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Millikin Madness

by Christy Fox
Mahomet-Seymour High School

When asked to describe my experience at the IASC summer leadership workshop at Millikin University, I could hardly wait to get all of it in writing. It was absolutely, 100 percent a blast!!

The junior counselors (JC's) made me feel welcome the moment I arrived. I was the only one attending camp from my school that week. I met so many people and made so many new friends. Anyway, back to the JC's. Despite their singing ability (or disability), these guys definitely were great leaders—the best were Imran Kareem, Kristen Clark, and Sara Mossman by a landslide, of course I may be prejudiced. They were my

JC's in Club F. They all offered their knowledge in parliamentary procedure, running for office, and how to get ready in time for general sessions. The JC's were great role models.

The senior counselors (SC's) offered tons of useful information for



my council. They were well qualified and well suited for their positions.

Our consultant, Jim Connolley, gave us insights on the different leadership styles we need to use, how to be an effective leader, and how to

compromise within a group. His talents were outstanding, and he made the workshop a wonderful learning experience. Jerry Denoyer was quite effective in this threats of "no drugs, no alcohol, and no sex". His sense of humor was always present during the numerous flu outbreaks, broken bones, and various infections.

So what all this adds up to is that our staff at this workshop was well-prepared, competent, and fun to be around. They were the ones who helped make this camp successful, but it was the campers who actually made this camp happen.

To sum up what this workshop did for me, I should say that it was a small but wonderful miracle. I learned so much from the staff and other campers while having the time of my life. If there's anyone out there who hasn't experienced Millikin Summer Leadership Workshop, he/she is missing out. I came home with many great memories!

We've Got Spirit... Nationals 1994

by Brian Zelensek
West Aurora High School

From the second you see the bus pull up you know you are entering a whole new realm. The spirit and unbelievable amount of acceptance from person to person just amazes your body. For the next ten days these people will be your best friends and closest companions. You begin to feel a type of closeness

that is usually found on a sport team. From this point on you participate in various exercises of spirit. These are the exercises that make Illinois known as the loudest and most spirited group at the Conference. Whether it be remixes of famous songs to show the strong points of Illinois or the simple dexterity check, you will feel yourself overpowering the rest of the nation. Sure, people are going to look at you when you are singing "Illinois will rock you", at the top of your lungs at a historical battlefield, but hey - Illinois, sure left its mark there. Right!!

If you are looking for an experience of a lifetime and are willing to be one of the unbelievably

spirited Illinoisian at the National conference, the Illinois National Trip is for you.



Kristen's Comments



*Kristen Clark,
IASC President*

Summer/ n. 1. the warmest season of the year, generally regarded as June, July, and August.

2. any period or condition regarded as a time of growth, development, fulfillment, perfection, etc.

A few days ago I was curious about how Webster would define 'summer' in his dictionary. To me, summer has always been one of those words which defines itself. It seems impossible to find words to express the fun, freedom, and relaxation found during the summer months. What I didn't know was Webster found a completely different view of the meaning of summer. I found this out when I read definition number two.

Growth, development, fulfillment, perfection, etc. Yes, each one of those things are found during summer, right down to the et cetera. I realize that now. You've heard the expression: "Christmas all year round." Come to find out, they have the expression all wrong. Summer can definitely happen in December. Summer is a period in which a person grows, changes, and fulfills ideals and goals. Too bad summer vacation is not 'all year round'.

It was at this point I stopped and applied this to the IASC. I hope we can make this year a summer for the IASC. Hopefully it will become a period of growing, developing, fulfilling, perfecting, and even etc.! Together we can make the IASC a finer organization than it all ready is. Through involvement and goal setting, each and every one of you is capable of assisting the Illinois Association of Student Councils to become the best it can. Encourage new students to join student council and attend the various functions of the IASC. We can make it happen!

As we head back to school this Fall, I hope you won't think I am crazy when I wish you a happy summer! Good luck and I hope to see you soon.

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After reading *The Reporter*, check your position off the list below and pass it on to the next person.

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- Freshman Class Reps.
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- Post on council bulletin board

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Gateway to the Best: Nationals 1994

by Nancy Albin, Tuscola H.S.

As the sun stretched and rose slowly over the plains of Illinois, forty plus high school students prepared to embark on a what would become a long-remembered adventure. After the last piece of luggage was stored away and the last student seated, the long awaited journey began.

We headed south on a very long drive, with movies and conversations the only entertainment. As the stars twinkled down at us, we stopped for the night. We had traveled from Illinois in the morning to Mississippi that evening. Everyone was tired after a long day of straining our brains to remember names that went with 40+ faces. Sleep was a welcome haven from the days drive.

The next morning began bright and early. Our first stop was a national military park, Vicksburg. In the park many states had constructed a memorial, with Illinois' being by far the most ingenious and interesting. One had to climb a long flight of stairs before reaching the entrance. The state seal had been placed in the center of the floor. The monument was round with a carved out hole in the ceiling.

After taking a group picture outside, we all climbed back on the bus and continued our tour.

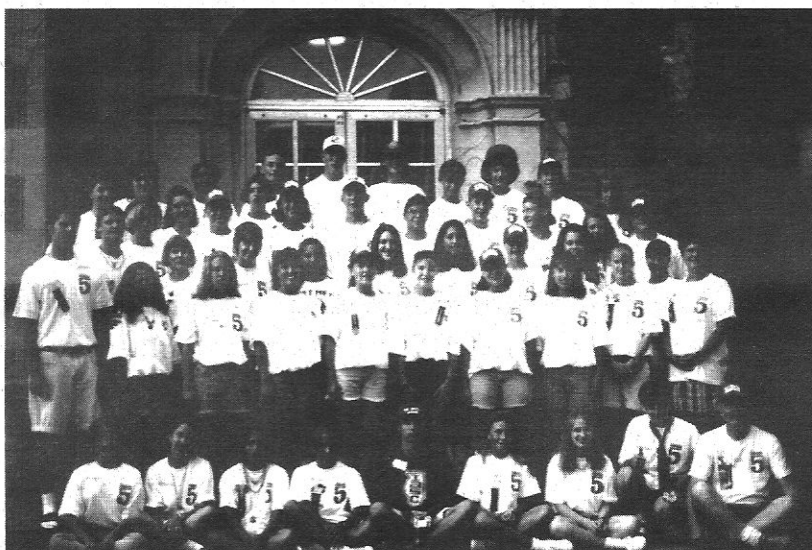
Upon leaving the park, the group sang Illinois fight songs while enroute to New Orleans. Time was of the essence since there was major money to burn. That afternoon on Bourbon Street something out-of-the-ordinary was about to take place. Harry Connick Jr. was making a video! All Illinois girls had their 35mm cameras in the ready position, anxious to possibly catch a glimpse of the young heartthrob. (And we did!)

We ended the shopping spree with a very relaxing ride on the

riverboat Natchez. After dining and listening to some really good jazz most of us sat out on the upper deck enjoying the ride and view.

The next morning we set sail for Ship Island, which is located in the Gulf of Mexico. We boarded the vessel, with high spirits to take us through the day. Swimming, tanning, beach volleyball and eating were some of the activities on the island. Having been tanned to a crisp the group boarded the boat home. (It wasn't until the next day that the real pain of a sunburn was felt.)

Our next excursion was to Memphis, Tennessee, to Graceland, home of the King, to be exact. The



Illinois delegates pose for their state photograph at the national conference in St. Louis, Missouri.

group had never before been exposed to so much Elvis merchandise. The employees of Graceland were fiercely loyal to Elvis and his memory. As we slowly but surely survived the tour, knickknacks, southern accents, and Elvis lovers that were all part of the package of Graceland, we looked forward to the convention.

It was pandemonium as our bus pulled up to Parkway Central High School in St. Louis for five days of fun. We tugged our luggage to our state room. All fifty states, as well as Bermuda, The District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico were represented at this Conference. On

our first day one could conceivably meet 500 people from different walks of life. It was an experience not to be quickly forgotten.

Early in the evening we were each met by our host families. The Conference was truly an unforgettable five days. We were spoken to by Bonnie Blair, Stone Phillips from Dateline on ABC, Dr. Mae Jemison and many others.

During the convention we spent an afternoon at Six Flags. We ended the evening by dancing to some popular tunes underneath a carrot. We also toured Washington University and ended our evening with a candlelighting ceremony.

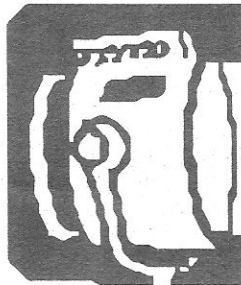
Warm fuzzies and candles were passed around. You found yourself hugging complete strangers and feeling overwhelmed by a sense of belonging and humility. Even though you didn't know all 1,989 students, after this night you felt you had bonded with them all. That night was truly magical.

As the Conference ended, we parted by hugging those we had met and exchanging addresses with promises of writing. The Illinois group didn't immediately depart for home. We took advantage of what St.

Louis had to offer!

The Arch was interesting and more shopping at Union Station was fun. We then toured Fox Theater. Our final group activity was a murder mystery dinner at the Bissel Mansion, and everyone was a suspect!

The next morning as the bus came to the designated stops, friends hugged, promised to keep in touch, and parents were overjoyed to see their kid. The final chapter of the journey ended as the sun set on the last day we all were together.



IASC Office



Jim Harker, First Vice President

As First Vice President, my primary duty is to organize

about one half of the Honor Delegates for the IASC State Convention. During September, I mail Honor Delegate

Applications to every Illinois school. This application covers the positions of Recorder, Discussion Group Leader, and Committee member for the Constitution, Credentials, Honor Council, and Resolutions Committees. Then I evaluate them and IASC Executive Board determines the Delegates. In the Spring, I host the Honor Delegate Workshop for the Credentials and Honor Council committees and discussion group leaders.

Student Council has always been the biggest part of my high school career. It has taken me from New York to New Orleans, from Philadelphia to St. Louis. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first three years as a dedicated student council member, but I am certain my year on the IASC board will be the best of all!

This year I shall juggle work for the IASC and being a senior at West Aurora H.S. I was the Student Council President last year, but now my focus is IASC. I am also involved with Scholastic Bowl, NHS, and math team. I work part-time at a coffeehouse, too.

My goals for this year are to have a great Honor Delegate

Workshop, to accomplish my duties efficiently and well, and to establish a strong foundation of Honor Delegate for the 61st Annual IASC State Convention. This last, most important part, however, depends upon you. So, I hope that every one of you applies for the opportunity to be part of a crucial component of IASC '95: the Honor Delegate Program.

Imran Kareem, 2nd Vice - President

I'm one of those people who works hard but, also plays hard. Sometimes my work becomes my play. For example, stu-co sometimes becomes too

fun to call it work. Besides being involved in student council, I'm in this group called B.I.O.N.I.C., which stands for Believe It Or Not I Care. We go around to the local schools and talk about everything from drugs and alcohol to peer pressure and sex. We also do Peer mediations and sponsor Snowballs and Snowflakes. I'm also a class officer and I wrestle. Those are both fun but they don't seem as fulfilling as Student Council and B.I.O.N.I.C.

In the future I plan to have an awesome senior year and move on to college someday. I'll probably go to a community college for the first two years and then transfer to Northern Illinois University. I plan to study Business Management.



In the end, I enjoy my life. I love to dream of the future and I hate to look over my shoulder and say "should've, could've, or would've." I love to meet new people, so I hope someday I can meet all the people that will read this. Obviously, since you're one of them I ask that you come introduce yourself. Hopefully, I will meet you soon and I'll see you at the top. Peace!

Jami Seeman, Secretary

Now that the cast is off I am ready to fulfill the duties that pertain to the office of IASC Secretary. I'm a senior at Chenoa High School where I play volleyball, am a cheerleader, and a member of the yearbook staff. Chenoa High School has 140 students and one of the best football teams around. Chenoa is a town of 1800, the kind of town where everybody knows everybody and what they wore the first day of the fifth grade. I live on a farm and we raise chickens, cows, the like. If any of you are traveling on Interstate 55 north of Bloomington you are bound to drive past Chenoa, but don't blink, you may miss it.

As a freshman my goal was to one day serve the IASC as a state board member, now the opportunity is upon me and I intend to serve you well. As this year's secretary I am in charge of the IASC Honor Program. I hope that you will consider taking

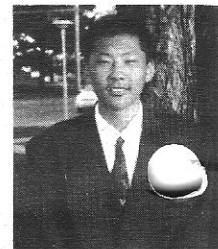


advantage of all the council has to offer

I look forward to many of you as participants throughout the year interested in making a fantastic one for the year you are too.

Yong Choe, Treasurer

Hello! My name is Yong Choe and I will be serving as the IASC Treasurer for the year.



wrestling, tennis, and Key Club, Snowball Club, National Honor Society and Maine Mentor. I was on the Student Council for Maine. Out of all the things I'm involved in, Student Council throughout my high school experience has been the most.

Maybe the idea of making decisions for the future attracts an interest in myself. I know that many like myself feel that one person can make a difference. Like I too want to make a difference. The difference I want to increase IASC membership what is now about 100 it once was not too high however, can not be achieved by myself, I need not only your support but the IASC, but I also

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member. Membership into the
IASC includes a subscription to
all IASC publications, including
The Reporter, all leadership
workshops, and an opportunity
to attend the 1994-95 IASC
Convention in Chicago, Illinois.

Many people forget to mention
the networking one does due to
their involvement and
membership with the IASC.
Personally, I have met some of
the greatest people in the world
through this great statewide
organization. I hope your school
won't miss out on this wonderful
opportunity offered to your
Student Council. Seldom in life
does one get a second chance, so
join A.S.A.P. and I will hopefully
see all of you very soon!

Melaine Schuler, Convention Secretary



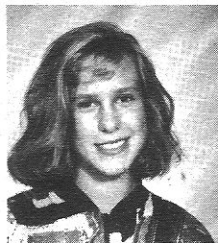
I feel honored to have this job,
and am
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forward to my
new job, and
all that it
entails. It will
be a big
challenge to
successfully plan the 1995
Convention. I look forward to all
of the hard work, the people I
will meet, and all the things I will
learn. With the help of my fellow
students at Sterling High School,
I hope that Kelsey and I will be
able to make the IASC 1995
Convention one that will be
remembered by all.

I am a junior at Sterling H.S.,

who is very involved with music
- band, orchestra, choir, as well as
piano lessons. I do a lot with our
student council, trying to make
Sterling a better place. I think
that council is a great way to
meet new people and learn a lot
too.

Outside of school I enjoy
spending time with my friends,
family and especially my nieces
and nephew. They are great fun
to be with and keep me smiling at
all times. Whenever I get the
chance, I like to curl up with a
good book, or try out a new
recipe in the kitchen. I also like
to spend time outside, usually
going for long walks.

I look forward to the coming
year, and I hope to meet many of
you. I wish you the best of luck
in the new school year. Work
hard, and always remember that
if you keep smiling, you can do
anything you put your mind to.



**Kelsey
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Convention
Co-Secretary**

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Letter from the Editor

Juliana Vodicka,
Reporter, Editor



Welcome back to school! I am so excited for all the things ahead of us this year. As this years **Reporter, Editor** I want to help make this the best year ever for the IASC.

This year I am involved in many different activities. I am currently serving as Student Council President at Wheeling H.S., and I am also involved with choir, drama, and tennis. I really love all that I am doing, and I'm incredibly excited and proud to serve on this years state board.

I want to say thank-you to my advisor Nancy Heintz and my Quark mentor Kathy Nagle. With out their help..... gosh!?!? I do not know what I would do!

Have a great year and I hope to meet you all soon!

Words of Wisdom
True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost.

SUMMER SNAPSHOTS and QUOTABLE QUOTES



BOURBON ST. IN NEW ORLEANS A GREAT PLACE FOR NASC DELEGATES TO HANG OUT AND MEET NEW FRIENDS!

"It was great! To be able to be with such a high caliber of student leaders from across the country, was amazing!" Mike Abate, NASC delegate

"Millikin was so fun and I made so many friends!!!" Jackie Heck, Roanoke- Benson H.S.



IASC BOARD MEMBERS SMILE FOR THE CAMERA AT THE NASC BANQUET

"It was a great experience to meet all these unique people and become friends! We had fun!" Jessi Hanks, NASC delegate

"THE IASC MILLIKIN PROGRAM HAS GIVEN ME NEW IDEAS AND PROVIDED EXPERIENCES, I WANT TO GO BACK!" AMANDA SCHEIMAN, PESTONE H.S.



MILLIKIN EXCITEMENT TAKES OVER AS THESE GIRLS PARTY AT THE DANCE

"Millikin was fun and enjoyable. Everyone in student council should go" Erica Paglivizza, Rolling Meadows H.S.



SHIP ISLAND WAS A GREAT PLACE TO SHOW OFF YOUR HUGE MUSCLES!

"NASC convention with Illinois delegates is the best! Meeting so many people affects everyone. I wish it could last forever." John Claessens, NASC delegate



ALL TOGETHER ARE THE MILLIKIN DELEGATES, READY TO LEARN TO LEAD.

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THE FOLLOWING FORM IS FOR THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS. YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES OF \$40 PER YEAR ARE INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE IASC.

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IASC Calendar of Events

November,

- 5- One Day Drive-in Workshop #1, St. Joseph-Ogden H.S., St. Joseph, IL
- 11- District Officer Workshop, location TBA *****
- 19- One Day Drive-in Workshop #2, Guilford H.S., Rockford IL

December,

- 3- One Day Drive-in Workshop #3, Carbondale H.S., Carbondale, IL
- 10-11-- IASC Executive Board Meeting, Collinsville H.S., Collinsville IL

January,

- 20-21-- Advanced Workshop I, Allerton House, Monticello, IL
- 27-28-- Advanced Workshop II, Allerton House, Monticello, IL

February,

- 11-12-- IASC Executive Board Meeting, West Aurora H.S., Aurora, IL

March,

- 17-19-- Region V Conference, Omaha, NE

May,

- 4-6-- IASC State Convention, Bismarck Hotel, Chicago, IL

***** District Officers- be sure to mark this date on your calender, and watch for further information.