FFA — LEADING THE CHALLENGE

NATIONAL FFA VICE PRESIDENT
Brad Lewis

Brad Lewis, of Elkton, is the National FFA Vice President for the Southern Region for 1989-90. Lewis and five other national officers will represent nearly 400,000 members from 8,000 chapters.

Brad served as the Alabama State FFA President in 1986-87. He served the North District as President and Reporter. He has also held the offices of chapter reporter and student advisor and has been a participant in leadership workshops, public speaking contests and dairy contests.

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

Brad will take a one-year leave of absence from Auburn University where he is a junior in agricultural education. Brad hopes to attend law school and pursue a career in teaching or agribusiness following graduation.

During Brad's year of service, he will travel more than 200,000 miles making hundreds of appearances on behalf of the FFA. As a national officer, he will represent members to officials in government, education, business and agriculture. The national officer team will meet with members on the chapter, state and national levels.

NATIONAL WINNER
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT
Al Griffin

Al Griffin, member of the Lineville FFA Chapter, representing the Southern Region, was declared the 1989 National Winner in the Wildlife Management Proficiency Award Program during the 62nd National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. The Wildlife Management Award program is designed to encourage agriculture students to develop and improve the availability of fish and wildlife through the conservation and improvement of existing land and water habitat, development of new land and water habitat and the stocking of fish and wild game.

Al manages a 350-acre farm for wildlife and sawtimber. He set up deer plots and planted winter grazing by planting fescue, clover, orchard grass and wheat. In addition, Al constructed three farm ponds and a water channel which he has stocked with bass and catfish. Al is a student at Auburn University majoring in agribusiness education. Pictured above with Al is (left) Lamar Dewberry, FFA advisor at Lineville, and Jeff Johnson, National FFA Secretary of Florida.

REMINDER — Send us your pictures and articles for the Spring Issue of the ALABAMA FFA REPORTER by February 28, 1990.
POULTRY PRODUCTION — Keith Windham, of the G. W. Long FFA Chapter, competed as a national finalist with three other regional winners in the Poultry Production Proficiency Award program at this year's 62nd National FFA Convention. Windham is pictured with Carolyne Kiekhoff, Keystone Steel & Wire Company, sponsor. Keith's FFA Advisor at G. W. Long is Bob Moorehead.

REGIONAL WINNERS

AGRICULTURAL ELECTRIFICATION — Chris Armstrong, of the Hayden FFA Chapter, representing the Southern Region, competed as a national finalist with three other regional winners in Agricultural Electrification Proficiency Award program. Armstrong is pictured with Richard S. Hiatt, of the National Feed and Energy Council, and Douglas Howison, Klein Tools, Inc. Chris's advisor at Hayden is Johnny Mills.

FLORICULTURE — Patricia Knight, of the Woodland FFA Chapter, was one of four finalist in the Floriculture Proficiency Award program during the National FFA Convention. Knight is pictured with John L. Tomsovic, Sr., American Floral Endowment, sponsor. Patricia's FFA advisor at Woodland is Hewell Bishop.

HOME and/or FARMSTEAD IMPROVEMENT — John Rayfield, of the Coosa Central FFA Chapter, representing the Southern Region, competed as a finalist with three other regional winners in the Home and/or Farmstead Improvement Proficiency Awards program during the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. Pictured with Rayfield is Ronald Miller, Agricultural Division, the Upjohn Company, sponsor. John's advisors at Coosa Central are Donald Griffin and Lee Wilder.
Alabama FFA’ers Leading the Challenge

**THE HALEYVILLE AVC AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS TEAM** was one of 45 State Agricultural Mechanics teams participating in the National Contest at the 62nd National Convention in Kansas City. Pictured with the team is (left) Robert L. Smith, Marketing Manager-Farm Tires of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, sponsor. Team members (l-r) are Jeff Crane, Scotty Jones, and Bobby Brinson, and FFA Advisor Gary Warren.

**THE J. R. PITTSARD FLORICULTURE TEAM** represented Alabama in the National FFA Floriculture Contest in Kansas City. Shown with the team is (left) Brodrick Hill, Manager, Consumer Affairs, Chevron Chemical Company, sponsor. Team members (l-r) are Melissa Rogers, Mindy Calfee, Chris Brazier, and FFA Advisor Ken Boyd.

**THE AUBURN FFA LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM** represented Alabama in the National Livestock Contest. Representing the sponsor, Purina Mills, Inc., is (left) Don R. Mauery, General Manager. Team members (l-r) are John Hathcock, Jonathan Ponds, Dick Backman, and FFA Advisor Mahlon Richburg.

**THE OPELIKA FFA NURSERY/LANDSCAPE TEAM** competed in the Nursery/Landscape Contest at the 62nd National FFA Convention. Pictured with the team is Richard Anderson, Regional Sales Manager, Kubota Tractor Corporation, Farmer’s Branch, Texas. Members of the team (l-r) are Paul Waller, Johnny Patterson, Heath Clark, and FFA Advisor Russell Avery.

**THE MONROE COUNTY AVC FORESTRY TEAM** competed in the National FFA Forestry Contest during the National FFA Convention. Pictured with the team is (left) Robert Bonine, District Manager, Homelite Division of Textron, Inc. Team members are (l-r) Bubba Hoover, Scott Brooks, Kent Dees, and FFA Advisor Johnny Andrews.

**THE AMERICAN FFA DEGREE RECIPIENTS** attending the National Convention were (l-r) Kenny White, Luke McCollum, Mt. Hope; William Adams, Crossville; Tony Hancock, G. W. Long; Ronald Gatlin, West Limestone; Barry Gauldin, Lincoln; Tab Garrison, Mt. Hope; Brad Lewis, Elkmont; Patricia Knight, Woodland; Tom Malone, Lincoln, and Todd Waters, Enterprise.

**FLAG BEARER** — Sally Spratlin, State FFA Reporter from the Woodland Chapter, was the flag bearer for Alabama during the opening ceremony at the 62nd National FFA Convention in Kansas City.

**THE VALLEY HEAD DAIRY JUDGING TEAM** was Alabama’s representative in the National Dairy Contest in Kansas City. We regret we did not receive a photograph of this team. Members of the team were Dewayne Williams, John Moore, Tom Key, and FFA Advisor L. A. Smith.
Convention Highlights Continued

NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARDS RECEIVED (l-r) Frank King, Ashley Brown, Jacksonville “Gold”; Chris Etheredge, Will Morgan, Daleville; Melissa Merk, Hunter Bulger, Marbury; Norman Atkins, Paramount; Wayne Dalrymple, Crossville; Melanie Thomas, and Gene Hancock, G. W. Long.

HONORARY AMERICAN FFA DEGREE RECIPIENTS — (left) Gary Jackson, Special Supervisor, Jefferson County, and Lloyd Borden, District Specialist, Agribusiness Education, were honored during the 62nd National FFA Convention in Kansas City.

BOAC AWARD WINNERS (l-r) Shawn Wesley, Chris Bolin, Daleville; Ben Harbuck, Stanley McCormick, Florala; Asbion Smith, Elba; Channing Hinkle, West Limestone, and Kendrick Abraham, R. C. Hatch.

AGRIBUSINESS TEACHERS HONORED — Teachers receiving the Honorary American FFA Degree in Kansas City were (l-r) Don Britnell, Mt. Hope; Randy Britnell, Arab; Tom Strickland, Gardendale, and Darwin Siniard, West Limestone.

NATIONAL CHORUS — Participating in the National Chorus were Alabama FFA’ers (l-r) Ronald Gatlin, West Limestone; Dewayne Ows, Thomasville, and Abel Sisco, Geraldine.

1989-90 NATIONAL OFFICERS — seated (l-r) Scott Crouch, National Secretary, Indiana; Donnell Brown, National President, Texas; standing (l-r) Brad Lewis, National Vice President, Alabama; Dan Schroer, National Vice President, Ohio; Casey Ison, National Vice President, Idaho, and Bill Hendrickson, National Vice President, Iowa.

PARTICIPATING IN THE NATIONAL CONVENTION were (seated) Alabama’s official delegates John Gladden, Attalla, State Vice President; Christy Dixon, Elkmont, State Treasurer, and Delicia Carey, Paramount, State Secretary (standing) Brad Lewis, Elkmont, National Officer Candidate, and Kevin Webb, Rehobeth, State President, member of the Nominating Committee.

NATIONAL FFA SAFETY AWARD PROGRAM WINNERS — Receiving special recognition for their chapter’s achievements in the Safety Award Program were the following chapters from Alabama: R. C. Hatch; Daleville; Jacksonville “Gold”; Dale County; West Limestone, and Crossville. We regret we do not have a group picture of the chapter representatives.