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## ▶ Jenga Tournament Winners

The winners of the Founders' Day Jenga Tournament were Aaron Thompson from Nawakwa Lodge and Larry Symons from Kiskakon Lodge.

## ▶ Training Statistics released

As NOAC began four days ago, emphasis was placed on the importance of attending the daily training sessions.

Now, as the week comes to an end, statistics show that training was not taken lightly.

In a report released on behalf of all NOAC training committees by CVC for Training Mike McCrea, it was found that 95 percent of evaluations turned in by NOAC participants rated training sessions with an overall A or B rating. Also, McCrea reported that Arrowmen completed 45,826 hours of training.

Highest rated areas on the evaluations were trainer preparation, responses to questions and volume of voice. The lowest rated area was the use of visual aids. Average class size for NOAC training sessions was 66 participants, with a class high of 456.

As one youth reported on an evaluation form, "I found the course quite informing and shared a lot of ideas to other lodge leaders so they could inform their lodge. That's what it is all about, working together to improve the Order as a whole."

## ▶ Stolen steer horns reported

Aupetu-We Lodge reported the theft of a set of steer long-horns from the top of a truck parked in lot 60. Any information of their whereabouts should be directed to Chris Richardson at (573) 686-3342



Marcus Lucus, II, a member of the Shows Committee, performs in last night's theme show against a cemetery background in the Hilton Coliseum.

--Photo by Carl Head



## Ceremony Competition Results

Results of the ceremony evaluations as of Tuesday afternoon.

### Pre-Ordeal

Honor - The following lodge teams were rated Honor by judges: Nawakwa, Susquehannock, Chippewa A, Manitou, Wa-Hi-Nasa A, Ta Tsu Hwa B, Ta Tsu Hwa D, Ta Tsu Hwa F, Ku-Ni-Eh A, Sequoyah A, Siwinis, O-Shot-Caw A, Madockawanda, Topa Topa A, Tipisa, Tahosa A, Yustaga A, Mitigwa, Amangamek-Wipit A, Nischa Achowalogen, Ta Tanka, Ahoalan Nachpikin A, Ahoalan Nachpikin B, Malibu, and Malibu A.

Merit - The following lodge teams were rated Merit by judges: Naraticong B, Wulakamike A, Naguonabe, Konepaka Ketiwa, Cherokee A, Cherokee B, Shawnee, Illini A, Man-A-Hattin, Tonkawa A, Occoneechee, Tetonwana, Wahissa, Egwa Tawa Dee A, Colonneh B, Colonneh B, Wulapeju A, Nanepashemet A, Mi-Gi-Si-O-Paw-Gan, Sequoyah B, Ka'Niss Ma'Ingan, Echokotee, Aal-Pa-Tah, Gyantwachia, Tukarica, Oratam, Nayawin Rar, Tankiteke, Huaco A, Huaco C, Huaco B, Wahunsenakah, Tatokainyanka A, Sipp-O, Gila A, Tahosa B, Tahosa C, Yustaga B, Onteroraus, Shunkah Maneetu B, Shunkah Maneetu C, Wauna La-Mon'Tay, Wannalancit, Amangamek-Wipit B, Kawida, and Tu-Cubin-Noonie.

Achievement - The following lodge teams were rated Achievement by judges: Kittatinny, Naraticong A, Wiatava A, Wiatava B, Witauchsoman, Tecumseh, Na Tsi Hi A, Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut, Mikanakawa A, Sac-N-Fox, Ma-Nu A, Ma-Nu E, Tichora B, Tamegonit A, Nakona A, Chicksa, Pamola, Ah-Ska, Nebagamon, Klahican A, Shunkah Maneetu A, Nischa Nitis, Ganeodiyo A, Kola A, Wincheck, and Portage A.

### Brotherhood

Honor - The following lodge teams were rated Honor by judges: Wulakamike B, Wa-Sha-She A, Tankawa B, Occoneechee A, Ta Tsu Hwa E, Ah-Ska A, O-Shot-Caw A, Topa Topa, Huaco A, Wipala Wiki C, T'Kope Kwiskwis A, and Ahoalan Nachpikin A.

Merit - The following lodge teams were rated Merit by judges: Unami, Susquehannock, Chippewa A, Wah-Sha-She A, Amangi Nacha A, Wapashuwi B, Na-Tsi-Hi B, Tonkawa C, Mikanakawa A, Wa-Hi-Nasa B, Wihinipa Hinsu, Wahissa B, Colonneh C, Colonneh D, Ta Tsu Hwa A, Ta Tsu Hwa C, Sequoyah A, Sequoyah B, Wag-O-Shag A, Karankawa B, Tanketeke, Timuquan B, Tatokainyanka B, Sipp-O, Shunkah Maneetu B, Wipala Wiki D, Wauna-La-Mon'Tay C, Mitigwa, Amangamek-Wipit A, Quinipissa, Kawida A, and Aholan-Nachpikin B.

Achievement - The following lodge teams were rated Achievement by judges: Naguonabe A, Tecumseh, Kwahadi A, Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut C, Ma-Nu B, Ku-Ni-Eh A, Huaco B, Huaco C, Wipala Wiki C, Wauna-La-Mon'Tay C, and Catawba A.



Members of the Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge performing the Eagle Dance for the Group Dance Competition.

--photo by David Distelhorst

## Leaving a memory... gaining a greater vision

The Staff

Many years ago, a young man, director of a small, local council camp, and his assistant had a vision for a program to give recognition to youth who exhibited some of the outstanding characteristics of Scouting. They probably never envisioned the extent to which their idea would grow. It is doubtful that they even expected it to grow beyond the boundaries of their small river island camp.

They could have looked to many different sources for their inspiration. The very name of the camp suggested an attractive focus, already steeped in the lore of classic literature. The role of the geographic area in the early history of our country may also have provided inspiration. The choice of Indian lore as the background for their vision certainly was not a chance occurrence; this lore played a fundamental role in many youth movements of the time.

It is hard to imagine that what 25 young Scouts started on that summer so long ago could have evolved into the national organization that it is today, or that the vision of two young men could possibly be shared by the thousands of Arrowmen that have become the leadership force that they are today.

That vision is now, for all of us, an almost mythical memory of the past. It has been adopted and expanded by succeeding generations of Arrowmen. So the banner is carried, always cheerfully, willingly and diligently, always onward and upward. That original vision of two young men has evolved continuously as countless others have made it their own. Now, as we leave this conference, let us resolve to build on those "memories" by adding our own personal visions to the whole. In so doing we will preserve our "Memories of the Past" and increase our "Vision for the Future."

We, the staff of *NOAC Today* bid you a safe journey home, and we will see you all again in Knoxville, Tennessee in 2000.



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# Miss Teenage America

by Jacy Krogh and Jared Christiansen

Megan Weber, the 1998 winner of the Miss Teenage America Achievement Program, is a very active member of her community. A resident of Zanesville, Ohio, Megan graduated from West Muskingum High School and will begin college this fall. She is an active student who has maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout school and has maintained perfect attendance through her three years of high school.

Megan enjoys volunteering her time to service organizations. She is a "volunteer" at Bethesda Hospital, where she works with patients to make their stays a little easier. She also works with the Habitat for Humanity organization that is known for its work in building houses for low-income families. For the Pioneer and Historical Society of Muskingum County, she serves as a Ghost Walk Volunteer.

Megan was chosen as Miss Teenage America last summer after a lengthy application process in which she had to write several essays and go to several interviews, she was eventually chosen from over 4,000 other qualified applicants. For being chosen, she was given a \$10,000 college scholarship. The scholarship is sponsored by *Teen Magazine*.

Megan was very active in her high school years. At West Muskingum High School, she was active in many clubs and in student council. In the student council, she was the Vice President last year and had served as Junior Class Vice President. She found great satisfaction in belonging to many clubs on her campus, including French, ski, and Spanish. She was also on the prom committee and a member of the Future Business Leaders of America, where she served as an Executive Assistant. With the FBLA, she planned and executed a free enterprise business exposition at her school. She was also a member of the nationally recognized Kiwanis Key Club.

Megan has set a lofty goal for herself: to one day become the President of the United States. She is well on her way to achieving that goal, starting early by giving her first speech, complete with visuals, in the second grade. With her involvement in student council, her political career is already established, and she plans to keep pushing forward. Her activities have taken her many places. In 1996, she served as a Student Ambassador to the People's Republic of China. She has also traveled to Canada, Italy, Greece, France, and England.

Though her many activities take up a lot of her time, she still manages to find time to have fun. She enjoys eating dinner with her friends at the mall and listening to music. She also enjoys swimming laps with her workout partner. She is a pilot-in-training and has flown solo. She also does Shorin Ryu karate and was involved in the Post-Secondary Options Program at Ohio University.

As Miss Teenage America she makes personal appearances at many local events. This is her first national event. At these events, she enjoys meeting and speaking with the public. "It gives me a chance to express my opinion and make positive changes," she said. She has been recognized in the Ohio State Assembly and

received a Senate resolution. She has also met the Governor of the State of Ohio and the two U.S. Senators from Ohio.

Her education is important to her, and she will not let anything get in the way of that. She will be attending Antioch College, in Yellow Springs, Ohio, next month. She plans to study law, business, physics, theater, political science, and psychology. She has not decided on a major yet, but it will be directed towards her career goal. She is a strong, independent thinker, a quality which has served her well. She is always ready to try something new and to take on a challenge.

Megan has received many awards and honors during her lifetime. She has been a member of the National Honor Society for two years. She was awarded the National Science Merit Award last year. She has been recognized by the FBLA during many of its state conferences.

On her way to NOAC, she had some problems with her travel. She was scheduled to arrive on Thursday night, but her flight was delayed and she could not get another one. She spent the night in Chicago at the airport, waiting stand-by for a flight. She finally arrived on Wednesday afternoon, and went directly to her booth at the Founders' Day celebration. She was glad to arrive. "The whole ordeal made us stronger," she commented. At her booth, hundreds of Scouts patiently waited to have her sign articles of their choice and speak a few words with her.

Megan's example of volunteering above and beyond the call of duty fits well with our Order's principles. Fellow brothers, keep her example in mind as you serve in your community. Never miss an opportunity to serve. Megan had this message for everyone: "Don't be afraid to set goals. As long as you know you'll succeed, you can't fail."



Miss Teen America takes a break from her busy schedule for a photo.

--photo by Barry J.F. Ekle

## Man on the Street...

### Thursday's Question:

"With what MEMORIES will you leave here with and what VISIONS do they produce?"



"It's been fun and I've had a good time. I believe this is a great program and I'll try to come back next time, bringing a rain coat. Our lodge is already planning ahead for the next NOAC to make it an even better experience for the young Arrowmen."

—James McDonald,  
Brotherhood, Lodge 97



"My best memory will be of the intense competition with the Pre-Ordeal and Brotherhood Ceremonies."

—Josh Daleiden,  
Brotherhood, Lodge 99

I'm going to leave here with the memories of fun, the leadership, and the OA history. I plan to move into leadership and become a good leader.

—Greg Smith,  
Brotherhood, Lodge 42



"The memories of all the fun I've had with the people I came here with and we've learned some new things. My vision is that what we've learned here will help our lodge and our membership."

—Cart Von Diest, Vigil,  
Lodge 559

--photos by Bill Hein



# sports highlights

## 5K Run

Youth	Lodge	First Place Time	Adult	Lodge	First Place Time
1. Braxton Showalter	41	17:07.29	1. John Hallsten	300	18:52.87
2. Brian Base	88		2. Gerald Collogan	171	
3. Evan Fisher	535		3. David Coleman	24	
4. Albert Carbo	175		4. Paul E. Conley	271	
5. Zebulon Lany	105		5. Dean Moser	535	

Total number of youth participants: 257

Total number of adult participants: 62

## Basketball

### Overall Results:

1. Tipisa Lodge
2. Ashokwahta Lodge
3. Agamig Lodge  
Anpetu-We

### Basketball adviser:

Dennis Siewert

### NOAC Champion Basketball Team:

Ramit Kapoor  
Brian McNiff  
Matt Roe  
Jason Vise  
Stephen Welch

## Volleyball

### Overall Results:

1. Tutelo Lodge
2. Wiatava Lodge
3. Tipisa Lodge  
Santee Lodge

### Volleyball adviser:

Lee Spradlin

### NOAC Champion Volleyball Team:

Jeff "Bones" Barnes  
Chris Bryant  
Arvid Englund  
Micah Englund  
Harry Montoro  
Phil Spradlin  
Jack Warburton  
Paul Wright

## Swimming

Youth	Lodge
<b>50 yd backstroke</b>	
1. Adam Pelletier	353
2. Roger Gauvreau	272
3. Marshall Dixon	66
<b>50 yd breaststroke</b>	
1. Glen Whiting	432
2. Adam Schurman	25
3. Matt Hudock	46
<b>50 yd freestyle</b>	
1. Steve Waters	434
2. Ryan Whiting	432
3. Adam Pelletier	353

### 50 yd butterfly

1. David Loti	479
2. David Applegate	369
3. Bryan Cole	573

### 100 yd backstroke

1. Matt Coad	438
2. David Loti	479
3. Roger Gauvreau	272

### 100 yd breaststroke

1. Mark Stierle	83
2. Glen Whiting	432
3. Adam Schurman	25

### 100 yd freestyle

1. Steve Waters	434
2. Matt Coad	438
3. Mark Stierle	83

### Adult

#### 50 yd backstroke-

Adult	Lodge
1. Jim Soria	36
2. Don Middleton	232
3. David Turner	24

#### 50 yd breaststroke

1. Lewis Alexander	432
2. Barry Green	333
3. Maurice Nasser	479

### 50 yd freestyle

1. Michael Prutting	553
2. Eric Hertenstein	360
3. Kevin Alexander	88

### 50 yd butterfly

1. Michael Prutting	553
2. Kris Baltz	278

### 100 yd backstroke

1. Kris Baltz	278
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### 100 yd breaststroke

1. Lewis Alexander	432
2. Barry Green	333

### 100 yd freestyle

1. Eric Hertenstein	360
2. Barry Green	333



There were 257 youth participants in the 5K run.

--Photo by Bill Hein

## Southern Region Chief Mark Angeli

The 1998 Southern Region Chief, Mark Angeli, is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of Egwa Tawa Dee Lodge, in the Atlanta Area Council.

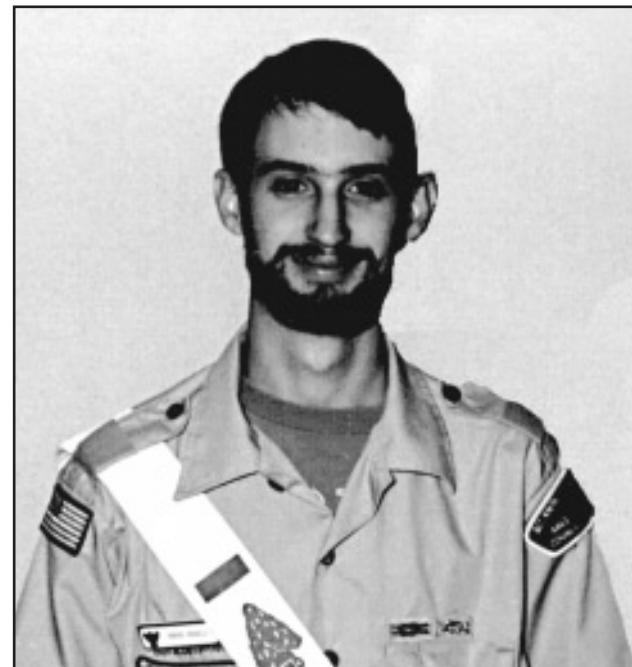
Angeli has served in various positions throughout his Scouting career, serving the Order first as Lodge Secretary, and then two terms as Lodge Chief after he completed the



requirements for the Eagle Award. He served as the SR-5 Vice Chief of Program in 1997, and with the realignment of the Southern Region Angeli was elected to the position of Section Chief for the newly formed SR-6 South.

Elected to Region Chief in December, Angeli has continued many of the programs developed by his predecessors, as well as restarting some old ones such as the region newsletter, *The Voice*, and starting some new ones, such as the Southern Region Web Page.

Mark is a Junior at Kennesaw State University in Georgia and is planning to major in Business Administration. His family is also Order of the Arrow members.





--Photo by Carl Head



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# F O U N D E R S' D A Y



“Founders’ day is great... Miss Teen America wanted to sign my shirt, but I couldn’t sign hers.”

-Mills Connelly, Santee L



--Photo by Dick Thomas



--Photo by Carl He

“This is great, I get a chance to see friends from all over the nation.”

-Johnny Brown, NOAC Staff, Muscogee



--Photo by Dick



--Photo by David Distelhorst

“Hey . . . do you want some peaches or not?”

-Jeremy Hayes, Atta Kulla Kulla

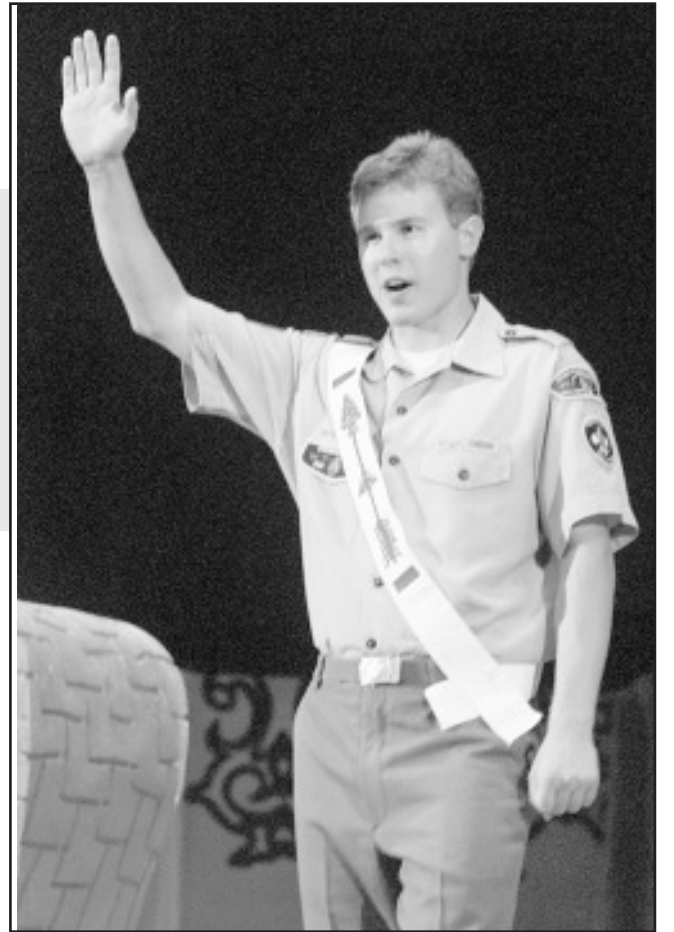




--Photo by Carl Head

“Miss Teen America... need I say more?”

-Greg Loomis, Tsali



--Photo by Carl Head



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“(I’m) ..havin’ a good time, be sure to come and see the Brotherhood Band.”

-Ricky Cardinas, Catawba Lodge



# V I S I O N S



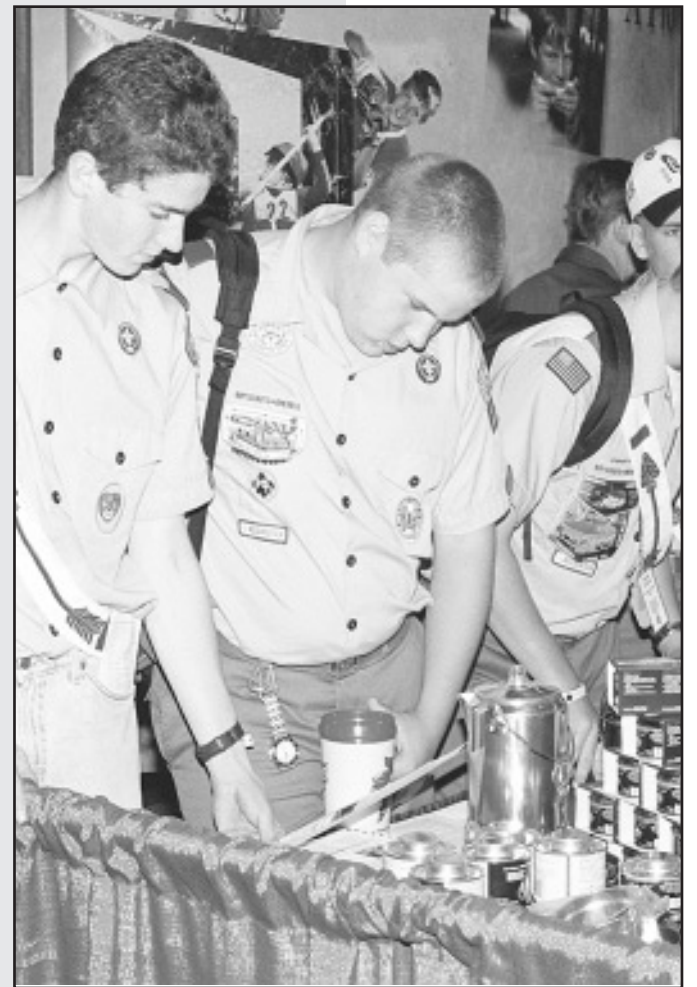
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# O F N O A C



# Cheeseheads, uniqueness epitomize Founders' Day

by Brian Murray

Yesterday was the day. The day that marked it all. A day set aside to remember the two men who created and founded the Order of the Arrow back in 1915. The 1998 NOAC Founders' Day was truly a hit, and a day to be remembered by all Arrowmen attending the conference.

But Founders' Day wasn't just a day to celebrate E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson's accomplish-

ments, it was a day for each of the conference contingents to show their uniqueness. By tradition, lodges from across the country gather together on a field and set up shop--booths, displays, games, contests--all for the purpose of sharing what they have with the entire conference.

This cheerful day of farce, bantering and competition leads to service, leadership and

brotherhood as we end this conference and prepare for the 2000 National Conference.

The lawn party was set directly outside of the Scheman Building and Hilton Coliseum. Tents were put up to accommodate lodge, regional and national activities. T-shirts were

being screen printed, sprayed, and decorated with lodge names, slogans and totems. Trinkets galore were thrown, catapulted and fired all over the tents until conference officials asked lodges to stop.

The smell of food, snacks and treats filled the air. Wag-O-Shag Lodge, from Waukesha, Wisconsin made sure that the "dairy air" was present. Since the 1970's, Wag-O-Shag has been serving NOAC participants cheese products, donated by their neighborhood manufacturers. Wag-O-Shag members can be identified by the over-zealous, very flammable, yellow-foam

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A NOAC participant takes advantage of Founders' Day as an opportunity to show off his juggling skills.

--Photo by Carl Head

"cheeseheads." The cheesehead has become extremely popular, due to Wisconsin's Green Bay Packers and their 1996 Superbowl victory.

Displays of all kinds were found yesterday. Displays that informed. Displays that

entertained. Displays that taught, made our stomachs full of food and hurt from laughter. Founders' day is truly the day, when the Order is best displayed by its members.

Many, if not all, of the lodges that participated put their hearts as well as their minds on display for all to see.

## National Chief offers advice for making visions reality

By Mat Milleson

Over the past five days, we have had the opportunity to reflect fondly over the many contributions made through Brotherhood and Cheerful Service, as well as create many memories and friendships sure to last a lifetime. The close of this conference, however, is not the ending to your responsibilities as

Arrowmen. I challenge you to use these exciting memories to create visions for the future — visions of fun-filled excellence that will light the halls of our lodges, nation-wide. Make these visions realities.

Henry David Thoreau once said, "If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with success

unexpected in common hours."

Let us dream, let us endeavor, let us imagine — let us create visions for the future.

I hope you have enjoyed the 1998 National Order of the Arrow Conference here at Iowa State University, and I wish you all a very safe and pleasant journey home.



National Chief Mat Milleson and Vice Chief Dave Petrush ride in the Founders' Day Parade.

--Photo by Carl Head



The OA Philmont Trail Crew reunion drew a large crowd at the Memorial Union on Monday.

--Photo by Carl Head



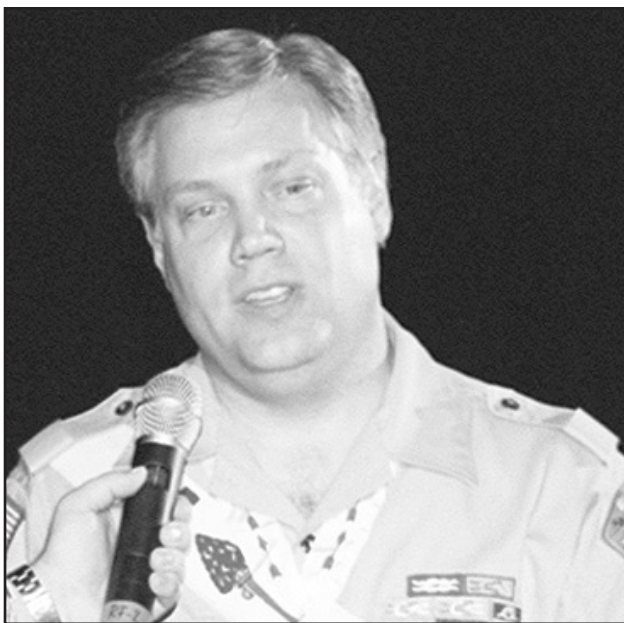
# A Few Moments With the Conference Chairman

by Jared Christiansen

After 35 years in Scouting, you would figure a man like Brad Haddock, the 1998 NOAC Conference Chairman, would be ready to hang up his sash and look for an easier job. But this man is still eager to serve and is more than able to do so. Having started Scouting at the age of eight, Brad has worked his way up the Scouting ladder. He has served as Lodge Chief, Section Chief, National Chief from 75-76, and Region Chairman. In 1981, Brad returned to the National Committee where he has continued to work hard to serve the Order.

After taking over the duties of Conference Chairman from Randy Cline, Brad found himself in charge of a conference, which was well underway. At the National Planning Meeting in December, the lead advisers, the section chiefs, and the National Order of the Arrow Committee met to go over the logistics of the conference. With much of the planning for the conference completed, the chairman was then able to focus mainly on the actual organizing of the conference. Brad said, "The nice thing is that the lead advisers have done this before."

So what does the Conference Chairman do at a conference that is planned entirely by youth? Brad does a lot of meeting behind the scenes to review the plans for the conference. He ensures that the conference is going smoothly, and as with any conference, it is best to keep it simple so that things will go more easily.



When asked what makes Iowa State different from Indiana and Purdue, Brad said, "The great thing about Iowa State and Indiana is that they are used to having conferences of this size." In addition, he feels that ISU's more compact campus allows Arrowmen to traverse the campus easier. The Hilton Coliseum is a fine facility in which to hold shows, whereas there were a few problems in 1994 at Purdue.

Asked whether he would do this again, Chairman Haddock said, "I'd love to do this again. There are a lot of things I wish I'd known eight months ago." Two important things are the benefit of having a strong campus coordinator to help make the conference work and working more with the support staff to ensure the conference is a great success. The importance of CVCs in this conference is unbelievable. They are the ones who actually run the show. Brad added, "While sometimes there is an overlap between responsibilities, it's better to allow more youth coordinating the program than to give one or two people all the responsibility." To Brad Haddock, youth involvement is definitely the most important part of the conference.



**Almost 7,000 Arrowmen participated in over 45,826 hours of training provided by over 1,000 staffers. Topics were inductions, photography, properly conducting an Ordeal, dancing, performance in ceremonies, and journalism.**



Shawn P. Onundson, a member of White Horse Lodge, reviews negatives a part of the Publications Marathon training course.

--photo by Carl Head

## Lodge Newsletter Competition Results

Fifty-five lodges submitted four issues of their newsletters published in 1997 and 1998 for the 1998 Newsletter Competition. Newsletters were judged as Honor, Merit, Standard or Participant, based on content, layout, appearance, basic information (who, what, when, where, why and how). Newsletters are the main communication link from the lodge to its members. How well new members are drawn into lodge activities through the newsletter was an important factor in judging.

### Honor Newsletters

Kit-Ke-Hak-O-Kut's *The Arrowhead*  
Miwok's *Miwok Legend*  
Nentico's *Arrow of Light*  
Tsoiotsi Tsogalii's *The Meechgalanne*  
Wag-O-Shag's *The Fox*

### Merit Lodges

Northeast Region	Southern Region
Buckskin	Muscogee
Enda Lechauhanne	Tipisa
Shinnecock	Tonkawa
Central Region	Tutelo
Manitou	Wa-Hi-Nasa
Tatanka-Anpetu-Wi	Washita
Tetonwana	Western Region
Wapashuwi	Amangi Nacha
	Ta Tanka

### Standard Lodges

Central Region	Northeast Region
Cuyahoga	Allogagan
Makajawan	Ashokwahta
Mikano	Black Eagle
Tecumseh	Lekau
Wenasa Quenhotan	Madockawanda
Southern Region	Mantowagon
Blue Heron	Moswetuset
Cherokee	Na Tsi Hi
Echockotee	Otahnagon
Mikanakawa	Wunita Gokhos
Nawakwa	Western Region
Oconechee	Tiwahe
Ta Tsu Hwa	Wauna La-Mon'Tay
Tatanka	Wipala Wiki
	Yah-Tah-Hey-Si-Kess

### Participant Lodges

Northeast Region	Central Region
Aquehongian	Anpetu We
Nentego	Kiskakon
Southern Region	Sac-N-Fox
Aina Topa Hutsi	Western Region
Chicksa	Malibu

Newsletters submitted show a marked improvement over the newsletters submitted at past conferences. The use of computers has improved technical abilities to produce newsletters. Many newsletters are now available at lodge Web sites. Look them over to see what is happening in lodges around the country and to get new ideas to use in your lodge.



# “And where there is no vision, life shall perish from the earth.”

By Jay Widby

At the beginning of the conference, National Vice Chief Dave Petrush took the time to tell Arrowmen of his memories: memories of his childhood, of his Eagle Ceremony, of his trail crew, and of his friends who serve as a silent inspiration to him.

For the 1998 conference theme show, “Admonition,” the NOAC shows staff has completed a seemingly impossible task, turning a personal tragedy of four young men into a personal vision for their future. Thus, four Arrowmen took the memories of their past, and with the help of their deceased friend Chris, created a vision for their future.



Friends demonstrating trust in the Theme Show.

--photo by Bill Hein

## Are You an Elangomat?

Did you answer no? Elangomat means “friend,” not just the person who leads a clan to do work projects. Remember the Obligation? You promised to be a friend, “to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.” That’s what friendship is about! According to the *Order of the Arrow Handbook*, “Every member must be an Elangomat at times. We have grown in understanding since our Ordeal. We recognize the significance of the Ordeal tests more than at first. Thus, when near candidates, we share the tests wholeheartedly. A spirit of seriousness and commitment, seen by candidates in each member, shows them that the tests are not a joke or harassment but an important pointer to a valuable way of life.”

Using a powerful re-creation of a New Orleans cemetery for their backdrop, Brad, Trey, Lucien and Jack begin a personal growth journey of epic proportions with Chris. Chris, though deceased, acts as Kichkinet, the guide in our Order of the Arrow ceremonies, using tests just like an Ordeal to force his friends to realize their own potential. As Chris explains, “We will let the Spirit fill us with the gladness of a dawning, of a springtime, of a beginning. This Ordeal is but a shadow of the rigors of the journey, but its joys are also shadows of the brighter, greater beauty in a life of cheerful service. Now with courage on this first step follow me and these my brothers. Let us try to find the Arrow!”

Thus, each friend experiences his own personal test. Brad must win a bet of mathematical proportions learning about pride. Trey must enter a crypt learning to take himself to unknown places experiencing life. Lucien must learn that character comes from keeping promises, not knowledge. Jack must learn that if he ever wants to be a leader, a true leader, he has to trust people. As each meets

his own challenge, he discovers how “time grabs you by the wrist, and directs you where to go. So make the best of this test, and don’t ask why. It’s not a question, but a lesson learned in time. It’s not something unpredictable, but in the end is right. I hope you had the time of your life.” - Green Day

As Chris ends his message, short of his thirty minute time limit, he explains how he wanted one last chance to reach out and touch each of his friends, to tell them how he loves them and how he will forever serve as a silent inspiration to each of them. With the final note that life appears to be cut short, he states, “If you feel abandoned by me, so do I. If you are angry at me, so am I. If you are angry at life, so am I. If you want to deny it, so do I. If you want to fight, scream, holler, so do I. But, hey, it won’t do you or me any good.”

As the Arrowmen assembled quietly pondered on the purpose and theme of the story, lasers and pyrotechnics descended from above into a great closing finale, of truly NOAC proportions.

## Arrowmen take in Founders’ Day



Scout enjoys Founders Day festivities. --photo by Carl Head



“TOAP Mobile” in the Founders’ Day Parade. --photo by Carl Head

## NOAC in 2000

By Jacy Krogh

Now that this national conference is ending, we need to start thinking about the next one. NOAC in 2000 is going back to the University in Tennessee (UT), in Knoxville. According to Brad Haddock, this year’s conference chairman, the UT will accommodate us well, but the number of participants must be limited. The University of Tennessee can accommodate up to 6,800 Arrowmen, as opposed to the over 7,000 we had this year. High registration numbers are expected, but with the reduced space, fewer Arrowmen will have the opportunity to go.

According to the Office of the National Director, Matt Walker has been appointed to head up the conference. Additional programs and activities are planned, with the return of the Lodge Chiefs and Advisers’ summit. The final program decisions will be left up to the section chiefs in December of 1999.

The campus of UT hosts over 26,000 students that can choose from a list of many majors. It is cited as one of the nation’s top ten educational venues. UT provides education for freshman through postdoctoral students.

Knoxville is surrounded by three National Parks. Great Smoky Mountains, Cumberland Gap, and Big South Fork make this area a great tourist and recreational attraction. The city is accessible via air and is less than a day’s drive from half of the population of the United States. Knoxville also offers dozens of attractions and fun activities for everyone. The downtown area is integrated with part of the university, and there are plans to hold Founders’ Day activities at a fairground.

NOAC 2000 will be the first gathering of Arrowmen from around the globe of the new century. So start thinking now, and we will see you at UT!







"One more trip and I think I'll have it all!"

--Photo by David Distelhorst



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**WEATHER**

**Thursday**



Showers/Sunny  
High 76° — Low 65°

**Friday**



Showers/Sunny  
High 82° — Low 64°

**Thursday, August 6, 1998**

6:30 am to 8:30 am  
8:30 am to 9:00 am  
Show (Hilton)  
9:00 am to 10:30 am  
11:00 am

Breakfast (Residence Halls)  
Doors open for Closing  
Coliseum)  
"VISIONS" (Hilton Coliseum)  
Depart for home

**Have a safe trip!**