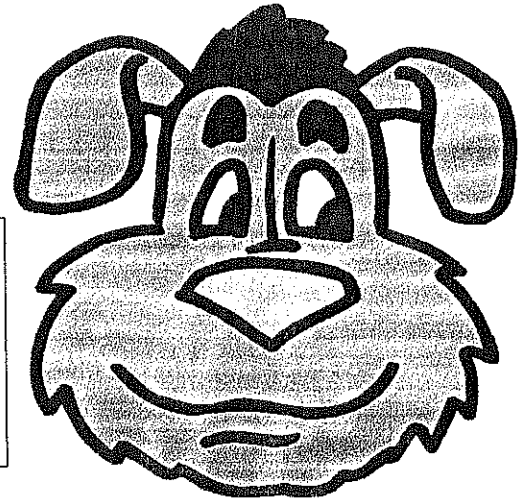


# The Yellow Dog



Utah Vocational Agriculture  
Teachers Association  
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## Message from our President

As we start a New Year, I hope that everything is going okay with the busy schedules that we all keep. Speaking for myself I have found this year to be interesting but also to be a very challenging year with all the added meetings and conferences that I have attended as UVATA President. I would like to thank the rest of the officer team for attending some of these meetings in my place and also helping in getting information out to our members.

I would also like to thank the members of UVATA for letting the opinions be known on the BAST matter. I do know that without your voice in this matter the BAST course would most likely have been lost. We always need to be willing to voice our opinion when it concerns the best interest of our students and program.

I attended the NAAE convention December 2 - 6 in San Diego, California. They had a lot of very good information available at this conference. One of the most interesting speakers of the conference was Dr. Brooks P. Coleman. He is a Georgia State Representative and a very good motivational speaker. He talked about the ten qualities that we all should have as teachers. They are as follows:

1. Always maintain a positive attitude.
2. Believe in what you are doing.
3. Show commitment and make a contribution.
4. Keep your word - never disgrace your name.
5. Take pride in what you do.
6. Do quality work.
7. Learn - Embrace technology.
8. Follow the golden rule.
9. Never give up.
10. Make your dreams come true

Also at the conference Dr. Larry Case spoke to each region. The one item that he wanted sent to all instructors is to remember to police our own ranks when it comes to Official FFA Dress at the National FFA Convention. He had some complaints from sponsors about the dress of students.

In the future UVATA, needs to make sure that we have members attending the NAAE convention. We should have two voting delegates from our state.

Just a reminder about Region 1 conference. It will be held April 25 - 28 in Carmel, California. If you would like any information about this conference please contact me.

**Bob Gowans**  
**UVATA President**



# FFA Dates to Remember

## January

20th - State Officer Training - Spanish Fork High School

## February

Area Contests - check with your area chair for specific date

1st - Nom Com and State Officer Apps Due

15th - All info from area contest due to Brett Evans

20th - 24th - National FFA Week

## March

28th - 30th - Utah State FFA Convention  
Logan



The UVATA is looking for information to complete their records. If you know any of the following information, please let Jolene Christensen by the end of the Conference. Also, please return the bottom of this form to Jolene about your current years of service.

### Missing Records

Outstanding Teacher:

1997 \_\_\_\_\_

1998 \_\_\_\_\_

1999 \_\_\_\_\_

1998-1999 Officers:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Years of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you caught up with your years of service pins? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, specify which one(s) you need.

*Region I Agricultural Education Conference*

*N.A.A.E.*

*April 25 - 28, 2001*

*Carmel, California*

**Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival date/time:

Departure date/time:

**Conference Registration - \$100.00**

Includes: Wednesday evening social, 3 breakfasts, two lunches,  
one dinner, all tours

Motel reservations must be made directly with the Best Western Carmel Mission Inn.  
See attached for reservation information.

Send completed registration form with payment to California Agricultural Teachers'  
Association by **April 1, 2001**. Mail Registration materials to:

Jim Aschwanden  
California Agricultural Teachers' Assn.  
1100 N. Street, Suite I-D  
Sacramento, CA 95814

For additional information contact CATA at 916.443.2282 or email - [cata@softcom.net](mailto:cata@softcom.net)

Office Use Only:  
Date Recd:  
Amt Recd:

*Hotel Information*

Western Region Agricultural Education Conference  
Carmel, California

April 25-28, 2001

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Please contact the Best Western Carmel Mission Inn directly to make your reservations for the 2001 Western Region Conference. The block of rooms is reserved under the group name of: California Agricultural Teachers' Association.

**Best Western Carmel Mission Inn**

3665 Rio Road  
Carmel, CA 93923  
Phone: 831/624-1841  
Fax : 831/624-8684

The following room rates are in effect:

Single Occupancy:	\$109.00
Double Occupancy	\$109.00

The Conference begins on Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> with registration and an opening social.  
The Conference will adjourn at noon on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Be sure to make your reservations early!! There are several other activities going on in this area during our Conference. Reservations must be made by March, 15, 2001

*Airport Information*

Monterey Peninsula Airport is located approximately 6 miles from the hotel and is served by all major airlines.

## DID YOU KNOW. . . .

The bones of a pigeon weigh less than its feathers.

After taxes, the winners on *Who Wants to Be A Millionaire* take home about \$650,000.

More people in the U.S. are killed by pigs, lightning and bees each year than by sharks.

Shania Twain moisturizes her face with a product called Bag Balm, originally created to numb cows' udders so they don't feel pain while being milked.

Neutering a cat extends its life span by two or three years.

The human body has enough fat to produce seven bars of soap.

Dueling is legal in Paraguay as long as both parties are registered blood donors.

It is illegal to plow a cotton field with an elephant in North Carolina.

The orchid lasts longer than any other bloom.

A group of cats is called a "clowder."

The banana is the world's largest herb.

The mango is a member of the cashew family.

Two-thirds of the world's eggplant is grown in New Jersey.

A duck has three eyelids.

Mosquitoes prefer children to adults, and blondes to brunettes.

Minnie Pearl's famous price tag read "\$1.98."

Pilgrims ate popcorn at the first Thanksgiving dinner.

Doves and pigeons are the same bird according to ornithologists.

Eels have two hearts.

It took engineers 22 years to design the zipper.

Tug-of-war was an Olympic event from 1900-1920.

An insect exerts so much energy in one hour of flying that it may lose as much as a third of its total body weight.

There are more than 15,000 different varieties of rice.

### Scatterscrew Uses Visual Aids

Joe Scatterscrew jerked his hand out of his desk drawer in disgust. Now dad blast it! How come my black leg vaccine got spilled in there? I bet some of these dad ratted boys pried the stopper loose. He wiped his fingers on the flag and resumed his search for his teaching plan. He looked in the shop, behind the stove, in the bulletin rack, and finally pulled open the top drawer of the filing cabinet. There it was. Now how come that thing ever got put in here, I don't know. He looked cautiously into the drawer again. I've sure got to get rid of them eggs I used to teach egg grading last spring. Next thing will happen some burrhead like Willie Skrabanek or Adolph Kramer will reach in here to get the burdizzo or a vaccinating needle and burst one of these eggs. He thought about throwing them out the window, but a man could never tell about that sneaky principal. He sighed, glanced at the clock and hastily pursued his teaching plan. Hum, he remarked thoughtfully, says right here on this unit on Farm Safety to show a movie and it seems to me like I never send that safety film back I got from the Cen-Tex Film Library last year. Matter of fact, I know I still got that film, because I got eight to ten letters from Mr. Henry Ross about it. If he keeps on a doggin' me, I'll just have to drop my subscription. He began to look for the film catalogue and finally found it behind the news rack. He skipped the Rules and Regulations governing the operation of the library and turned to suggested procedures for using motion pictures. Says right here on Page D that when the students have unanswered questions and the discussion has gone far enough that they are eager for the answers, then it is time to write their questions on the board and show the film that will give the answers. He jumped up and erased the blackboard. That settles it. I'll just teach farm safety and show that movie. They ain't nothing like visual aids to help a live wire teacher put over a lesson. The boys came storming in when the bell clanged. Willie Skabnek pushed PeeWee over a chair and Adolph Kramer threw his project book at Bo Bo Blair. Joe hammered on the desk with a piece of board until they quieted down. Les go on a field trip, Mister Scatterscrew, Willie yelled. The other boys joined the chorus until Joe shouted down with his assignment.

We are going to study farm Safety! He turned and listed all their names on the board. Now you, PeeWee, did you get hurt in any way this summer? Yes sir. Joe placed a check mark by his name. What was the nature of this injury? I was stung by a red ant. The boys howled with mirth, but Joe simmered them down and proceeded with the list of injuries. The students finally began to think seriously about the causes and costs of accidents. The period was half over and Joe was talking about the dangers in poor electrical wiring when PeeWee raised his hand. Mister Scatterscrew, wouldn't it be a good idea to make us a check list of farm hazards and go over it on our home farms and get credit for cleaning up and also count it as a supplementary farm practice job? Now these old naked wires . . . , Joe paused, What was that again, PeeWee? Before PeeWee couple answer, Adolph spotted the film canister on the desk. Mister Scatterscrew, are we going to have a picture show? Joe grinned broadly. Yes sir! That's right. We got about enough time left for it. You boys have been pretty good. Now you can see a show. Willie, you run over to the main building and get the projector. BoBo, you help him. The rest of you boys go back in the shop and see if you can find the blackout shades. Ten minutes of frenzied activity took place marred only by Tenehaw Timpson cutting his finger when a windowpane broke during the curtain hanging. At last everything seemed ready. Plug her in Joe called. The cord would not reach the outlet, but some of the boys found an extension cord in the shop. The fork was gone, but Joe fixed that with his pocketknife and a fork from the power drill. The light flashed on the screen and the film unrolled with a slapping sound. Joe's mouth dropped open in amazement. The film was entitled Hunger Signs in Corn. He stopped the machine. AI thought this here film was on Farm Safety, but it won't hurt none of you boys to know something about raising corn. Now I want you to pay particular notice to these leaves and the color. The film whirred on, but before it was over, it was over the bell clanged to signal the end of class. The boys groaned in disappointment. Mister Scattercrew, Willie moaned. Please let us see the rest of it. We ain't got nothing but English coming up and I don't know nothing about then participles and double negatives, no way. The other boys added their pleas but BoBo supplied the clincher. We don't learn nothing in there and we always learn something from you, Mr. Scatterscrew! Joe hesitated and then smiled proudly in the semi-darkness. Well . . . I guess it won't hurt to see the rest of the film. You won't be no more than five minutes late. The film ended and Joe took another five minutes to write excuses to Mrs. Diphthom. When the boys cleared out, Joe rewound the film and dropped the container in the top drawer of the filing cabinet. An up-to-date teacher makes good use of visual aids. That's what they told us in college and it's one of the few things they got right. Ain't nothing like a good film strip or movie properly used to add to the lesson and arouse interest. I'll just leave this machine set up and show it to the V.A. I. Boys. Give them a little rest from studying culling. He sat down in his chair and thought some of writing Mr. Ross for another film or two. After a while he began to sniff loudly. Something stinks . . . dinged if it don't smell like rotten eggs!

#### Nine Commandments on the Use of Visual Aids

1. Preview the movie. Determine what questions it answers.
2. Have equipment set up and ready to go before class begins.
3. Develop a list of questions on the blackboard which the film should answer.
4. Review the questions. Develop a sense of responsibility for securing answers.
5. Show the film with as little commotion or break in the line of thought as possible.
6. Lead a discussion with the questions on the board as a basis.
7. Supplements the class, doesn't teach it.
8. Students don't take notes. Use preview and review, ask questions, study guide.
9. Properly introduce the film.