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STUDENT COUNCIL IN THE REAL WORLD!

Just because you graduate from high school doesn't mean that your days of leading others are over! Take a look at how some past IASC leaders have put their leadership skills to work in the "real world".

WHAT THE IASC DID FOR ME

by Greg Smith, 1983-84 President of the IASC

My involvement with the Illinois Association of Student Councils was the most significant part of my high school education. Because the lessons and memories that the IASC gave still profoundly affect me, I was more than happy to share some thoughts when asked by Susie Morris. Funny thing — it feels odd for me to write a reflective article about my time with the IASC, mostly because I don't feel like I ever really left.

The topic of this issue of the Reporter is exploring how your student council experience can (and will) help you in the "real world". A lot of people translate that into resume-type stuff; what other posts will I be able to fill as a result of my work with council? So, maybe it would be helpful to tell you what I have done since leaving high school. The summer after graduation from Rantoul High School, I worked with Governor James R. Thompson as his traveling aid. (Incidentally, the Governor offered me that job at the State Convention. If that doesn't testify to what the IASC can do for you, I don't know what does!!!) I worked with Thompson twice more after that. I attended Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. where I became very involved in student activities. I was the student body president, the chair-

man of the Board of Directors of Students of Georgetown, Inc. (the largest student run corporation in the country) and a Resident Assistant (a position with which you will become all too familiar with when you get to college). In addition to on-campus activities, I also worked in the White House with Vice President George Bush for a semester. After graduation from Georgetown, I went to Italy where I put my expensive East Coast education to work as a gardener. For the past two years I have been working as an administrator at Georgetown. I am also attending law school at night, and am an editor for a law journal at school. In short, since leaving high school, I have been pretty busy.

But your experience with the IASC will translate into much more than a resume folder. In addition to making you a better potential "leader", far more importantly, the IASC will help you to become a better person. After high school I was able to become so involved because through the IASC I learned fundamental skills about working with people and accomplishing goals that, sadly, very few people ever learn. These skills made me a valuable member of every community I have been in along the way.

The most valuable thing I learned from

the IASC was that every person has a responsibility to use his or her talents for the good of others. Nowhere is that lesson taught more clearly than by the commitment of the adult student council advisors. Their unselfish devotion and sacrifice for the students of Illinois is why the IASC is so successful at what it does. Much of whom I am today I owe to the advisors with whom I have worked.

My advice is simple — don't underestimate the potential of the IASC's programs. I happened to be President of the IASC. As great an experience as that was, the skills and abilities that the IASC gave me were developed in workshops, none as significant as my first summer workshop. The great gift of the IASC (and student council generally) is that, regardless of which position you hold, it will have an impact on your life.

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Brian's Briefs

The end of the school year is approaching and I find myself looking at the future rather than concentrating on the present. Being a senior I find it hard

not to look toward graduation and the summer but now is the time to overcome "SENIORITIS" and finish senior year strong. It is okay to look forward to those long range goals but don't forget about the commitment you have made to your student council. Now is the time for you seniors to come out and show all that capability that you have worked for the past four years. This time of the year also gives you juniors, sophomores, and freshmen a chance to take on new responsibilities and propose some of those new ideas that you have kept inside all year.

I hope all of you are planning to get out and see what the district and state officers have been working on all year. I know that every officer worked hard to make this a year you will never forget.

Keep working hard and I hope to see all of you in May!

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HOW THE IASC INFLUENCED ME

by Lois Fullerton Meier
1937-38 President of the IASC

There are times in one's life that are highlights and very special. My IASC presidency was perhaps not the most important experience of my life, but it was one I remember fondly and with pride. I firmly believe it built my self-confidence to meet whatever life had to offer. Add self-confidence to enthusiasm and a keen sense of humor, and we can say, "Come on World. I'm ready!"

In addition to teaching in the local high school and junior college, I wrote and produced a 13-week educational TV program of daily English lessons for adults working on their GED certificates. It was a sort of adult Sesame Street with interesting guests and fun activities. I also wrote scripts and helped produce the tapes for International Learning, a company that provided tapes for schools on literature, science, math and foreign language. I researched and wrote the history of our village and we sold over 3,000 copies. We are still getting requests for the 300-page book although it was published 15 years ago. In connection with that

research, I was responsible for getting our church listed as Site #157 by the Presbyterian Historical Society of America.

Of course I did the usual motherly things of leading Brownies and Girl Scout troops and teaching Sunday School and baking enough chocolate chip cookies to circle the globe.

Speaking of baking, I entered the Pillsbury Bake-Off contest a few years ago and won a trip to Hawaii with what my husband calls my best bit of creative writing—a recipe for pineapple torte. I was told there were over 17 million entries and mine was one of 100 chosen. Woman's World bought and published my article about my experiences at the Bake-Off.

As for my plans for the immediate future, I am working on a lecture on Iran which I am to deliver in April for the Minerva Study Club. Our overall topic this year is the timely subject, the Mideast. After my lecture, my husband and I will

celebrate our Golden Anniversary traveling a month in France, our favorite vacation spot. When we return, I will continue marketing the historical novel on the Chiquiquy family which I have completed. I will do some serious writing on the three sequels I have already blocked out in the younger generations of that family.

The name IASC was given to the organization when I was president. I like to think the letters also stand for I Am Self-Confident. I believe I have instilled that self-worth in our two daughters and four grandsons and, I hope, in the adults of my English for Foreign Born classes as well as in the high school students whose lives have touched mine.

As student leaders you have such a great opportunity to help those who have chosen you to be their leaders. No one person is expected to excel at everything. Each one is smart in his or her own way. I encourage you to implement programs that help all kinds of boys and girls in your schools improve their self-image. Help them realize that "I can" is more important than "I.Q." self-image. Become THE WIND BENEATH THEIR WINGS.



THE IASC GOES W.I.L.D.

by Kim Stash
IASC Second-Vice President

Not even a huge blizzard could keep the Illinois Delegates from attending the Region V Conference in Richfield, Ohio, on February 15th. As I awoke early Friday morning, I looked out the window to find we had been hit by a huge snowstorm. I thought to myself, the IASC Executive Board must be nuts to drive ten hours through this "stuff". Well, since we all had such a great sense of adventure and dared to go where no one has ever gone before, after a few phone calls and we were on our way.

I must admit I was a little nervous about putting my life in the hands of our fearless driver Gary Zummallen. (Just kidding!) But all and all, the drive was a fun one.

When we finally arrived at the conference, I realized that all the hours of driving were well worth it. The theme of this year's Region V Conference was WILD, which stands for We Initiate Leadership Development. We were greeted by Region V Representative Jennifer Salino and renowned keynote speaker "Mr. Phil". After all of the states eventually got to the conference, we attended a short general session and then it was off to our host families' homes. The next morning we were all energized for a day packed with discussion groups, games, meeting new friends, and of course the dance later that evening.

As an Illinois delegate, Darin Hender-

son ran for the position of Region V Representative. Although the position was filled by a West Virginia candidate, Darin did an excellent job representing Illinois, and we were all very proud of him. It was also announced in a speech by IASC President Brian Holtz, that because there will be no Region V Conference next year, Illinois plans to host a Winter Workshop for all of the states in our region.

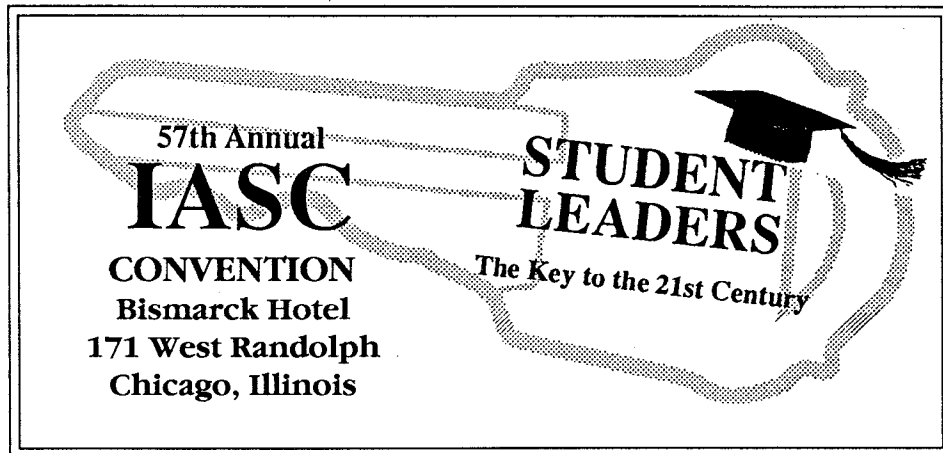
All and all, the Region V Conference was an experience that I will never forget. The new friendships made, the old friendships strengthened, and the closing candlelight ceremony are memories I will always treasure.

STUDENT LEADERS: THE KEY TO THE 21ST CENTURY

by Anjanette Norwood
IASC Convention Secretary

Student Leaders, the Key to the 21st Century is the theme of this year's IASC State Convention. The convention will again be held at the Bismarck Hotel in downtown Chicago. The dates this year will be May 2-4. Every member of the IASC Executive Board and my school, Lindblom Technical High School have been working very diligently in preparing this most prestigious event for you.

At this year's convention students can expect many of these things (...and more). The first day will begin with registration by Lindblom High School. Committees such as Credentials, Honor Council, Constitution and Resolution will have meetings in the afternoon. At the first general session will be a flag ceremony to honor Illinois' thirteen districts. Welcomes will be given by the IASC board and candidates' speeches will be delivered. To end this most outstanding night, there will be a dance.



The second day will begin with the advisors' breakfast and meeting which is followed by the second general session. The main speaker for this day is Rachael Smith. Discussion groups are next on the agenda, and then the third session will begin. After the reports session every district will have a brief meeting. The day will end with a banquet in which next year's officers will be installed. Norm Hull will be the motivational speaker for the delegates. Hot Mix Entertainment will end the night with a "Hot" dance.

This is just to give you an insight of what Lindblom High School has planned for this year's convention. We hope that all of you will have a wonderful time and show to everyone that Student Leaders are the Key to the 21st Century.

(Tidbits: Look forward to seeing the slide show on Friday night instead of Saturday morning and the information booth!)



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ADVANCED WORKSHOP

by Mark Massey
Edwardsville High School

AT ALLERTON MANSION

Do you want to go to a workshop that teaches you to work with others and learn leadership abilities? Then the Advanced Workshop is the place for you. The only prerequisite is that you have to attend the summer workshop which is well worth it. This year the Advanced Workshop was fantastic. It took place at the Allerton Mansion House in Monticello, IL. on January 19-20 (1st week) and February 2-3 (2nd week). I attended the second session and enjoyed myself totally!

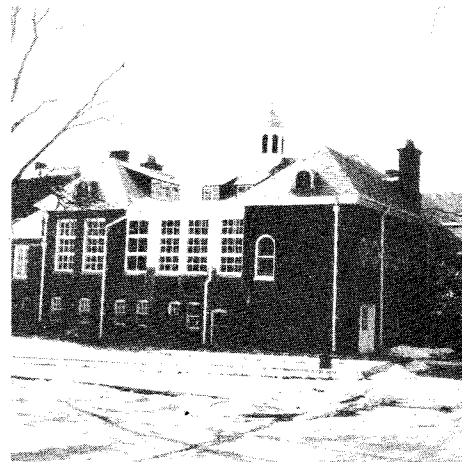
While you are attending the workshop you will have a chance to meet new and exciting people (you will also see some of your friends from summer workshop). The most important thing you learn at this

workshop is about your values and the way you handle choices that are presented to you. During your stay at Allerton, your time will definitely not be in a room being cooped up and bored. You will be able to go sightseeing (within walking distance) and visit with friends. While you are there it is impossible not to make new friends. It will be important for you to become close and be able to work with the new friends you make.

The one thing that was such a great relief was that the accommodations were most pleasing. Those of you who have attended a weekend workshop at East Bay will feel that the accommodations and food at Allerton are fit for a king or queen. The

service personnel were always ready to give you a hand at anytime.

If you have thought about attending the Advanced Workshop please do so. It will be most beneficial for you. On a scale from 1 to 10, I give the Advanced Workshop a 12! The next Advanced Workshop will not be until next year, so that will give you this summer to attend the workshop at Milliken University. If you decide to attend the Summer Workshop and Advanced Workshop, they will be well worth your time and money. Until the IASC Convention in May, "See ya'll on the path to leadership!"



DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

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| Friday, March 1, 1991 | North Central District, Rockford Inn |
| | Kaskaskia District, Red Bud High School |
| Wednesday, March 6, 1991 | Cenois District, Richards Treat Center, Millikin University |
| Thursday, March 7, 1991 | Blackhawk District, Modern Woodsman, Rock Island |
| | Little Egypt District, SIU Carbondale |
| | Prairie Eight District, Pitsticky Pavillion, Ottawa |
| Friday, March 8, 1991 | Chicago District |
| Saturday, March 9, 1991 | North East District, Waukegan High School |
| Friday, March 15, 1991 | Illinois Valley District, Nauvoo |
| Saturday, March 16, 1991 | Kickapoo District, Chancellor Hotel, Champaign |
| Wednesday, March 20, 1991 | North West District |
| Thursday, March 21, 1991 | Hopewell District, Illinois Central College, Performing Arts Center |

F.R.I.E.N.D.S.

by Jennifer Cihla
Pekin Community High School

For PCHS student council members, the FRIENDS Program (an acronym for Finding Respect In Every New Day) has been a fun and rewarding way to help some very special grade school children develop leadership and social skills, gain self-confidence, and enhance self-esteem. At the beginning of the year, the elementary school counselor finds children in grades 1-3 with problems at school or home, and sends their biographies to our council. We then match the children with our members according to similar personalities and hobbies. After the matches are made, each member plans a variety of activities, such as puzzles, games, tutoring, or recess activities, for the half hour span of our lunch hour that we spend with them each week. These are great ways to get conversations started!

As the semester progresses, the younger FRIENDS show a great deal of pride when the high school FRIENDS walk into their school just to see them. Unfortunately, for some this is the only time they do feel important, likewise, the big FRIENDS experience this feeling of importance, and in most every case, the high school FRIENDS get just as much out of the program as the young FRIENDS. Personally, I feel this is the most successful and worthwhile service our council provides. If anyone is interested on starting the FRIEND Program for your own council, feel free to write or call to: PCHS Student Council, East Bluff, Pekin, IL 61554- (309)347-4101, ext. 328.

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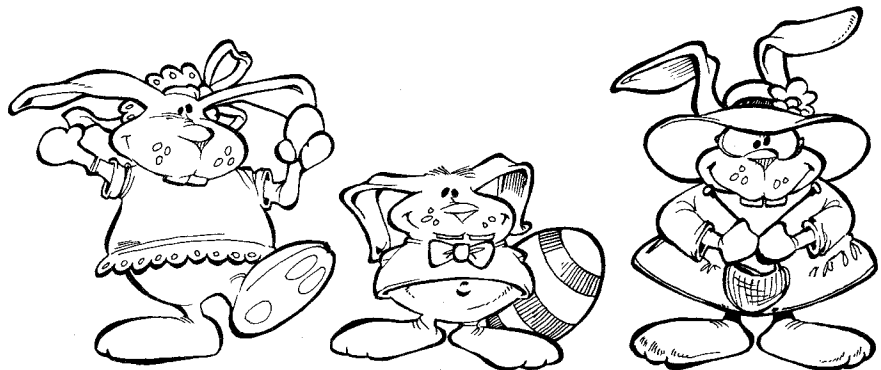
SAVE A TREE FOR A COUNTY

by Jeena Tharp
Newton Community High School

On June 2, 1990, a tornado ripped through the west end of Newton and stayed on the ground for 14 miles in Jasper County. We had over 6.5 million dollars in damage to buildings and vehicles, and an undetermined amount to trees and other natural habitat. We were officially considered a "disaster area".

The student council at NCHS, due to the storm, has sponsored a "Save A Tree, Plant A Tree" program. We are asking the entire community to save old newspapers. The money that we earn from these newspapers will be used to buy and replant trees. This project is being carried on entirely by the NCHS Student Council. So far we have collected over 25 tons of paper.

One day this spring the student council and the ASCS office of Jasper County will be planting these trees.



ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

Preparations for the IASC's big-screen production are underway! This year the IASC will once again be showing "A Year in the Life of the IASC". This is a slide show developed by this year's IASC Reporter-Editor, Susie Morris which will be shown at the May convention. In order for this slide show to be a success, we need **you!** If you have any pictures from any IASC sponsored or district sponsored event (including the NASC trip, Millikin Summer Workshops, East Bay Weekend Workshops, district workshops or conventions, etc.), please send them by **April 10th** to:

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Please identify the event and who is in it. **If you want your picture returned, please write a note including your name and address and a request that the picture(s) be returned.** Thanks for your help. Let's make this year's slide show the best one yet!

THE "ISSUE" OF THE ISSUE

by Susie Morris
IASC Reporter-Editor

Welcome to another "Issue" of the Issue column! In this column you express your views as a student council member. While attending district and state functions, I have been distributing surveys on student council issues. These surveys are a way for you to both give your opinion and get some insights from other Illinois leaders.

This issue's survey deals with student council meetings. No aspect of student council is more important than the regular student council meeting. This is where minutes are read, financial information is disclosed, committees are formed, ideas are shared, issues are debated... the list is endless. Many times getting through a meeting is a difficult (sometimes impossible) task to complete. Unless these meetings are run in an orderly fashion, nothing is accomplished. In the end, the whole council suffers from a lack of organization.

This survey dealt with how different councils conduct their meetings. Its purpose was to find out what techniques schools use to conduct effective meetings and to exchange ideas on how to make meetings run more smoothly.

This survey was distributed at the second advanced workshop and enclosed randomly in the December issue of the Reporter. One hundred and fifty people responded.

These are the results of this survey:

Does your council's executive board use a written agenda for every meeting?

Yes 94%
No 6%

Are minutes from the last meeting read so everyone is aware of what is going on within the council?

Yes 76%
No 24%

Does your council use parliamentary procedure during meetings?

Yes 76%
No 24%

If you answered "yes" to the last question, how effective do you think parliamentary procedure is in keeping meetings orderly and running smoothly?

Very effective 31%
Somewhat effective 68%
Not effective at all 1%

Does your council have an elected or appointed Sergeant-At-Arms (someone in charge of keeping members quiet during meetings)?

Yes 38%
No 62%

In your opinion, does your council run effective meetings?

Yes 83%
No 17%

What suggestions can you offer other student councils to run more productive meetings?

"Be certain that every member is given guidelines for parliamentary procedure and a copy of the council's constitution at the beginning of the year..."

"Make sure that everyone knows who is in charge and who has the floor at any given time."

"Agendas are a big help...that way everyone knows what will be talked about at the meeting and the representatives have time to consider the topics on the agenda."

"Sit in rows with an assigned seating chart...this gives people less opportunity to talk and it is easier in taking attendance.."

"The president or presiding officer should be very knowledgeable about all topics on the agenda to avoid confusion...strong leadership helps the meeting run smoothly..."

"Have a regular scheduled meeting time and make all meetings mandatory allowing only two excused absences..."

"Keep good working relationships between the executive board and the representatives..."

"The executive board should meet sometime before every meeting to decide what the agenda will be and to address any concerns..."

"Make sure your advisor is present at all the meetings so he or she can help keep order and is aware of all the council's activities..."

The results show that student councils in Illinois are running more effective student council meetings...but there are some ways to make meetings more efficient. Perhaps making Parliamentary Procedure more useful by teaching representatives how to use it properly at the first meeting. Also, appointing a Sergeant-At-Arms, if your council does not have one, is very effective in holding more orderly meetings. In the end, it is most important to make sure that everyone's voice is heard and to remember that everyone's opinion counts, for it is at the everyday student council meeting that is the key to your council's success!

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IASC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH	
9-10	IASC New Representative Workshop #3 (Soph/Jr/Sr)
	East Bay Camp - Bloomington, IL.
15	Deadline for Convention issue of the Reporter
19	Deadline for Hall of Ideas, Service Project, and Project School Progress Forms.
	District Display Confirmation Form Deadline
23	Deadline for State Officer candidate applications
28	Deadline for IASC State Convention Registration
APRIL	
6	IASC Honor Delegate Workshop
	Illinois State University
12	Deadline for all Project School Chairpersons to send booklet copy to Second-Vice President
15	Deadline for all Service Projects to send to Convention Secretary's Advisor
MAY	
2-4	IASC State Convention
	Bismarck Hotel, Chicago
JUNE	
17 - July 2	NASC Conference
	Charleston, South Carolina
JULY	
15-19	IASC Summer Workshop
	Millikin University
22-26	IASC Summer Workshop
	Millikin University

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