics, bio-genetics, and computers to aquaculture, hydraulic engineering, and economics. There are actually over 200 rewarding careers in agriculture.

The 1986 State FFA Convention provides each of us with a tremendous opportunity to expand our knowledge of the new fields of agriculture. Many members have grasped this opportunity through participating in numerous FFA activities. Each of them had a dream, a desire to excel. Planning, practice, and perseverance enabled them to turn that opportunity into reality.

FFA members have written speeches, been attentive to classroom instruction, and sacrificed time to maintain a strong SOEP. They have spent long hours judging and grooming cattle, cruising timber, identifying plants, and keeping records up to date. Although everyone cannot be a first-place winner, the knowledge, experience, and skills gained through competition are invaluable.

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It is you, the members, that will make the convention an action-packed and thrilling three-day event.

At your State Convention, members will receive awards for their outstanding achievements. These achievements have been reached by the unequalled combination of knowledge, experience, and skill. Success as an FFA member is found in a Supervised Occupational Experience Program. These programs range from show cattle, dairy operations, home gardens ... to wildlife management, nursery operations and forest production. Awards are presented to members with the most outstanding SOEP's, refined judging techniques, and polished personal talents. This State Convention is the time to shine for many members of the Alabama FFA Association.

As they shine at this year's State Convention, countless others will be motivated to shine in the coming years. This motivation is triggered by watching fellow members succeed at what they do best. It is fostered through the excitement of speeches, presentation of awards, and the many meaningful experiences gained through meeting other people. The blue and gold creates a desire for accomplishment, and with over 1,000 blue and gold jackets at this State Convention, the air is sure to be filled with excitement.

This year's State Convention offers more than just outstanding speakers and presentation of awards. There is an excellent opportunity to enjoy a wide variety of entertainment. Members have a chance to enjoy the best FFA talent our state has to offer. The crowds are sure to be large for the string band and quartet finals. Cotton Ivy, a humorist from Tennessee, will perform at the Thursday morning session. Outside the convention hall, Montgomery has many opportunities for recreation. The State Capitol, the new State House, Archives, and Riverboat Park are within walking distance of the convention center. The Montgomery Zoo, Shakespeare Festival and White House of the Confederacy are sure to be big attractions.

This will be the 57th State Convention of the Alabama Association of Future Farmers of America. Each year we have accepted the challenges offered by a changing world of (Continued on page 2)
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Constitution Dress Code

When you became an FFA member, you agreed to abide by the FFA Code of Ethics. The Code simply states that "You will conduct yourself at all times in order to become a credit to your organization, chapter, school, and community." We can have a great convention if FFA members will keep the points of the Code of Ethics in mind during the Convention. This means that all members will dress appropriately for the occasion, either the official jacket or official FFA T-shirt. Shorts and other such dress are not a part of official dress for the Convention. We should also respect the rights and property of others, demonstrate good sportsmanship, and take pride in our organization. Together, we can have a great convention and do our part to prepare "Leaders for the New Fields of Agriculture."
**PROGRAM**  
57th Annual FFA Convention  
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**Monday, June 9**

P.M.

1:00  
Forestry Judging Contest (Montgomery)  
Livestock Judging Contest (Auburn)  
Dairy Cattle Judging Contest (E. V. Smith Research Center, Milstead)  
Land Judging Contest (Montgomery)  
Agricultural Mechanics Contest (Auburn)  
Small Engines Contest (Montgomery)  
Agricultural Construction and Maintenance Contest (Montgomery)  
Nursery/Landscape Contest (Civic Center)  
Floriculture Contest (Civic Center)

7:30  
Final Interview of Officer Candidates (Civic Center)

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**Tuesday, June 10**

A.M.

8:00 - 12:00 Registration (Civic Center)

9:00  
Public Speaking Contest Preliminary (Civic Center)  
String Band Contest Preliminary (Civic Center)  
Quartet Contest Preliminary (Civic Center)

11:30  
Courtesy Corps Meeting (Civic Center)

P.M.

1:00  
Delegate Orientation

1:30  
Opening Ceremony  
Invocation  
National Anthem  
Official Seating of Delegates  
Greetings - Dr. Wayne Teague, State Superintendent of Education  
Greetings - Robert Weaver, National FFA Vice President  
Business Session  
Appointment of Committees  
Retiring Address - Phillip Hutson, Sentinel  
String Band Finals  
Proficiency Awards - Diversified Crop Production, Dairy Production, Horse Proficiency, Beef Production, Swine Production, Poultry Production, Agricultural Mechanics, Agricultural Electrification, Fruit and/or Vegetable Production, Nursery Operations, Floriculture, Soil and Water Management, Home and/or Farmstead Improvement, Wildlife Management  
Awards - String Band Contest  
Greetings and Announcements - C. W. Reed, State FFA Advisor  
Closing Ceremony  
Meeting of all Local Advisors (Civic Center)

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**Tuesday Evening**

P.M.

7:30  
FIRST GENERAL SESSION  
Opening Ceremony  
Public Speaking Contest Finals  
Future Farmer of the Year Award  
Honors and Advisors of 1985-86 State FFA Officers  
Retiring Address - David Parmer, Vice President  
Awards - Forestry Judging, Champion Corn Growing, Nursery/Landscape Judging, Floriculture Judging, Land Judging, Public Speaking  
Vespers Program - State FFA Officers  
Announcements  
Closing Ceremony

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**Wednesday, June 11**

A.M.

8:30  
Music - Convention Organist

9:00  
SECOND GENERAL SESSION  
Opening Ceremony  
State FFA Officers' Annual Report - Tom Spencer, Secretary  
Address - Robert Weaver, National FFA Vice President  
Retiring Address - Greg Smith, Treasurer  
Chapter Awards

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**Wednesday Evening**

P.M.

6:00  
Foundation Board of Directors Meeting (Civic Center)

7:30  
THIRD GENERAL SESSION  
Opening Ceremony  
Miss Alabama Agriculture - Nancy Stewart  
Conferring of Honorary State Farmer Degrees  
Retiring Address - Tom Spencer, Secretary  
Quartet Contest Finals  
Proficiency Awards - Placement in Agricultural Production, Agricultural Sales and/or Service  
Agricultural Processing, Forest Management Awards - Quartet Contest  
Announcements  
Closing Ceremony

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**Thursday, June 12**

A.M.

9:00  
LAST GENERAL SESSION  
Opening Ceremony  
Star Farmer Ceremony  
Retiring Address - Jody Brewer, President  
Entertainment - Cotton Ivy  
State Farmer Degree Ceremony  
Installation of New State Officers  
Presentation of Past Officer Pins  
Presentation of Gavel to Past President  
Announcements  
Closing Ceremony  
New Officers, their Parents and Local Advisors Meeting (Civic Center)
Robert Weaver, of the Falkville FFA Chapter, is the Southern Region Vice President of the FFA. Before being elected 1982-83 State President, Robert served his local chapter as Treasurer, Vice President, and President. His Supervised Occupational Experience Program consisted of dairy production management at a neighboring dairy. His success at the dairy earned him the American Farmer Degree. Robert will address the convention on Wednesday morning.

Nancy Stewart, 21-year-old beauty from Bynum, Alabama, in Calhoun County, is the reigning Miss Alabama Agriculture. Nancy will appear on the program Wednesday evening, June 11. Nancy is a junior at Auburn University majoring in Public Relations and Speech Communications. Her hobbies include modeling, baton twirling, aerobics and teaching at majorette camps. She has been a member of the Auburn University Marching Band, AU Majorette in 1984 and 1985; member of the concert band, and is a Lambda Chi Alpha Little Sister.

If you like to laugh, you'll love Cotton Ivy. His humor is a down-to-earth, genuine, clean kind that people relate to—and that's rare nowadays. Some have even said he's the new Will Rogers. Cotton has been a special guest on the Grand Ole Opry and Hee Haw. He has appeared with Ronnie Milsap, the Statler Brothers, and many others. He will appear during the Thursday morning session.

Karen Aldridge
Berry Chapter
The 1985-86 FFA Sweetheart at Berry High School is Karen Aldridge. Karen is a member of the FFA, FHA, and 4-H Clubs. She has also served as mascot for the Berry High School football team.

Remona Barrow
LaFayette Chapter
The sweetheart of the LaFayette FFA Chapter is Remona Barrow. Remona is a senior honor student, participates in a number of school clubs and activities.

Kendra Woods
Danville Chapter
The sweetheart of the Danville FFA Chapter is Kendra Woods. Kendra is in the 10th grade and involved in many school activities.