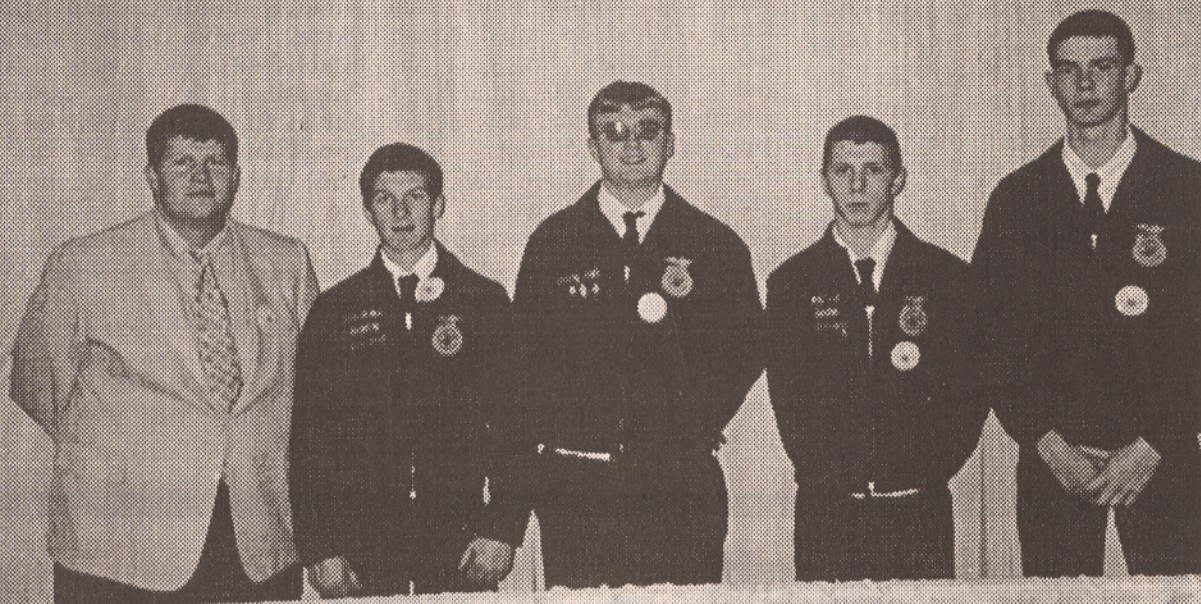




NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION
Louisville, Kentucky



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FFA members attend national convention

Four Vienna FFA members and their advisor recently had the opportunity to attend the 73rd National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY. Over 40,000 members were present at the convention from a total national FFA membership of 455,000.

Members attending were Mike Dill, John Rollins, Jeremy Smith, Dale Wilson, and chapter advisor Mr. Alan Freeman.

We group left on Thursday morning and stopped at the St. Louis Zoo for a quick zoology lesson various animal species.

Later we stopped at the Washington County Conservation Park in Illinois. The park has a large natural lake in the middle of a natural woodland area.

On Friday morning we attended the fourth convention session. The keynote speaker was Mr. Guy Rice Doud, the 1985 "Teacher of the Year". He talked about some of his life experiences, how he had overcome them, and how he developed confidence in himself.

Southern Regional Vice-President Carol Spruill gave her retiring address, and we saw the Honorary American Degree recipients receive their awards.

We then attended leadership workshops presented by J.R. Peterson and Jenny Titus-Jacobson. Their session was "Keeping the Main Thing...The Main Thing!" to help us understand prioritization and organization of our daily lives.

Next we entered the Career Show. Over 350 displays of agricultural occupations, Universities and Colleges, and agricultural businesses were represented, showing us what

they had to offer for potential students, employees and products available for agricultural use.

The last session of the day started with the introductory Laser-light show and involved the retiring address of the Central Region Vice-President Ms. Leslie Small. The keynote speaker was Ms. Carolyn Peck, a WNBA coach for the Orlando Miracles.

The final day of our convention trip we went to the seventh session we witnessed the awarding of the American FFA Degree to approximately 1,400 FFA members. The American FFA Degree is the highest and most honored award an FFA member can receive, the Missouri FFA Association was represented by 198 of the American Degree recipients.

The trip was fun for all and one that will be remembered.