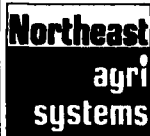




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on golf carts serving refreshments to the golfers. After dinner, provided by Hoss's Steak and Sea House, the state officers helped with an auction that benefited the Pennsylvania

FFA Foundation.

From July 31-Aug. 3, the team attended the National Leadership Conference for State Officers (NLCSO), Windsor, N.J. The conference was conducted by national FFA officers Joe Shultz and Carol Spruill. There, the team prepared for the

year ahead of them, gaining more knowledge that would help throughout the year with conferences and chapter visits.

On Aug. 15-17, the state officers attended Ag Progress Days in Rocksprings. The team's display was entitled "Racing into the Millennium," was geared more toward elementary age children, with its racetrack, and cars they could write their name on and hang up. The state officers also showed off their food service skills at the Pennsylvania FFA Foundation food booth. There they served Hatfield pork products to the general public.

On Sept. 15-17, the state officers, along with a bus full of Pennsylvania FFA members, attended the Big E in West Springfield, Mass. The members competed in various Career Development Events, or CDEs, while the state officer team helped to conduct the various contests. The contestants were given their awards at a recognition banquet.

Three of the state officers were asked to participate in opening and closing ceremonies with state officers from other states. Tony Resh, Mike Livingston, and Lisa Allen were chosen to serve as treasurer, invocator, and reporter, respectively.

Many Pennsylvania FFA members came away with awards and Pennsylvania came away with the Sweepstakes Award for having their members earn the most points in competition.

On Oct. 6 the team helped to conduct tours at Farm City Day in the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex during the Keystone International Livestock Expo (KILE) livestock show. Farm City Day gives inner-city elementary school students a

chance to see livestock and agriculture-related activities that they would not normally come in contact with. The state officers led tours through the complex highlighting the different animals and products that might come from them.

On Oct. 17 the state officers traveled to the Penn Stater in State College for the annual Fall Conference for Leadership and Professional Development or FCLPD. There the team conducted workshops for chapter officers and mingled with the members during lunch.

Oct. 21-29 the state officers traveled to the national convention. This year was the first year that the team made their way down by van. On the way down, the team stopped in Columbus, Ohio for the All American Quarter Horse Congress and at Mammoth Cave in Kentucky. During their trip, the team attended awards breakfasts, sessions, workshops, tours, committee meetings, dinners, and manned the Pennsylvania FFA Booth. It was a whirlwind week of activities for the state officers, but it was very enjoyable.

During the fall and winter, the state officers conducted many chapter visits and area leadership conferences. The highlight of winter was the 72nd Annual Mid-Winter Convention Jan. 8 in the large arena at the Farm Show Complex. This year's theme, "Discover the Power," was a central part of the convention. Two hundred and twenty-four FFA members were presented with their Keystone Degree, four state stars were named, and many other awards were presented.

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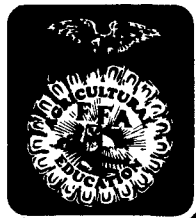
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