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McKendree: Where Leadership Begins

Lebanon, Illinois was once again the place where over 140 students gathered for one of three week-long summer workshops. The first session of the twenty-eighth annual leadership workshops began on July 9, 1979 at McKendree College.

The delegates arrived on Monday afternoon bewildered and somewhat curious about what was going to happen in the coming week. As the delegates came in, they went through the registration line. Here they received a name tag, a folder telling which group they belonged to, their assignment and keys.

As soon as all the delegates had registered and were settled into their rooms, they went to dinner. Afterwards, the delegates broke up into their individual clubs where they met their junior and senior counselors. Everyone then went into Upper Deneen where Mr. Phelps, IASC Executive Secretary, explained some of the week's activities. Mr. Zum Mullen welcomed everyone to the workshop and then introduced the staff and state officers. The delegates then went outside where they had club pictures taken. Everyone was then given a card with three songs on it and told to hum until they found everyone that was humming the same song. The delegates then sat in these groups and told a little bit about themselves.

At the first club meeting each delegate got to know the other club members by playing the name game. After introductions, an envelope was thrown in the middle of a circle. Wondering what was in the envelope, the delegates grabbed it. Inside was a sheet of paper



Delegates take a break between general sessions and club meetings.

which gave a problem to which the delegates had to find a solution. The club then built a structure with Tinker Toys representing their solution. Two members from each group then explained their structure and solution to the rest of the clubs.

After the day's busy activities the delegates settled down and sang songs lead by the J.C.'s. Already one could see a feeling of closeness among the delegates.

The rest of the week the delegates were kept busy with committee meetings, planning a project, and defining the areas of authority. In between these activities, delegates had to attend general sessions and swap shops. Before any of this could be done though, the first task of the delegates was to elect officers of each club. The officers carried out their duties as they would in their own student council. The rest of the club members then chose a specific committee which they wanted to be on. Each person was given something to do, which represents the fact that everyone is an

important and useful part of student council.

During the general sessions, games on leadership and group dynamics were played. Games such as headbands, mipples and wows, and broken squares taught the delegates valuable lessons in leadership and good communication techniques. The NASA test and the leadership style quest-

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ionnaire taught each of the delegates something about themselves that they didn't know before.

In the afternoon delegates were given some free time. They took advantage of this time by either relaxing outside or by competing in the intramurals. The clubs competed in such sports as volleyball, tennis, track, and basketball. The winner in each category was presented with an award at the banquet.

Tuesday evening the delegates participated in the Junior Olympics which aroused spirit among everyone. After the olympics Uncle Paul took the delegates on a Lion Hunt.

Wednesday evening the J.C.'s lead swap shops where delegates exchanged ideas on projects that their student council had done and were successful with. Afterwards, the delegates displayed their talents and imagination in the "Talent Nite" show.

Thursday was busy with everyone getting ready for the banquet. Delegates spent several hours decorating the cafeteria, trying to make it look "just perfect" for the evening's banquet. Each club had a guest at their table who was introduced by a club member. After the banquet there was a dance for all the delegates.

By the end of the week the delegates were having such a good time, enjoying all the new friends they made, that they didn't want to leave. Everyone came looking to gain leadership and communication skills. The delegates gained these skills and many, many more. This was an experience never to be forgotten.

Then and Now

The 1978 - 79 IASC Executive Board had an especially busy year. The board members traveled more than 20,000 miles in an effort to attend and participate in local, district, and state student council functions and to promote the Illinois Association of Student Councils.

A new dimension to the IASC leadership training program was added: the Illinois Citizenship Experience. This week-long program, held in Springfield, provided an opportunity for students to experience and to develop an understanding of our state's political process. With this new program the number of IASC sponsored activities rose to twelve for the year.

The IASC total membership for the year continued to climb exceeding the 1978 total membership by almost 20%; equally as important, a greater number of schools joined the IASC in the Fall. This meant that more students had the opportunity to participate in the IASC activities held during the beginning of the school year.

It may be of interest to know that the IASC is one of the few self-supporting, state-wide student council organizations in the nation. The organization turns over almost \$100,000 a year; that's quite a budget.

Without a doubt, the IASC continues to be one of the top state-wide student council organizations in the nation, not only because of its programs, membership and finances, but also because of the outstanding leaders who take part in the organization. Whether they are counselors, participants, District or State Executive Board members, advisors, student council members, each of these individuals contributes greatly to the success of the IASC. They contribute their time, knowledge, ideas, experiences, feelings, concerns, and enthusiasm; it is these qualities of the people involved in student council which make the IASC untouched by other student organizations! Being President of the IASC provided the opportunity for me to meet these "outstanding people"; this was both humbling and exhilarating. Being your president was an honor.

All and all it has been an unbelievable year for me. The success of my year as president resided in my ability to control the

experience rather than allowing the experience to control me. The task, therefore, was to be proactive rather than to be reactive. It was a challenge I sought, the essence of growth. It is an experience I wish everyone could have, in fact, they can within the context of each of their lives. That would be my hope for you.

Sitting here writing this editorial, I can honestly say that I feel confident about the future for the IASC and our nation, for we will have the needed leadership when times are difficult - which they no doubt will be. I had a chance to see the future, and you are it.

Anna Jain

Steve Says:

Ah, it was a magic time, those days after the 1979 Convention. I got a standing ovation when I adjourned the Convention; I even got applause in church when my advisor devoted part of his homily to my election. When I got back to school, they had a special announcement about my victory. All of my friends were calling me "Mr. President"; and at least one joker had to hum "Hail to the Chief" as I walked into each of my classes. I was a celebrity overnight. I patiently waited for the Governor to send a congratulatory telegram. (Surprisingly, it never came.)

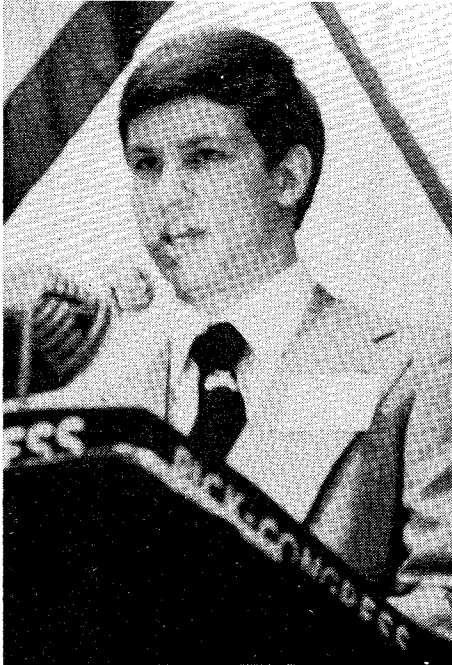
In the midst of all this euphoria, just four short days after my election, I had occasion to call Mr. Edmund Phelps, IASC Executive Secretary. My ego flew high in the sky, but then so did the "Hindenburg". The switchboard at Elk Grove High School paged me through to Mr. Phelps' office. His secretary answered. I asked to speak to Mr. Phelps.

"Who's calling please?" She asked.

"Steve Sakach" I identified myself, smugly awaiting her effusive congratulations, praise, or even an outburst of hysterical adoration. I decided to be as modest as possible; she would already know how important I was. (Of course!)

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IASC Spotlight



Newly-elected IASC President, Steve Sakach.

A warm, friendly person with a great sense of humor and a terrific personality is what Steve Sakach, newly-elected President of the IASC, is all about.

Steve is a Senior at Benet Academy and has been involved with student council since his freshman year. Besides student council, Steve is also on the yearbook staff and is a swimmer for the Benet Academy varsity swim team.

When asked what he hopes to accomplish in his role, Steve replied: "I hope to increase membership, strengthen the general participation among schools, and the knowledge of the IASC. I also hope to increase the involvement and enthusiasm of, and appreciation for, our advisors through revitalizing advisor workshops and encouraging students and advisors to appreciate each other."

When Steve is not busy at school or working with the IASC he enjoys politics, any type of sport, wargaming, eating chocolate mint ice cream, listening to music, and even sometimes dancing to it.

The IASC's incoming President offers a few words of wisdom to all

student council members: "Always maintain a proper perspective about yourselves and about your jobs. Avoid being carried away by your own importance, and always keep in mind the fact that you must treat people as individual human beings, not as offices, titles, or faceless and arbitrary groups."

After high school, Steve plans on going to college, then onto law school. He hopes to have a career in politics.

Steve's philosophy of life is "to always treat my fellow man as a unique individual; to never stop trying, questioning, and searching until I reach that impossible star of perfection, and to neither deny who I am nor betray what I stand for." With this philosophy in mind, Steve will go a long way in life.

On behalf of the IASC Executive Board, the best of luck to Steve in reaching all of his goals.



Jeri Henderson, First Vice-President.

She loves people and is always willing to listen to them if they need help. These are qualities that make Jeri Henderson, First Vice-President, a special person.

Jeri is a senior at Kaneland High School. She has been active in

student council for five years. She was past president of the North Central District. She is president of her own council this year. Because of her interest and support of student council, Jeri received the leadership award given by her high school. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and the Girls Athletic Club.

When Jeri is not busy with student council activities, she enjoys participating in sports as well as watching them. She loves to take walks and enjoys hiking. Jeri has a collection of cups-n-saucers from all over the U.S. and Canada.

Student council is important to Jeri because, "It has taught me more than any other activity or class I've ever been in. It has given me more than I could ever repay; friends, experiences, and a better understanding of myself. I like to work with people and help them to have this same experience."

As the First Vice-President, Jeri would like to get as many students involved with the IASC as possible. She feels she can best accomplish this by involving students in the state convention. She would like to make more students aware that they do play an important and vital part in the IASC and it's convention by being discussion group leaders, committee members and recorders. Without the students participation, the convention would not be the huge success that it is. She would like to encourage as many students as possible to participate and gain the valuable knowledge and experiences that can only be gained through student council and the IASC.

After graduation, Jeri plans to go on to college and major in public relations.

On behalf of the IASC Executive Board, the best of luck to Jeri in all her future endeavors.

Nationals: As seen of the Pr



who were smoking in hopes that the little heat given off by their cigarettes would warm me up (that scheme obviously failed). I ended up spending the night awake and talking with a group in the back of the bus.

6/20 - We watched the dawn this morning, and stopped at a Union 76 Truck Stop for breakfast. My stomach is still trying to recover. About midmorning, we arrived at Gettysburg. We roamed about the museum, then saw a light show of the battle in the visitor's center auditorium. Afterwards, it was back to the buses for a driving tour of the battlefield. Our guide talked at the speed of sound as he recalled the details of the Battle of Gettysburg. We saw graves, memorials, and yet more graves. After the tour, a stop for lunch in Gettysburg and then back on the road to Washington D.C. As we drove through Pennsylvania, I got out my radio and tried to get some rock music station. Wouldn't you know it, the only stations that were strong enough for my radio to pick up were either country music or "beautiful music" broadcasts. On those stations, Dolly Parton tunes were considered to be acid rock!

We arrived at the motel in Alexandria, Virginia. In the late afternoon, where, after unpacking, most of us went down to the pool and performed the first in-water rendition of the Boog-a-loo in state history. A change of clothes, and a hurried dinner later, the buses left the motel for a night tour of Washington D.C. which included visits to the National Aerospace Museum, the Lincoln Memorial, and to the Jefferson Memorial (where an open-air band concert was being given). Washington is really beautiful at night.

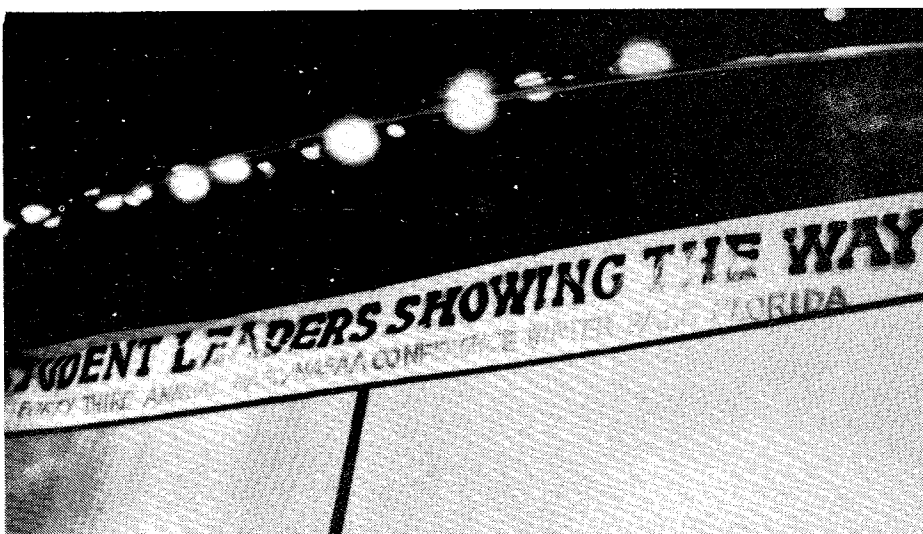
6/21 - Up bright and early for a day tour of Washington D.C. to see the Smithsonian Institute, the Washington Monument, the Capitol, and the White House, among other things. For the first time on

On June 19, 1979 at approximately 7:30 p.m., two Greyhound buses left the bus terminal in Chicago and headed away from the then-setting sun at 55 M.P.H. Aboard these two buses were 86 students and advisors, all members of the Illinois Association of Student Councils' delegation to the 1979 NASC/NASAA leadership conference in Winter Park, Florida.

I had arrived at the Greyhound Station at 3:30 p.m., as all delegates were instructed to do, and soon discovered that the name tags we wore not only revealed our names, but also which bus we were to ride on: the "Red Bus" or the "Gold Bus". During the four hour wait between our 3:30 arrival time, and the eventual departure

time of 7:30, everyone sat around the bus station passing around pictures, watching cartoons on the coin TV's, or just plain kibbutzing about everything in general. Introductions were made, but were mostly forgotten in the excitement. When boarding time finally came, we were ready to go, but still just a little bit apprehensive about what adventures might lie ahead.

The first night on the bus will be remembered by all as one of the coldest nights in living memory. It was 80 degrees outside, but the temperature dipped into the 40's on the buses. Everyone spent the entire night trying to keep warm. Sleep only came to a few lucky Eskimos. I even sat next to people



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the trip, the weather was nice - on to Williamsburg.

6/22 - We spent the day at Williamsburg, colonial capital of Virginia, and later the U.S., which is fully restored to 18th century decor, complete with craftsmen performing their tasks as they would have at the time of the revolution. Back on the buses, we headed southbound towards warmth, sun, and Florida!

6/23 - Late at night we stopped in Fayetteville, North Carolina, just in time to witness the tail end of a stabbing. When we entered the station, blood was splattered on the floor in one corner, and the mens' washroom was filled with tear gas. What an education! We finally arrived, safe and sound, at Daytona Beach around noon, unpacked, and spent a couple of hours soaking up the sun and surf. After dinner, we went to a shopping mall to spend more money (and to keep out of trouble).

6/24 - After an hour or two on the beach, we left for Winter Park and the National Conference. Upon arrival, all of us and our bags were ushered into a large classroom at new and modernistic Winter Park High School to await pick-up by our host families. We ate dinner with our host families, then returned to Winter Park H.S. for the first general session. After the welcomes, "Mr. Phil" Gugliuzza lead us in warm-up exercises followed by the super-multimedia show "Power Play".

6/25 - Another day at the conference. We heard a speech from Mr. Robert Maddox, speech writer to President Carter, witnessed the awarding of a special commendation to the honorable Owen B. Kiernan, NASSP Executive Secretary (who is retiring this year), and experienced the first session of the "student solving problems" series. After lunch we actively participated in a town meeting on educational issues, where we discussed such matters



as sex education, affirmation action, and vocational courses in college prep schools. The exciting day was capped by a trip to Sea World at the end of the day.

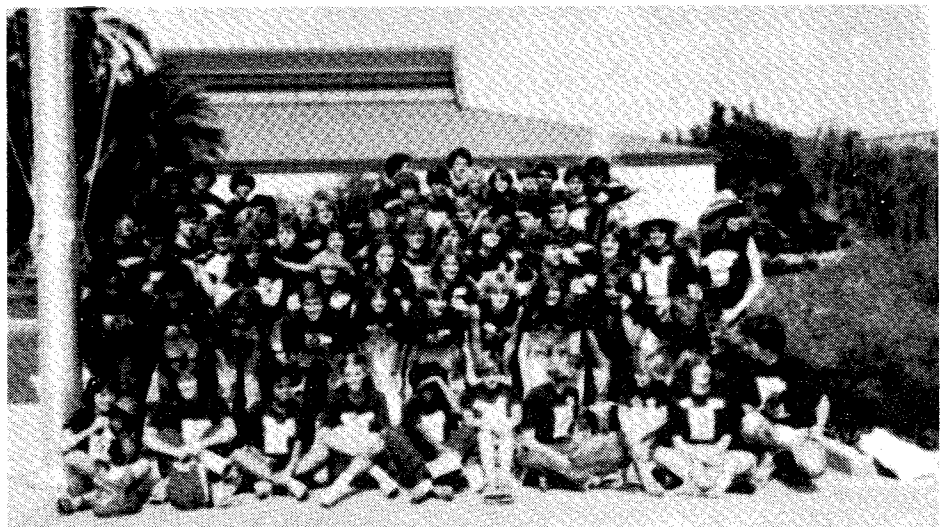
6/26 - Day three of the NASC Conference was highlighted by the student leadership workshops, including those given by Illinois leaders Rick Ward, Jennifer Brummer, Buddy Callahan, and Chris Connaly. I attended SDA (student delegate assembly) meetings. The SDA is composed of all the state presidents, and it conducts all of the business of the NASC. The day was completed by a trip to magical Walt Disney World.

6/27 - The final, full day of the conference was highlighted by several seminars, addresses by

Century III scholarship winner Dan Voll of Rockford and Rev. Toby Moffet of Connecticut. This evening, we attended the conference banquet. Dr. Earl Reum was the keynote speaker, and the banquet was followed by a dance.

6/28 - We had to say "good-bye" to all of our friends from other states as we left the conference from Winter Park H.S. about mid-morning.

We drove straight on to the Kennedy Space Center, and went on an excellent tour of the futuristic center of America's space program. The feature of the tour was a view of the new space shuttle, then under-going launch pad tests. After leaving Cape Canaveral, we made an un-



scheduled stop on a beach near Daytona Beach for about an hour, then drove north all night.

6/29 - We stopped at the Smoky Mountains National Park for pictures and exploration, then went on to scenic Gatlinburg, Tennessee for the remainder of the day.

6/30 - Opryland! Our last official tour stop of the trip was at this large amusement park in Nashville. We rode the rides, played the games, and took in some music in the country music capital of the world.

7/1 - We left Nashville early this morning, homeward bound. Sentimental songs, long good-byes, and oceans of tears predominated as home drew ever closer.

We all went home having learned a lot, made many new friends, and obtaining a fresh, new enthusiasm for student council. As my first real duty as IASC president, the conduct of the Illinois delegation at the NASC Conference really made me proud to be from Illinois. The conference must rank as one of the most significant leadership experiences of my life. I wish that each and every one of you may someday experience it.

Steve Says:

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"Who?" She replied after a long pause.

"Thank yo...What!?" I said. I had already begun to "modestly accept her congratulations."

"Who is this please, and what is your business?" was her polite reply. I was crushed. I repeated my name and added, "I'm the new IASC President. I am calling about the National Conference trip." Fr. Bob, my advisor, exploded into uncontrollable laughter. I had been calling from his office. By the time Mr. Phelps came on the line, even I was chuckling at myself. Thus crashed the young ego of an IASC President, proving once again that what goes up must always come down.

I think that anyone that has been elected to some office has had the same experiences as I have described, but hopefully not in such an obnoxious way. As time went on, I began to appreciate Mr. Phelps' secretary more and more. During those four short days, I had been so wrapped up in my own self-importance, that I had closed myself off to other people.

Unfortunately, many student leaders suffer from this disease of the ego. At the National Conference, I was shocked at how terribly seriously many of the delegates took themselves. They spent so much time acting serious and important, that they didn't have any fun. Fortunately, the Illinois delegation didn't act like this. We learned as much as anyone else did, but when the sessions were over, we "Boogaloo-ed", cheered, and sang; we had fun! At the beginning, other states put us down as "mindless rowdies", (a direct quote) but by the end of the Conference, nearly every state cheered or sang along with us. We took our responsibilities seriously, but we also realized that this did not preclude us from enjoying ourselves.

The point of all this is that we as student leaders have to keep a proper perspective on ourselves, our titles and offices, and upon the way we deal with the people around us. It is far too easy to lock

ourselves up into our own personal "title-happy" ego trips; it is much harder to open ourselves up to others, regardless of title. Leadership is the art of helping people to realize their full potentials. This cannot be accomplished unless the leader opens himself up to people, not titles. People opening themselves up to each other, that's what the NASC Conference is all about. That's what the IASC is all about. That's what leadership is all about. Come out of yourself, your title, your ego, and open up to people! Isn't that what **you** should be all about???

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