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## SUMMER WORKSHOPS...CHECK 'EM OUT

*If someone asked you what you did this summer, and you answered, "nothing special," maybe you just weren't looking in the right places for "something" to do!*

### Hug High Does It Again!

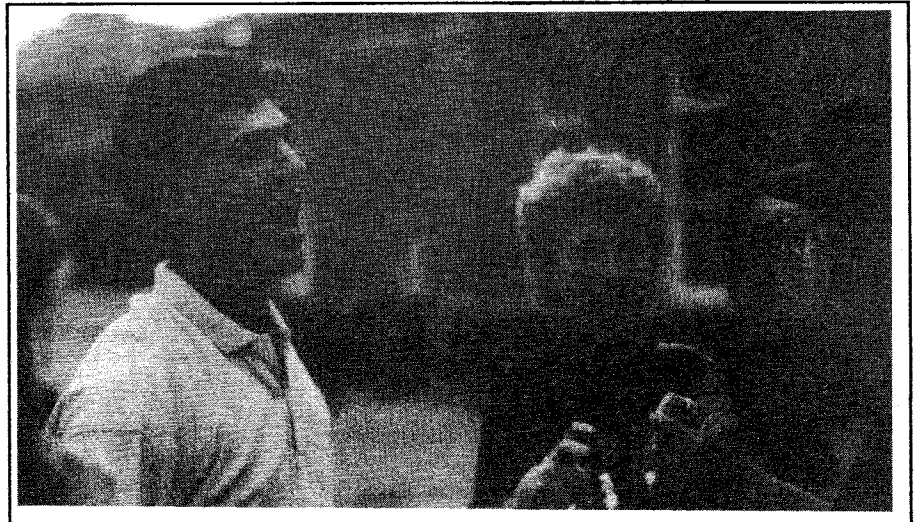
By-Ann Bertolo  
Roanoke-Benson High School

The 1990 IASC Leadership Workshop at Millikin was quite an experience. During school I was very interested in learning about student council. My advisors suggested going to Millikin and after hearing a little bit about it, I agreed to go.

Summer dragged on, and I lost the enthusiasm to go. Then came the time to travel to Decatur. Immediately, I adjusted to the friendly atmosphere. A smile shone on everyone's face as they buzzed around unpacking. Because of this, my attitude quickly changed and I was ready to learn!

Listening to Ed Phelps, workshop consultant, was just one of the many activities we participated in each day. We broke into clubs, each having a specific job in "Hug High School", a school which we all "attended" for the week. Once in our groups we discussed leadership, how to get involved, and how to get others involved. We talked about leadership instruments, communication, and how to relate this to our own student council back home.

We enjoyed an interesting night of Hug High School Olympics. Another night we had an awards banquet in which each



Delegates working on camp song "Little Bunny Fu Fu".

Photo taken by Glenn Powers

club had their own responsibilities. Following the banquet there was a dance.

I really enjoyed Millikin and all it had to offer. Anyone involved or interested in student council should think seriously about attending this summer workshop. Also, you'll meet a lifetime's worth of friends. So, if you're interested: **experience Millikin!**

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## Brian's Briefs

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT-  
Success is that old ABC-  
Ability,  
Breaks,  
and Courage

Hello, fellow state student council members! I hope you all are looking forward to the upcoming school year. I know how the first months of school are, **BUSY!** That next project may be a ways away but it is never too early to start planning. Remember to keep everyone involved and use everyone's ideas and your project will be successful.

This past summer I got to meet a lot of you at the national conference and at the summer workshops at Millikin University. To all of you, thank you for such a great and memorable summer. I hope all of you will use the knowledge that you gained at your own student council and make a difference.

I am looking forward to serving you as is the rest of the IASC Board. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact anyone of us.

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# SUMMER WORKSHOPS CONTINUED.....

## NLC 1990: Outlaw Ranch

by Kelly Stevens  
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Student council workshops are designed to inform you about your state councils and teach you leadership skills to use in your schools as leaders. There are many different workshops to attend on the local, state, and national levels.

This spring I was encouraged to attend a National Leadership Camp by my advisors and a member who had attended last year. I heard nothing but good things about the camp, and being active in student council and wanting to become a better leader, I decided to go. I chose the NLC at Outlaw Ranch, near Custer, South Dakota, which was scheduled for July 28 to August 2. Six delegates from Illinois attended the camp, as well as almost 200 other delegates and staff members from all over the United States and Canada. The camp was excellent!

From the time we left our planes, buses, or cars, until the time we had to get on again, we were made to feel like we were at home. The Junior Counselors had us doing icebreakers and songs all night long the first night (not to mention all WEEK long!). We were split up into six councils, which, by the end of camp, became our second families.

Each day we went to a variety of sessions on subjects such as Project Planning, Goal Setting, School, Drugs, and Alcohol. In between sessions we had free time; to talk to people, have snacks, or try to catch up on lost sleep! And every meal was a competition to see which council could convince the director of the camp to let them get their food first!

Throughout the week we did a lot of activities as an entire group. Our second night at NLC we went sightseeing to Crazy Horse Mountain, which is being blasted into a representation of the legendary Indian riding his horse. We also went to Mount Rushmore and had our nightly "tranquility" under the lit-up statue. The

next night we had an every-council-for-itself Olympics, which included such "events" as funny bones, passing oranges with our necks, and the infamous Chubby Bunny competition. Another evening we had a hoedown, and discovered that certain square dances are not as easy as they look! Finally, the last night, we had a banquet and performed our comical council skits, which were followed by singing our council songs around the campfire.

It was inevitable that the last day of NLC had to come. Sadly, we had our final council meetings and visited with our new friends for the last time at camp. For most of the people who went, it was one of the greatest experiences they have had so far in life.

The National Leadership Camp was an excellent opportunity for me to learn skills that will help me in everything I do, as well as a chance to learn more about myself. It was also a place to meet some of the greatest people I have ever met, and make some friends that will last a lifetime. I would strongly recommend an NLC to anyone who is interested in developing their skills and learning more about leadership, effective communication, and procedures for leading an organization. Advisors should receive information pertaining to the various locations of NLCs in the mail. To guarantee a spot in the location of your choice, it is important to send registration forms in as soon as possible.

Good luck in your councils and have a great year!

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## Illinois Teenage Institute

by Soo Cho  
Edwardsville High School

Positive energy, personal building, and communication skills were just some of the incredible aspects about the Illinois Teenage Institute, (I.T.I.), "Leadership in Prevention" at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington this past July. It was certainly

an experience that I will never forget!!!

The first thing I thought when I was dropped off at IWU was that everyone must have been absolutely insane. The staff was walking around with crazy costumes and singing bizarre songs. I figured that since I had been on staff at the IASC summer workshop, nothing could shock me! Was I wrong. I had no idea what to expect from the week at I.T.I.....

The institute was filled with lots of workshops ranging from road blocks in communication, relationships, positive self-image, to organizing your own prevention programs. In addition, there were discussion groups, general sessions of all kinds, entertainment, and of course, cookies and milk. Once the first general session began, everyone was broken into small discussion groups and by the end of the week, we were all a very close knit group of friends.

One of the many great things about I.T.I. was that everyone could be him or herself. There were no faces to hide. Each and every person found themselves and what they stand for. Yes, but I.T.I. had some very deep and serious points as well with discussions of all kinds. For some time, I had been looking for answers and after experiencing I.T.I., I finally found much of what I was looking for in a place I had not looked before, and that was in myself.

I.T.I. was an incredible experience for me, but no one can truly understand the way that it feels to be a part of I.T.I. experience unless they experience it for themselves. No matter how much you have not been exposed to, I.T.I. can benefit everyone. You come out on top no matter where you stand. Be a leader. Take a chance and be yourself and voice your beliefs! Make a difference!



# ILLINOIS GETS the IASC Blazes a

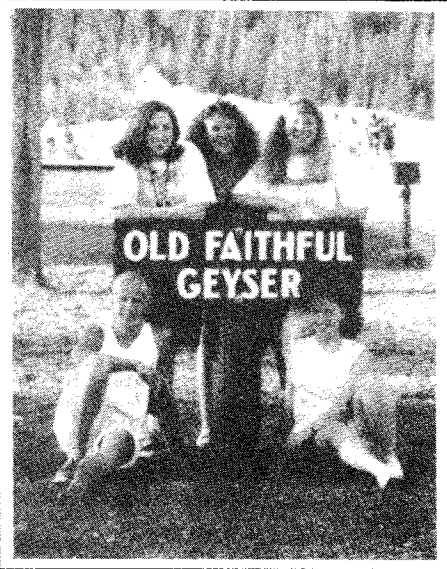
by Susie Morris

*On June 23rd, 1990, forty normal high school student council members (eight guys and thirty-two girls) from all over Illinois and two advisors left from the Chicago Greyhound Bus Station. They were not expected to return until July 7th. During those two weeks they would see various sights, meet people from all over the United States, attend the 54th National Association of Student Councils Conference while sharing and learning leadership skills and.....experience the best time of their lives!*

of the more courageous explorers from the group (unlike myself) climbed up the hills. Once everyone was back from the "expedition", we headed to Mount Rushmore. We arrived as the night lights were being lit. We heard an informative presentation about Mount Rushmore's history. That night everyone slept well; this was only the first day of the trip! The next day it was back on the bus to the infamous Devils Tower, where the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" was filmed.

Then it was off to Cody, Wyoming and to Yellowstone National Park. Once at Yellowstone, we went shopping and visited Old Faithful. Now we had only one more night before the conference. Our next destination was Pocatello, Idaho, stopping at Idaho State University. That night we relaxed and took it easy. I was amazed how close everyone had become. I felt as though I had known most of these people forever. Yet, I had only met most of them four days ago!

The next morning we left at 6:00 a.m. for Rex Putnam High School. On the way to the conference, we worked on cheers to carry on the Illinois tradition as being one of the best (and loudest) student council



Waiting for Old Faithful to erupt.

Making friendships that will last me a lifetime, seeing new places and having the best time of my life.

Jason Golden



Hank and Faith Clark  
(AKA: mom and dad).

Going into the trip, I didn't know what to expect, but I know that I went home with more than leadership skills.

Dean A. Mann



"Hot-tubbin it" in California

# OREGONIZED

## Trail to the West!

organizations in the country. At 4:00 p.m. the IASC delegation arrived at the 54th NASC Conference after traveling over a thousand miles. We were more than ready to participate!

The theme of the NASC Conference was "Blaze New Trails" and that is just what the people from Illinois did. The next five days were full of nothing but learning, laughing and fun. We listened to entertaining and exciting speakers: Dr. Earl Reum, Mr. Phil Gugliuzza, and Steve Largent, former wide-receiver of the Seattle Seahawks. Delegates joined discussion groups dealing with areas of student council. We visited many interesting places such as The Washington Park Zoo, the Oregon State Capitol Building, Blue Lake Park...the list is endless. To top off such an incredible convention, on the last night there was a dinner dance and a game room where delegates could enjoy the "night on the town".

The next day it was time to say our goodbyes to all of our new friends across the nation. Though this was hard for all of us, we were ready to move on.

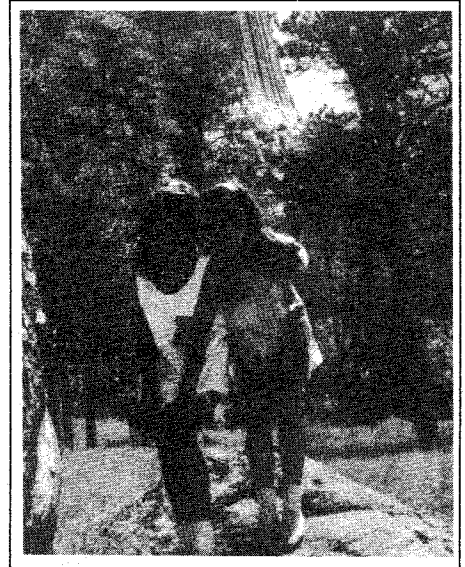
Our next destination? California! At 3:00 a.m., we arrived in San Francisco. (Next to the NASC conference, my favor-

ite part of the trip.) The next day we were able to relax and recuperate from the rigorous five days at the conference. Some of the group went shopping while others took advantage of the California sun, spending the day in the outside whirlpool. That afternoon we visited Stanford University. We then moved on to Fisherman's Wharf, where we ate, shopped and enjoyed downtown San Francisco. Then, came time to say goodbye to California and we were on the road again.

After a quick stop in Reno, Nevada, we then spent the night in Salt Lake City, Utah. Our last stop was in Estes Park, Colorado. There we spent our last day shopping, taking it easy or horseback riding. The time had come to head back home.

On July 6th, we left Estes Park at 9:30 a.m. and arrived at the Chicago Greyhound Bus Station at 11:00 a.m. on July 7th. The bus ride home was a long one, but nobody minded. When we finally did pull into the bus station it took at least half an hour to say good-bye.

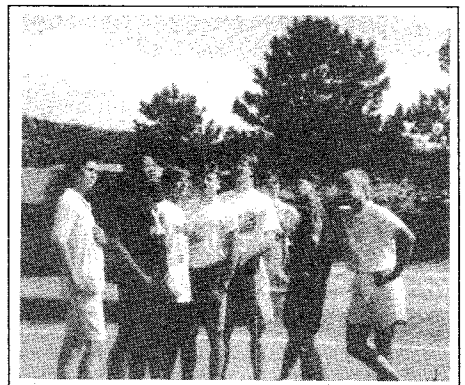
I will always remember the NASC Conference as one of the greatest times of my life and I am sure the other 39 people and two advisors agree with me.



Jenni Lin and Jennie Tsai "encounter" Devils Tower.

The best part was when we walked into Nationals, we let everyone know that Illinois had arrived.

Amy Kruger



The Illinois male delegation.

The conference was incredible; the learning games, fun and even the dancing-it was all there.

Ian Crockett

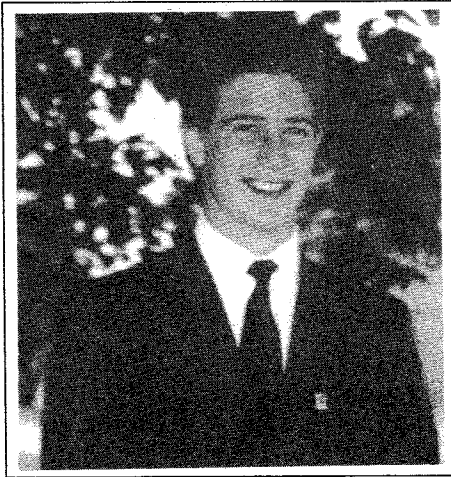


One big happy family. The Illinois Delegation gathers for a group shot.





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IASC PRESIDENT

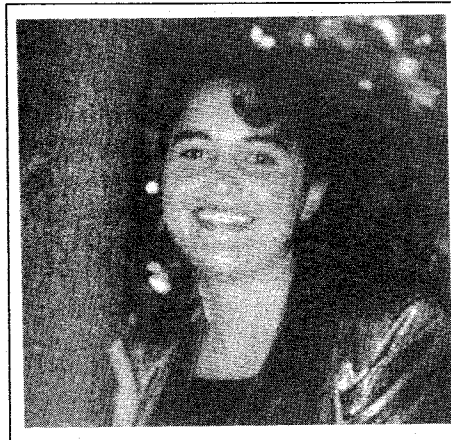
Hi! My name is Brian Holtz and I am going to be your president this year. I have met a lot of you this summer but for those of you I haven't met, let me tell you a little bit about myself.

I'm going to be a senior this year at J.D. Darnall High School in Geneseo. In high school I have participated in many different activities such as football, basketball, tennis, National Honor Society, and of course student council. This year, however, I am dropping out of athletics to concentrate on student council and my grades.

I have been a member of my student council for three years and a member of the executive board for two. I have been vice-president and am president of this year's council. I have also been active on the district level, serving as district-state liaison for the Blackhawk District. I have been very active on the state level since my freshman year, attending every IASC workshop and state convention. Last summer I was introduced to the National Association of Student Councils when I participated in

the National Conference and the National Leadership Training Center. So you can see, student council and the IASC have been the love of my high school activities.

I hope to get the chance to meet all of you sometime this year, but until then, have a great start to the school year!



**ALLYSON LAUGHLIN**  
IASC FIRST-VICE PRESIDENT

Hello IASC! I am so excited about the upcoming year and working with all of you! I am a senior at Auburn High School in Rockford where I am student council president. Needless to say, this year is going to be a very busy one; but then again, it is going to be an extremely fun one too! Besides working with student council, I enjoy working with the Pep Club, Natural Helpers, SADD, International Club, French Honors Society and a few other school organizations. My main priority, however, is the commitment I made to the IASC. The IASC has done a lot for me in the past few years, and I hope to uphold its excellent tradition as your 1st. V.P.!

I would like to share a few of my personal goals with you. First of all, I

would like to have the best and biggest group of honor delegates at this year's State Convention (so don't forget to apply soon)! I would also like to attend as many of the district functions as possible. I would love the opportunity to spread the IASC word and to "meet" all of the districts. Of course, I will always do my best and always keep smiling!

Well, I'm ready for a GREAT year, and I'm sure that you are, too. Don't forget to apply for an Honor Delegate Position soon and I cannot wait to meet all of you! Remember, if you ever have any questions about Honor Delegates or the State, feel free to contact me at anytime. I'd love to help out!



**KIM STASH**  
IASC SECOND-VICE PRESIDENT

A year ago, if someone would have told me that someday I would become an IASC officer, I would have never believed it. Now here I am, Kim Stash, Second-Vice President of the IASC. WOW! Maybe dreams do come true!

I've always believed that if you try



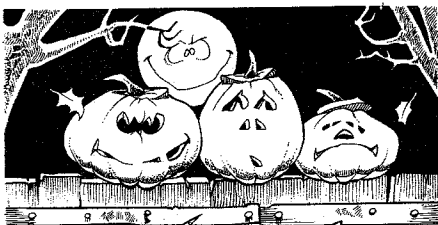
# SPOTLIGHT



with all your heart, anything is possible. Therefore, I challenge each of you to try hard to achieve every goal you set for yourself this year. After all, that's what leadership is all about: setting goals and believing in yourself.

As a senior at Streator High School, I have been involved in cheerleading, track, executive council, the advisory council, student council, business career opportunities club, junior class president, German Club, Positive Youth Development Club, S.T.O.P (Streator Takes On Prevention), the Varsity Sports Club and Post Prom Committee. I am very dedicated to all of my activities. I believe in 100% or nothing at all. You might say that Streator High School is my second home. However, this year I am changing pace quite a bit. I am giving up cheerleading and all of my athletic events so I can concentrate more on student council and my dedication to the IASC. I am tremendously excited about working with the state board. I believe that this year's State Convention will be the best ever.

A close friend once told me, "There's a fire inside of each of us. What causes it to burn brighter in some than others is the difference between existence and excellence. That difference has a name. It is called motivation, and it can last a lifetime." I truly believe in that quote. I believe that motivation and a positive mental attitude are the keys to conquering your goals. Please remember those words as you work to achieve your goals this year, and most of all remember...anything is possible when you believe in yourself. Good luck!



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**ROBYN PHELPS**  
IASC SECRETARY

Hi! I'm Robyn Phelps, and this year I will serve as your IASC Secretary. This position is very important to me, and one that I have worked for since my first State Convention in 1988.

I am currently a senior at Collinsville High School, which is located in the southern part of Illinois. At my high school I am president of the student council, and I hold offices in The Spians, French Club and Show Choir. I am also a member of National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta.

I work on my school newspaper staff, attended the Hugh O'Brian Seminar, and am listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students. When I have some spare time, I enjoy relaxing with my friends and family, learning to water ski, singing and corresponding with all of my IASC friends. In the future, I plan to attend college and major in communications.

You may be thinking that I have so many other things to do that I don't have time for the IASC, right? Wrong! When I

was elected Secretary, I made a promise that the IASC would be my first priority for the upcoming year, and I intend to keep that promise.

My main goal as IASC Secretary is to recruit as many Honor Council Books as possible. There have been several changes in the system this year and these changes have been made so that more schools will be able to receive the Honor Council Award. So, if your council has never submitted a book before, start now! Working on becoming an Honor Council is a great way to improve your council.

I am looking forward to a great year with the IASC, and am anxious to meet each of you. Please write or call if you have any questions and have a super year!



**JULIE VOGEL**  
IASC TREASURER

Hello, my name is Julie Vogel and I am this year's IASC Treasurer. When my name was announced at the State Convention, I

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knew then that I had taken on a great challenge, one which would be both reward and lots of hard work. After a both busy and rewarding summer, I am more than ready to take on that challenge!

Student Council is what I look forward to every school year. I have been actively involved in my own council since my freshman year and served as corresponding secretary my sophomore year. I then went on to become treasurer my junior year. Today I am again treasurer of my own student council as well as my class and the IASC. I also participate in tennis, bowling, choir and the Future Business Leaders of America. In the future I would like to attend a business college and major in accounting/recordkeeping.

This summer I had the opportunity of attending two incredible events. The first being the NASC Conference in Oregon and then receiving the honor of being a United States Ambassador and flying to Russia for three weeks. Both trips were the greatest experiences I have ever had in my life, and ones which I will never forget!

I once read that, "It's better to try and fail than to fail at trying." and this I remember whenever I have any doubts about the obstacles I have to overcome. I hope that you, too, will remember this when things seem to get rough, as they often do for leaders. I wish all of you the best of luck in the upcoming school year!



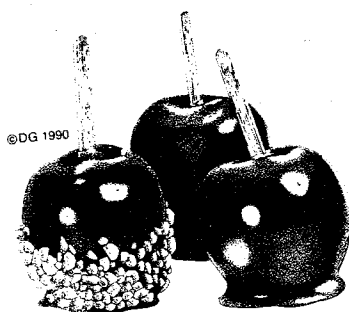
**SUSIE MORRIS**  
**IASC REPORTER-EDITOR**

Hi, my name is Susie Morris and as this year's IASC Reporter-Editor, welcome to the first 1990-91 issue of the Reporter! When I attended my first summer workshop at Millikin my freshman year, little did I know what was in store for me. I came home that week and all I could talk about was what I'd experienced. I knew that I had to go back to another IASC function. By the end of the weekend at the Advanced Workshop in Allerton, my decision was final. I knew that from then on I would do whatever I could to become more involved in the IASC.

I am a senior at Pekin High School and looking forward to my best year in high school yet! I have been involved in student council since I was in seventh grade. I have been president of my student council campus and both second-vice president and president of the Hopewell District. I was also secretary of the sophomore and junior class and a letterman of the swim team. This year I am president of the Latin Club (hey, I like it), captain of the swim team and a member of National Honor Society.

My favorite expression is, "If everyone else does it square, then you should do it round". This, I believe, defines what true leadership is about...the ability to stand out from others and have courage to do things differently. This is what the IASC is here for, to help you find you own definition of the word "leadership". Take advantage of the opportunities that the IASC has to offer, for there are so many. Why not go to that IASC Weekend Workshop, apply for that Honor Delegate Position or write that article for the Reporter? (Hint, hint)

As I said earlier, I am looking forward to having the best year yet....for both myself as well as the IASC. I wish you all the best of luck in the upcoming year and remember: in order to make this year a success, it all begins with you!



**ANJANETTE NORWOOD**  
**IASC CONVENTION SECRETARY**

When asked to be the Convention Secretary for the IASC, I had no idea what I was getting myself into. I never thought that I would be learning so many new and exciting things which I would not have had the opportunity to learn anywhere else. I never thought that I would be meeting and making so many new friends, which I know I will have for a lifetime. I also didn't think that I would have so much fun!

As Convention Secretary of the IASC, my responsibilities are to bring this state-wide group some new ideas, attractions and special items to take back to their schools. I also know that I will be responsible for helping to give the best leaders of Illinois an experience that they will never forget. I have made these responsibilities my goals for the year as IASC Convention Secretary. I have been working all summer to gain new ideas from attending both the NASC Conference in Oregon and the IASC Summer Workshop at Millikin. I have also begun to work with my school in planning the 1991 State Convention.

I am looking forward to having a most exciting convention and a great year. I am also excited about working with the other IASC officers in making this a successful year. I hope to see all of you throughout the year at District or Weekend Workshops or if not, then at State Convention!



## Illinois Premier Boy's State

by Kevin Hornbrook  
Paris High School

Illinois Premier Boy's State was held June 9-15, 1990 at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. Boy's State was originated in Illinois in 1934. It was the first summer camp of its kind, that is why it bears the name Premier. There is now a Boy's State held by the American Legion in each of the 50 states.

The purpose of Boy's State is to teach the importance of citizenship. It also helps to show how American government functions. As a "citizen" of Illinois Premier Boy's State, I acquired a great deal of knowledge about the government of the United States and how it works. I took part in mock elections, attended lectures, and studied the government, but Boy's State was not all work. During the course of the week, I made many friends, had the opportunity to play the sports of my choice, and participate in the Boy's State Band.

I feel the experience of Boy's State was very successful. I now have a better understanding of the United States government and had a fun time achieving it. I also learned many things that I can apply to my position as President of the Paris High School Student Council.

## The Girl's State Experience

by Jill Brown  
Washington High School

Just the other day I opened my mailbox and discovered that my Girl's State memorybook had arrived. As I paged through the book, I was reminded of what a special experience Girl's State was.

Granted it was a week spent without guys, but it was a week spent developing a greater appreciation for our country. Participants were given the opportunity to run for positions on either the local, county, or state level. We also had the privilege of visits from government officials such as Illinois State Governor Jim Thompson, Attorney General Neil Hartigan, and State

Comptroller Roland Burris. They were impressive and informative.

The week wasn't all work and no play, though. We had recreation time which was enjoyed by all because it was the only time that we were not required to wear skirts or dresses. Other activities included a talent show, pizza parties, a candlelight ceremony and a closing banquet.

I was very honored to attend the 50th session of Illinois Girl's State. The friends I made will last me a lifetime. Now whenever I see the American Flag I am reminded of Girl's State and what a wonderful country I live in.

## Region V Representative

Attention sophomores! This year the term for Region V Representative is up for re-election. At the December executive board meeting, a candidate will be chosen to run for this office. This is a two-year office which consists of participating on the NASC Executive Board and hosting a Region V Convention. For more information check the IASC Executive Director's mailing. If you have any questions, contact Hank Clark.

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## THE DISTRICT DATELINE

### OCTOBER

- 17 North Central District Orientation
- 22 Eastern District Fall Workshop
- 23 North West District Junior High Convention
- 24 North East District Hospitality Night
- 25 North Central District Area I Representatives Workshop
- 29 North Central District Area III Representatives Workshop

### NOVEMBER

- 7 Cenois District Workshop
- 10 Kickapoo District Workshop
- 13 North West District Fall Workshop
- 14 North Central District Area IV Representatives Workshop
- 15 Blackhawk District Fall Workshop Eastern District Convention Hopewell District Workshop North Central District Area II Representatives Workshop
- 19 North East District Fall Workshop
- 31-Dec.1 Prairie-Eight District Winter Retreat

### DECEMBER

- 7-8 North Central District Winter Retreat
- 15 Hopewell District Hockey Night

### JANUARY

- 20 Kickapoo District Winter Retreat
- 31 Kaskaskia District Consultants Workshop

### FEBRUARY

- 19 Blackhawk District Hospitality Night

### MARCH

- 1 Kaskaskia District Convention
- 2-3 North Central District Spring Convention
- 6 Cenois District Convention
- 9 North East District Convention
- 20 North West District Spring Convention
- 21 Hopewell District Spring Convention

# It's Honor Delegate Time

by Allyson Laughlin  
First-Vice President of the IASC

As the 57th State Convention approaches, it is time for **you** to start thinking about what **Honor Delegate Position** to apply for! Honor delegates are indeed the backbone of the state convention. Therefore we need all of you, the best student leaders in the state, to apply to be an honor delegate. Applications for honor delegate positions will be mailed to your school in late September. So remember to ask your council advisor and president at that time! Please remember, however, that these applications are due back to either the first or second-vice president (depending on which position you apply for) by November 9, 1990. The following are the honor delegate positions:

## From the First-Vice President

1. Constitution Committee Member- reviews and makes recommendations on possible constitutional amendments.
2. Credentials Committee Member- interviews and presents a report on possible state student board candidates.
3. Honor Council Committee Member- judges honor council books at honor delegate workshop and at state convention.
4. Resolutions Committee Member- reviews and makes recommendations on resolutions to present during general session at state convention.
5. Discussion Group Leaders (DGL)- prepares and presents an informative discussion session.
6. Recorder- observes and writes a summary of a discussion group while assisting discussion group leader.

## From the Second-Vice President

1. Hall of Ideas Chairman- prepares a handout and display of a successful event(s) from his or her school.
2. Project Schools Chairman- sends out a state-wide survey to schools on a chosen topic, then compiles the results and distributes at state convention.
3. Service Project- provides goods and services needed by the IASC executive board.

Being an honor delegate not only provides one with an informative and enriching experience, but also, it's a **BLAST**. So come on out and catch that IASC spirit! Apply for that honor delegate position- believe me, there is no way you'll regret it! Don't forget to look for the application soon. Kim and I are looking forward to receiving your applications soon! (By November 9th, of course.)

## Some Helpful Hints in Applying for an Honor Delegate Position

Sure, applying for an honor delegate position is taking a big risk. But by following these simple steps while completing your application, things will be simpler. Completing these steps won't guarantee you an honor delegate position, but it will put you a step ahead.

1. Send in your completed application as *early* as possible.
2. When writing your essay, think about how you can make your contribution to the 1991 state convention and why you are applying for that particular honor delegate position.
3. Be sure to either type or write out your essay.....so that others may easily read it.

4. Be sure to get the required signatures before sending your application.

5. Don't get discouraged when you begin to fill out the section entitled "Previous Leadership Experience". Remember: even the most active student council member cannot fill in everything.

6. Don't put off filling out your application to the last minute. Take your time and maybe you won't miss some of those important details that could be beneficial to you.

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## ADVISORS NEED RECOGNITION TOO

Let's face it, without advisors, there wouldn't be student council. Many times the work of advisors wrongly goes unnoticed. Do you know of any outstanding student council advisor who deserves "a pat on the back"? Why not nominate him or her for the Warren E. Shull Advisor of the Year Award? The Warren E. Shull award is given by the National Association of Student Councils recognizing those advisors "who go the extra mile".

The first step is to complete the nomination form included in your IASC Executive Director's mailing. Once all forms are reviewed, a winner from Illinois will be chosen to go on to compete for the NASC award.

By nominating your advisor you will be giving your advisor the recognition that he or she deserves, and will also show that you care!



## The "Issue" of the Issue

by Susie Morris  
IASC Reporter-Editor

Welcome to the first "Issue" of the Issue column! In this column you express your views as a student council member. Each issue of the Reporter will have a different topic concerning some aspect of student council. Throughout the year, I will be attending district functions and IASC workshops where I will be distributing surveys on student council issues. I will tabulate the results of the surveys and include them in each issue of the Reporter. These surveys will allow you to express your own views and get some insights from other Illinois leaders.

The first survey deals with the issue of student/faculty relations. Student council members are constantly working with the school administration and faculty. Sometimes these relationships are positive, and sometimes not. The purpose of this survey was to find out what techniques different schools use in working with school officials and to exchange ideas on how to make these relationships more productive.

This survey was distributed at the second session of the Millikin workshop. One hundred thirteen people responded.

These are the results of the survey:

**How often does someone from your student council meet with your school principal or superintendent?**

- a. Every week 50%
- b. Once a month 36%
- c. Once a year 7%
- d. Never 7%

**How would you describe the relationship between your student council and the school faculty?**

- a. Excellent 26%
- b. Good 55%
- c. Fair 18%
- d. Poor 1%

**How would you describe the amount of support that your council receives from**

**the school faculty and administration?**

- a. Excellent 21%
- b. Good 53%
- c. Fair 23%
- d. Poor 3%

**Do you feel that you are able to voice your opinion to your administration and faculty through student council?**

- a. Yes 87%
- b. No 13%

**Is there a designated person who represents your student council at faculty or school board meetings?**

- a. Yes 56%
- b. No 44%

**Are there any special ways that your student council and faculty communicate?**

- a. Yes 33%
- b. No 67%

**What suggestions could you give to other student councils to help them improve their relations with the school faculty/administration? (Here are just a few of the many great ideas that were listed.)**

"Do special things for the administration such as secret pals, occasional appreciations, peach for a teach, teacher appreciation picnics...things like that."

"Be sure to voice your opinion no matter how great the fear of rejection is."

"Make regular visits to (your) administration and keep up on things that are going on with them."

"Co-sponsor events with the faculty allowing them to get involved. Working together to reach a goal will help to improve relations."

"Always ask questions and don't be afraid — all they can say about anything is 'no'."

"Respect them and they will respect you...it's a give and take."

"Try to have a good attitude and don't come off as though you can't compromise."

"Hear what they have to say and they'll hear what you have to say also."

"Talk freely to the administrators—they are people and they will listen to your ideas."

"Get to know your administrators and what they expect from you."

The results are positive when it comes to the relationships between student council members and administrators/faculty. According to Millikin delegates, student councils are finding more and more ways to strengthen ties with their administrators.....but there is always room for improvement. Why not discuss different ways your council can try to work with your administration at your next student council meeting? In the end, you will be creating a positive attitude within the school, and who knows, maybe a couple of new friendships as well.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Jerry Denoyer from Newton High School for being selected 1990-91 Chairperson of the IASC Board! The IASC Executive Board wishes him luck in his newly appointed position and is looking forward to working with him!



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*Attention Student Council!*



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## IASC CALENDER OF EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

9 Honor Delegate Position, Hall of Ideas, Service Project and Project School Applications Due  
10 New Representative Drive-In (Frosh/Soph) #1 at Centralia High School-Centralia, IL  
16 Deadline for December Reporter Issue Articles  
17-18 New Representative Workshop (Soph/Jr/Sr) #1 at East Bay Camp-Bloomington, IL

### DECEMBER

8-9 New Representative Workshop (Soph/Jr/Sr) #2 at East Bay Camp-Bloomington, IL  
15 New Representative Workshop Drive-In (Frosh/Soph) #2 at East Aurora High School-East Aurora, IL  
\*\* Watch for December Issue of Reporter

### JANUARY

19-20 Advanced Workshop (Millikin Alumni only) #1 at the Allerton House-Monticello, IL

### FEBRUARY

1 Deadline for all Constitutional amendments and resolutions  
2-3 Advanced Workshop (Millikin Alumni only) #2 at the Allerton House-Monticello, IL  
7 Deadline for March Reporter Issue Articles  
15-17 Region V Conference

### MARCH

9-10 New Representative Workshop (Soph/Jr/Sr) #3 at East Bay Camp-Bloomington, IL

\*\* Watch for March Issue of Reporter

\*\*\* May 2-4, IASC State Convention

**PLAN AHEAD**