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Record Attendance at IASC Conference

Over 180 delegates attended the third annual Conference on Student Views held December 6 and 7. This number is more than had ever before attended the conference, partly because of the cost reduction which was due to the length of the conference being shortened by one day. As a result of the increased number of participants and late registration, some problems occurred with housing and organization of the conference.

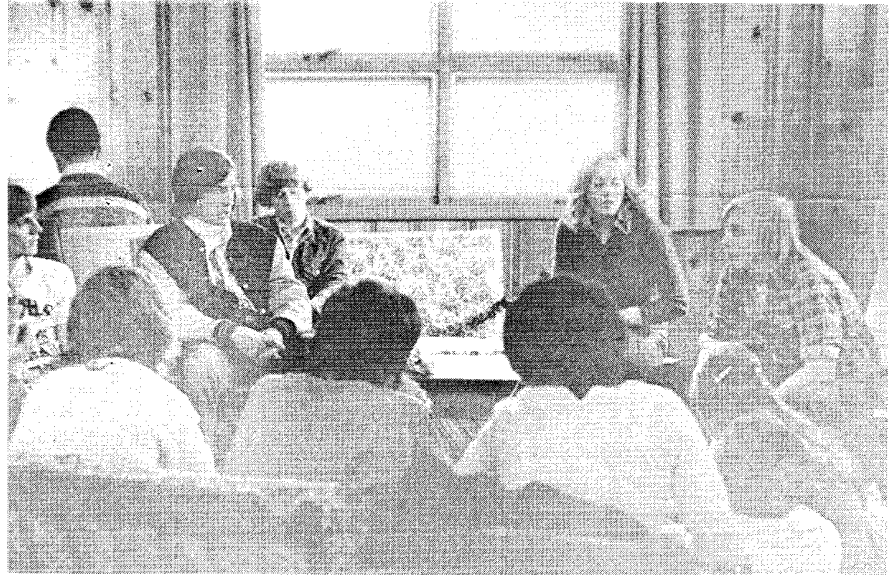
Saturday afternoon, the delegates were broken into 25 groups of 6-8 people each. The groups met individually to determine a topic which they would work on for the weekend.

The groups worked to develop outlines for discussion groups which are to be held at the state convention in May. This was intended to help students learn to plan discussion groups and to give leaders of the discussion groups planned for the convention a solid outline to build on for their groups.

The groups were able to work on their topics for about five hours on Saturday, and another two hours was devoted to this activity on Sunday.

Between group meetings and general sessions, some delegates could be found singing Christmas carols around the piano, sitting around the fireplace, and making new friends with students from other schools.

Other meetings were held on Sunday for prospective officer candidates and for students applying for discussion group leaders. These meetings provided an opportunity for the delegates to ask questions about the offices they are seeking and helped to in-



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Delegates informally discuss duties of IASC officers with president Bill Carlson at the Conference on student views.

form them a little more about the duties of the officers.

Developed at the conference were fourteen completed outlines for discussion groups and several resolutions to be voted on at the state convention.

According to the evaluation forms, it appeared to be the general opinion of most involved that discussion groups at the state convention will be immensely improved as a result of this year's conference.

Some of the complaints about the conference that were voiced on the evaluations and to Executive Board members included housing problems, not being able to go to the group they wanted to, and lack of organization. Also mentioned was that the conference was misnamed "Conference on Student Views," because it was used primarily as a planning session for discussion groups.

Routing Slip

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Brenda Harlen, IASC Secretary

traveling, and the freedom to do what she wants.

This is Brenda's third year on student council at Lincoln Sr. High School in East St. Louis. She attended the IASC convention last May and the 1975 NASC/NASAA conference. She has been to most of the IASC workshops, including the 1975 Summer Workshop at McKendree College. She also tries to get to all of the Kaskaskia District events.

Brenda admires the IASC and decided to run for secretary because she wanted to become a part of it and learn from the people she would meet. She wants to help the association grow and help its member schools.

Brenda believes that communication is extremely important in today's schools, not only between the student council and the student body, but also between schools. She says all the students in the IASC need to work together in order for the association to grow and improve.

She hopes to attend the University of Illinois for two years and Mercer University in New York State for two years in Prelaw. She then plans to attend New York State University for law school.

Brenda wishes to take this opportunity to thank all the people that made it possible for her to hold office.

I.A.S.C. Spotlight on Brenda Harlen

Perhaps the office of secretary is one of the most demanding positions on the IASC Executive Board. For hours at a time, the secretary must keep accurate records of what goes on at Executive Board meetings. Often the minutes are used as a reference when it is not clear about what action was taken on a particular topic.

Brenda Harlen was interviewed in September because nobody was elected at the convention, and was chosen by the Executive Board to be the IASC Secretary.

Brenda is a member of two drill teams in East St. Louis and the First Universal Church of Christ. She is also a member of her school's history club.

Brenda likes poetry, dancing, reading, all kinds of music, and especially politics. In fact, she hopes to someday run for a political office. But first, she plans to become a lawyer and practice law for about ten years.

Having a high opinion of life, Brenda enjoys being close to her friends and her nine brothers and sisters,

Notice—

Resolutions Due Jan. 31

Resolutions are one way for member schools to direct the IASC Board. Resolutions brought up at the Conference on Student Views will be published in **The Reporter** and voted on at the State Convention in May.

Resolutions sent in by member schools will be reviewed by the Resolutions Committee and dealt with in accordance with Article VI, Section 2 of the IASC Constitution. These resolutions must be submitted to the IASC Board by January 31. They must be signed by the sponsoring student council president, student council advisor, and the High School principal.

All resolutions will be published in **The Reporter** prior to the State Convention. If a resolution is approved at the convention, the Executive Board will see that it is sent through the proper channels.

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Carlson's Corner

BY BILL CARLSON, I.A.S.C. President

Student council work can be a very tough job at times, but it can also be very rewarding, interesting, and useful to the active participant. An involved student council that meets the needs of the students it serves can have as many benefits for the kids on the council as for the other students in the school. On the other hand, a council that does not do these things is really no good to anyone. (Except for the few people who use council only for something for a college application.) The problem here is that too many councils are not meeting these needs when they could be. How can they meet them? It's not easy, but once it's done, the effort put forth is well worth it.

One of the first things necessary is a few students who **do** see the problem and are willing to do something about it. These people must then sit down and try to determine what the problems are and what can be done. That's easier said than done, because research must be done — and that takes time. Other schools should be contacted and their ideas solicited. Maybe they have had a similar situation at their school. This is one way in which IASC activities can be helpful because many schools are brought together, often having similar problems. The students who care must attend these and bring back what they've learned to the council.

Students from outside the council must be contacted to determine their analysis of the situation. Maybe the things your council is doing are no longer of interest to the student body. One of my favorite sayings is "There's no use beating a dead dog." Find out what the kids want you to be doing!

A final step would be to **get involved!** The IASC offers tremendous opportunities for this, and we have often saved a council from going under. We can work for you, too. Remember, an effective student council does not stop at the school — it reaches out for constant improvements and expansion of its horizons.

These ideas are not cure-alls for a failing student council, but they can be a start. The basic ideas I've presented are important. Namely, identify your problem, determine how to solve it, go out and try to solve it, and most importantly, whether your council is dying or whether you think your council is super, **get involved!**

The IASC is always willing to lend a hand — if you need us, give us a call. If you are doing well, and don't need any specific help, we can help you maintain your organization. Maintenance can keep problems from coming up before they start.

It's the council's job to seek out and train new leaders every year, and we can help. Give us a chance, and be assured of success!

Warning:

There will be an additional registration fee for schools wishing to pay their dues at the state convention. The executive board is asking that all membership dues be paid by April 11, 1976.

NOTICE: Applicants for resolutions and credentials committee members and discussion group leaders have been notified as to whether or not they were chosen. If you have applied but have not received notification, contact Phil Hoyt, 1124 E. Carroll Street, Macomb, IL 61455.

Project of the Month

Kaneland S.C. Sponsors Variety Show

by Sharon Harmon

What do you do when the students need something to pick them up and get them involved? At Kaneland High School in Maple Park, the student council answered that question with an all-school variety show.

A project was needed that would involve both teachers and students. They also wanted to keep the field open to various types of students, to try to get new faces into a project.

Plans were started in November, committees were assigned and the Kaneland Variety Show was underway. It was decided that the show was to consist of a series of skits similar to those seen on the Carol Burnett Show. Tryouts were held and a cast was chosen that brought together a varied group of people. Directors for each particular skit were assigned from the Student Council and they were in charge of the progress of their skit.

Much time and hard work was put in on practices, costumes, and arrangements for "opening night." In March, the show began and a group of funny novice student actors performed to an amused crowd. The night as a whole turned out to be a success, with the performers having as much fun as the crowd.

The Variety Show succeeded in involving a lot of kids who'd been non-participants in the past. It gave kids a chance to meet other kids whom they may not have known previously. The second Variety Show is scheduled again for March and Kaneland High School has begun plans already. The one thing they have changed for the show this year is that there will be performances two nights instead of one.

Any questions concerning Kaneland Student Council's Variety Show should be directed to Sharon Harmon, corresponding secretary, Kaneland High School Student Council, R. R. #2, Maple Park, IL. 60151.



Students rehearse a comedy sketch for the variety show sponsored by the Kaneland Student Council.

Dates to Remember

February

7
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21-22

Illinois Valley District convention.
Morton Conference at Morton H.S.
IASC Executive Board meeting at Sacred Heart Academy in Springfield.

April

3
26

Kickapoo District convention at Danville High School.
National Student Government Day.

May

6-8

IASC 1976 convention at the Pick Congress Hotel in Chicago.

June

20-24

NASC/NASAA 1976 Bicentennial conference at James Madison High School in Portland, Oregon.

July

11-16
25-30
26-30

National Leadership Training Center at Brandywine College in Wilmington, Delaware.
National Leadership Training Center at Camp Couchdale in Hot Springs, Arkansas.
IASC Summer Workshop at McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois.

August

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IASC Summer Workshop at McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois.

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IASC Summer Workshop at McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois.

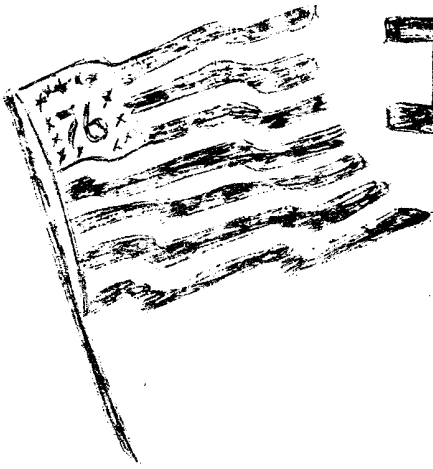
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National Leadership Training Center at Camp Cheley in Estes Park, Colorado.

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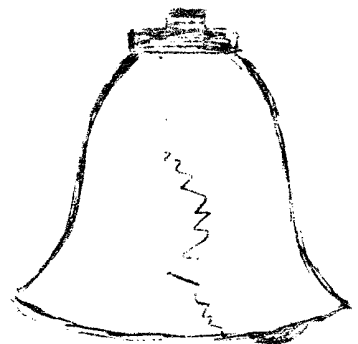


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THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS

Dear Student Leader:

The dates for the annual Illinois Association of Student Councils State Convention are May 6, 7, and 8. It will be held at the Pick-Congress Hotel, 527 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago. With this being the Bicentennial Year of our country, the State Executive Board has selected the theme "AMERICA AND THE I.A.S.C.: A TRADITION OF LEADERSHIP."

This year the delegate limit has been raised to four (4) from each school plus two advisers. In addition, out-of-quota delegates will include district executive board, discussion group leaders, committee members and I.A.S.C. project school chairmen. Although these people will be out-of-quota, they must pay all of the convention fees. Out-of-quota delegates will not be allowed to participate in discussion during business sessions of the convention.

Newton High School, host school for the convention, is looking forward to May 6, 7, and 8. We believe that it will be the best convention ever for the following reasons: better registration methods, district flag presentation, larger convention with more ideas, better discussion groups due to Student Views Conference, and different and better bands.

Convention fees were established by the State Executive Board at its December meeting. The host committee is happy that with inflation continuing, convention fees have not been increased. The registration fee is \$4.00 per person. Banquet tickets will be \$9.00 per person and dance tickets for students are \$2.00 each. Banquet tickets will be sold in advance.

In order to attend the convention, pay your I.A.S.C. dues by April 11. Late I.A.S.C. dues and registration fees will be charged with an assesment of \$5.00.

Hotel rooms must be arranged directly with the Pick-Congress. The room rates this year are \$19.00 single, \$26.00 twin, \$10.00 per person with three in a room and \$7.00 per person with four in a room.

Hopefully, you will consider car pooling with other schools, chartering buses for districts and sub-districts, or alternate means of transportation such as bus or train.

Make the 1976 I.A.S.C. State Convention a success by coming and participating. We are counting on you.

Any questions you may have about the convention will be answered if you contact me at Newton High School, Newton, IL 62448.

Sincerely yours,



Theresa Probst
I.A.S.C. Convention Secretary
Newton High School

IASC Conducts Bicentennial Decal Contest

by Linda Fuchs

Progress is being made! As you have probably read, the IASC is having 12,000 sheets of stationery printed with the bicentennial logo on them. Isn't that great?

Things have changed a bit since the last article. Instead of an essay contest, the Executive Board suggested that the committee conduct a decal design contest. The decals will be used at the state convention, and what makes it even better is that you and your entire school can become involved. If you and your school are

qualified by all of the rules, create a decal and send it to the address listed. All entries will be considered, so what have you got to lose? Show some bicentennial spirit and make this contest a success. Prizes have not yet been determined, but as soon as they're approved, we will let you know. So start creating!

Decal Design Contest Rules

1. The contest is open to all high school students of IASC member schools between ages 14 and 19 years.

2. All decals must be original — not copies from other bicentennial organizations, booklets, etc.
3. All entries become property of the IASC. No entries will be returned.
4. Deadline for all entries is March 20, 1976. All entries must be postmarked before midnight on this date.
5. In case of duplicates, the earliest postmark will be considered.
6. Decals must deal with the IASC bicentennial year.
7. All entries will be judged by the IASC bicentennial committee. The winner will be notified as soon as possible after the decal has been chosen, and the winning decal will be published in **The Reporter**. All decisions are final.
8. Entries should be mailed to: Linda Fuchs, Bicentennial Contest, 1707 Fayette, Washington, IL. 61571.

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December Board Meeting Briefs

The fourth 1975-76 IASC Board Meeting was held on December 13 and 14 at Mattoon High School. Everyone was in attendance except for Mr. Paul Mueller, Mrs. Donna Kirby, Mr. Ron Ganschietz, Mr. James E. Wells, and Mr. Reese Hoskin. Also in attendance was Mr. Bud Mead, the advisor from Macomb High School, and visiting briefly were Harold Otto, president of the Kickapoo district, and Paul Sunu, 1973-74 IASC 1st Vice-president. The following is a summary of the events taking place at the meeting:

—Representatives from Blytham Limited, a booking agency from Champaign, asked if the board would consider letting them bring their assembly program band "Free-wheelin'" to the state convention for a 45 minute assembly. The board later voted to allow businesses to have displays in the "Hall of Ideas" at a cost of \$25 each. There will be a maximum of 10 spaces for displays by businesses. It was also the general opinion of the board that businesses should be allowed to conduct seminars at the convention.

—Ed Pluhar, 2nd Vice-President reported that there are a total of 10 project schools so far, and he submitted a report of what five of them have done so far. He had not yet received any response from the other five schools.

—**Reporter**-Editor Bill Brown presented a financial report for the first three issues of **The Reporter**. The net cost for these issues was \$223.27. **The Reporter** has 44 paid subscribers and a total circulation of 877.

—Kevin Ritter, Press Secretary, reported that he has been sending press releases to 20 or 30 major newspapers throughout Illinois about I.A.S.C. activities. He also said that he would write to district presidents for a short history of their district and for an article to be published in the yearbook.

—A letter from Mrs. Donna Kirby, last year's Press Secretary's advisor,

was read, telling that 1974-75 yearbooks are in the process of being mailed.

—Bill Carlson reported that he led a seminar at the Illinois Association of School Boards convention. The main topic of discussion at his seminar was smoking lounges.

—The Conference on Student Views was discussed and evaluated. It was the general opinion of the board that the conference will help discussion groups at the state convention. (Also see article in this issue.)

—Bill Carlson reported that the legislative committee met November 21 in Springfield. The main purpose of this meeting was to discuss what the committee could do in the future. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Jan. 21.

—Suggestions were given for speakers at the convention and it was decided that Bill Carlson and his advisor would contact those suggested.

—It was decided that the chairpersons of the Legislative and Bicentennial committees would be out-of-quota delegates at the state convention.

—Theresa Probst, Convention Secretary, presented a rough draft of the convention program, which was discussed and approved, as was the banquet menu of veal outlet.

—The board agreed that schools paying late registration fees and dues at the convention should be assessed a \$5 fee.

—Recommendations of a sub-committee headed by Phil Hoyt for members of the credentials and resolutions committees and discussion group leaders were reviewed and accepted. There were no applicants from the Kaskaskia, Cenois, West Northwest, or Little Egypt districts for the credentials committee, and none from the Cenois, Kickapoo, Prairie-8, West Northwest, or Little Egypt for the resolutions committee. Phil Hoyt will contact the presidents of these dis-

tricts to ask for recommendations for committee members.

—Treasurer Lynn Larson reported that 153 schools have paid their dues so far. She presented a detailed financial report comparing the amount budgeted for each purpose to the amount spent.

—Executive Secretary Ed Phelps reported that dates have been set for five IASC workshops to be held during the 1976-77 school year. He also asked for permission to see how much it would cost to have the resource materials from the 1974 materials workshop printed.

—Rules for a proposed decal design contest in connection with the Bicentennial Committee were reviewed and suggestions were made for additional rules. Additional information about this contest will appear in future issues of **The Reporter**.

—Guidelines established by a sub-committee for when districts can divide and reorganize were approved. (These guidelines will be published in **The Reporter** in the near future.)

—The board discussed the possibility of the duties of the Press Secretary being incorporated with those of the 2nd Vice-President.

—A proposal for an Alumni Association of the IASC was discussed and rejected.

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New Activities for Local Councils

by Kendall Christiansen

Student Council is often used as a general term with many different meanings with most people unable to agree upon one. Traditionally, Student Council means Homecomings, Proms, pep rallies, assemblies, and school spirit — not to mention less complimentary things by its critics. Present-day student leaders often like to think of it as curriculum committees, student participation in decisions and policies, and student representatives on local school boards.

While recognizing the need for both of the above functions, allow me to suggest still another potential role of Student Councils, a role which has largely been neglected and a role which will help give much needed credibility to most Student Councils. That role is in providing **services** to the student body. Let's discuss what I mean.

Logically the Student Council is an association of students, students trying to help students. A representative student organization is in no way, shape, or form a "government" in most schools in the country and most likely never will be — at least in terms of school decision and policy making and finance. But the role of a government in providing services to its constituents is one role within the reach of Student Councils and another way of helping the students within your school.

What do I mean by services? As examples, let me suggest the following for starters:

- 1) printing service—student-owned duplicating machines available for use by students for only the cost of materials
- 2) information service—provide information on the school, school policies, regulations, activities, etc. to students and other interested people
- 3) tutoring service — cooperate with others such as National Honor Society and counselors to set it up
- 4) book, record, clothing, ?, exchanges

- 5) student advisory committee to the cafeteria—a virtually unexplored area but with lots of potential. Most cafeteria directors would welcome student input to reduce complaints and waste

Got your imagination working? Are ideas for other potential services popping into your head? Perhaps the best way to think of ways of helping the students in your school is to ask them — use questionnaires and survey their needs and wants. Then it's just a small step to establishing services to fulfill those needs.

It has often been said that Student Councils, in order to build respect and establish support among all of the school community, need to concentrate on what they can do best and then do it well. Providing services is one possible way to earning that respect from the students in your school.

Give it some thought. Aren't there services and programs that the Student Council in **your** school can provide? It's worth a try. Start with this list; add ideas from your survey; and watch the support for an active and worthwhile organization — Student Council — grow.

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