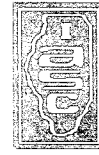


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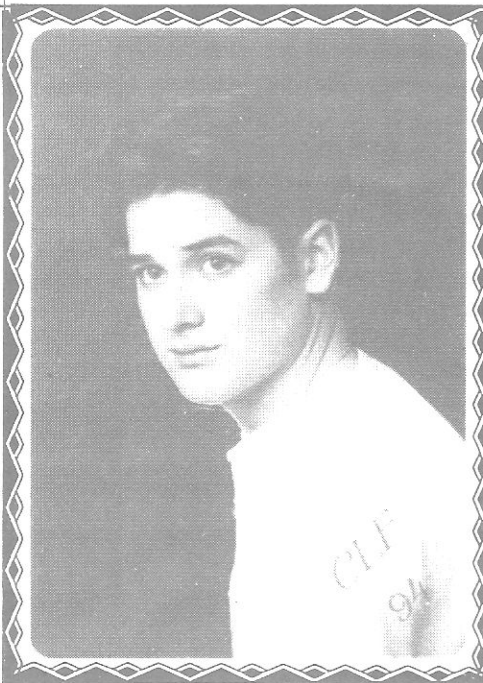


Sixtieth Annual IASC Convention

May 5 -7, 1994

Hosted by Rockford Jefferson High School

## Chris' Corner



I've never been any good with good byes. Over time I have built up several mechanisms against tearful good-byes, including the ever-popular method of locking myself in my room and listening to very loud music until the time to say good-bye has come and gone. However, this method, though quite effective, is also rather pathetic. No matter how hard I fight it, reality takes hold, brutally driving past my feeble defenses, and reminds me that my term as IASC president is coming to an end.

Every year, the IASC must complete the same cycle, as a new generation of state leaders takes the wheel and guides the Illinois Association of Student Councils into the future. This doesn't make me sad at all, but rather I am eager to see what these new leaders have to offer. I have no doubt that the next president will have many ideas for the IASC to build upon my efforts and the efforts of past officers.

Yes, I am ready to pass the torch, but this doesn't mean to will be easy for me to let go of everything this office has meant to me. How can I ever forget the friendships I have made in the IASC, the trips I've taken, the bus rides, the

speeches, the stress, the conventions, the knowledge, and the Millikin cafeteria? These things will forever remain with me, shadows of the past, memories to remind me of what the IASC meant to me.

Over the past four years, the IASC has taught me so much about myself, about those around me, and about leadership. I have traveled throughout Illinois, driving down the corn-lined highways at odd hour on my way to this convention and that workshop. These cross country excursions have brought me in contact with countless cows and even more Pearl Jam fans. And, most importantly, I have made so many permanent and close friends.

Last May, in my campaign speech, I said that I wanted to give back some of what the IASC had given me. Since that time, the IASC has continued to give me so many valuable experiences, and I only hope that I have, in return, fulfilled my campaign promise, giving something back. I hope that I have served well as president, but I also hope that I have encouraged those around me, the many friends I have made throughout the state, to become more involved.

Looking back, I have so many memories, so many things I want to hold onto, and I owe it all to involvement. If I could leave one Chris Fosdick proverb behind to gather dust when I am long gone, it would be to get involved in everything you can while you have the chance. Involvement in anything leads to so many rewards, so take advantage of the opportunities you have, not only in the IASC, but in everything you do.

My time is this fast moving soap we call high school is coming to an end, but I will carry countless lessons, memories, and trigonometric identities with me throughout the rest of my life. To all who have shared this time with me - friends, advisors, and supports - I say thank you. Every minute of this roller coaster ride has been great, even at the most stressful times. I wish the best of life to my fellow board members, and I wish the best of luck to the next generation of officers/victims. You all have a lot to look forward to.

Drawing this to a close, I sense the dangerous grip of sentimentality straining to conquer me, so I will hasten to

my thoughtful but not overly depressing concluding quote before it's too late. Thus in a final aurevoir, I once again call upon the words of Nathalie Merchant and her ten thousand insightful maniacs in saying, "These are the days you'll remember . . . When May is rushing over you with desire...to be part of the miracles you see in every hour...you'll know it's true that you are blessed and lucky...that you are touched by something..."

I've never been any good with good-byes, but these certainly are the days will remember. Thanks for the trip.

## Amy's Adieu



Student Council has been a part of my life for four years, and it has been wonderful. As a freshman, I dreamt of becoming a state officer. My dream has become a reality, but now it must end. Thanks to everyone who helped me achieve my dream.

The IASC board has been great. Paige and I made it through Honor Delegate deadlines and workshops, but I never could have done it myself. We did it; it's over! Now what? Kelly and Mark who are two of the most talented people I know. I know you will both succeed at whatever you choose to pursue. Mark congratulations, the convention was

great! Kelly, you are the only person I know who owns cows. That's cool! Chad is my wake up call. You always seemed to know exactly when I went to bed so you could wake me up. Thanks for being there to make me laugh when I needed to. You even knew how to make me cry. I will miss you. Christina was my only friend when all others left me. I hope we'll always be friends. Thanks to each of you and good luck.

The executive board advisors have also been wonderful. Thanks to all of you for your support throughout this year. Julie-Ann and Donato have been with me for three years. I will miss seeing the two of you everywhere I go. Hank was always there to answer all of my questions and to give me more work. Jack will never forget my love of DQ. I owe you a Blizzard. Mr. Waters and Ed, thanks for your notes of encouragement. They kept me going. And Gary, you always knew exactly what I wanted to hear, and you were always there when I needed advice. Denoyer, thanks for the parliamentary advice. I appreciate it. To all advisors, we never could have done it without you. I'll miss you!

The West Aurora Student Council has been wonderful. Thanks especially to Mr. James. You took the job without any knowledge of the state, and look what you've helped me to become. I owe you alot of ...pens! To the rest of the council, keep up our string name in both the state and the NCD. I know you will. Thanks to Brian, Rueben, Betsy, and Holly I appreciate all of your hard work.

To my family, thank you for all of your support. I truly appreciate all of your folding and stuffing of my thousands of envelopes. John, you are an outstanding leader. And I know that: don't you forget it. Marty, I know you will succeed in all that you do. Good luck in your NCD office. You can do it.

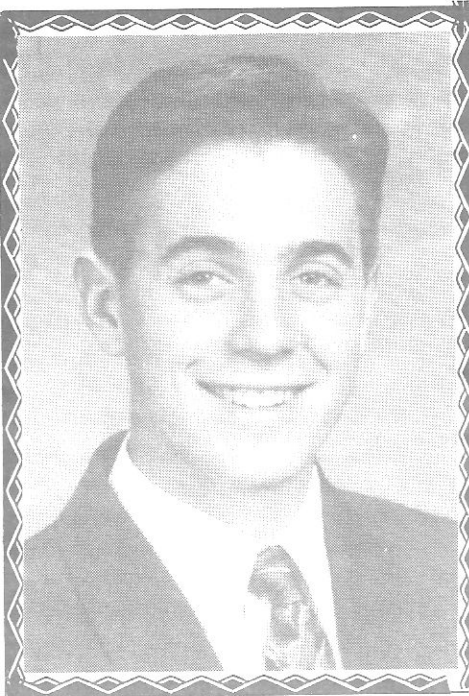
Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Chesson, for all of the last minute copying and typing you let me do. And Jacqueline. I appreciate all of the work you put in to helping me out whenever I needed it. I know you'll miss me hanging out at your house next year.

Zak, you were always around to listen and to give advice whenever things got tough. I will never forget all that

you have given me this year. You've given me the confidence to succeed. I will miss you next year.

I will never forget all of the people whom I have met over these four years. Ms. Geiss, Darren, Darin, Kelly, Cathy, and Lisa, you've all given me an incredible amount of support in many ways over these four years. Thank you. The IASC has given me friends and memories which I never will forget. I will miss the incredible bus trips and all of the workshops. But all of these memories will be with me as I enter college. Good-bye IASC and thanks for all of the memories.

## Chad's Farewell



Well IASC, the year has flown by, but it sure has been a fun and exciting one. I wish I knew where to begin in expressing my gratitude to everyone who made this such a successful year. So many memories have been created that I will carry forever. The first things I think about are Nationals, Millikin, Area Conference, and State Convention. I then remember the many smaller events from simple phone conversations

to all the road trips to district events throughout the state where I had the opportunity to meet so many new and interesting people. I am struck by all the friendships I have made, goals I have accomplished, and problems I have conquered. I would not trade all my experiences within the last year for anything.

To my friends throughout the state, I wish I could mention all your names but I don't want to be writing forever. You are the ones that have added a little spice to my year. I thank you for all your support and humor. Your friendships have never faded and without you it could have never been as fun as it was.

My family has been my lifeline this year. They're the ones who got me moving in the morning. Mom, Dad, and Chris, thanks for all of your support. Don't worry Mom and Dad, I will pay you back for those phone bills someday.

To Zum, you've been a great advisor and a wonderful friend. I'll miss our road trips and interesting conversations. I thank you for your time and everything you've done, I couldn't have made it without you. To my school, Miss Wick, and Rog, thanks for all your help, from stuffing envelopes to correcting speeches. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Finally, I must thank the executive board. To all the advisors, I respect and thank you all for the time and hard work that was put in to making the year run smoothly. Although sometimes it seems to go unnoticed, it is always highly appreciated. Chris, Paige, Amy, Kelly, Mark, and Gucci. I don't know what to say, you've all been like a family to me. We have had an outstanding year. You all are definitely true friends and I will never forget any of you.

In closing, I want to say thanks to all the students and advisors throughout the state. You are what make up the IASC. I have had a great year and will always have a place in my heart for the IASC and its friendships. Thanks for the memories and may you all have success in the future.



## Kelly's Good-bye

by Kelly Rankin



After running for state office last year, I was told that the year would fly by like nothing that I've ever seen before. Nothing could have been more true. Already I am writing a farewell, but it seems as if my term has just begun. After sitting for 198 hours at the computer and spending 137 hours on the road, one would think that I would be anxious to move on to the next part of my life; however, I know I'll miss it.

In the past year, I have worked with the most efficient and intelligent student council board one can imagine. Not only have they become my colleagues, but also valuable friends. The state board, in reality, is a functioning support group. No one else can understand what it's like to be at school at 6:30 in the morning to finish a board report or to stay up until 2:00 am on a school night to complete a final mailing. I would like for each of them to know that I totally value his or her friendship. Each of you will be going far in life in

whatever it is you endeavor, and I wish the world to you.

John F. Kennedy stated, "Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." The time has come for each of us to go our separate ways and create our own paths. I will always treasure the days spent on that bus on my way to Colorado, West Virginia, or Delaware, the nights cooped up in a hotel with forty people I'd never met before but am soon sharing my life story with, and, most of all, the friends I've encountered and made that I always keep in touch no matter where we are. All of you are the best in the world, and I will miss you more than you'll ever know.

## Farewell from the Editor

by Christina Guccione



Every time I try to put my heels in the ground to make time slow down, it only makes time go faster. It saddens me to know that it is already the time to say good-bye to the ones that have inspired me this year.

I cannot believe the way that we have all bonded this year not only inside the board, but the ones that have traveled with us as well. I feel like I've

known most of you for the better part of my life.

I would first like to thank my publishing advisor, Mrs. Lang, for without you - not a single *Reporter* would have been printed. Although the beginning of our year was rough, at least we had "The Computer Man, Ed" and our friendship blossomed. I thank you again from the bottom of my heart, for your dedication not only with state but with local as well. To my advisor Gary Clark, I thank you for your time and dedication in these past four years. What can I say? You've both been there for me and I'll always remember that.

To the IASC executive board advisors and Hank, you are truly the leaders of today - I thank you for the encouragement and patience that you have all given me. To Mr. Waters and Mr. Heckert, I thank you personally for the encouragement cards that always came on the right day.

To all members of the IASC executive board, you guys have been terrific this past year. I cannot believe how well organized our six hour meetings have been. I am proud to have been a part of the IASC this year. I will always remember. I wish you all the best of luck. I would personally like to thank Mark for a great convention and for always uplifting the board with your wierd but funny ways. To Chris, I thank you for always returning calls on time - well look on the bright side, my deadlines were always met! To my pillow head buddy Amy - from the pleasant good mornings to your hunger-- morning, noon, and night - I'll never forget the fun we had at Nationals and Millikin. To Kelly, although I never really got the chance to know you, I'd like to congratulate you on your courage to be yourself and not let others intimidate you. And last but certainly not least Paige and Chad. You guys have been with me from the beginning, and we've stuck together until the end. I have enjoyed getting to know both of you. I wish you both the best of luck.

For my little buddy Yong, from Nationals to NED convention, to the two hour trip to Midway, we've stuck together. You have become a trusting friend that I'll never forget. I trust that this is not good-bye, for I know we'll

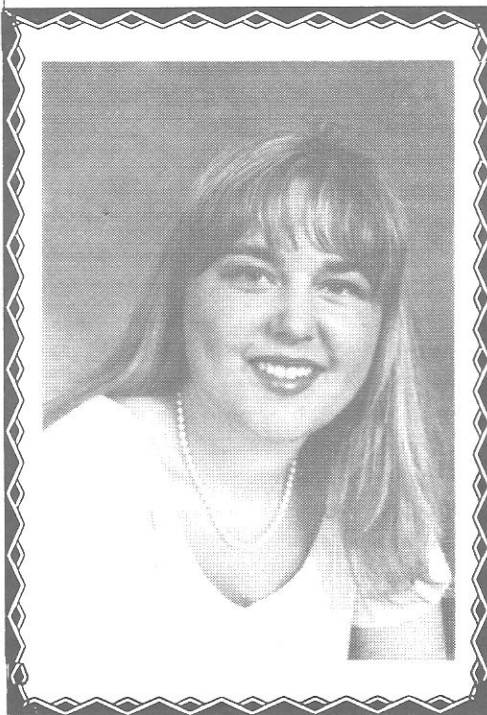
stay in touch. Good luck next year and in everything you set out to do.

To John Claessens, thank you for your funny little ways that could always bring a smile to my face. To Marty good luck in everything you set out to do. You'll do fine.

To Joel and Kristen, and to everyone else I'm sure I have forgotten--thank you all for being a part of such an exciting year. You both have worked extremely hard and have proven that you are both leaders.

To my mom, who is more like my best friend, I thank you for letting go and giving me the chance to explore the IASC. It takes a lot of understanding and I appreciate all that you have done for me.

And last but certainly not least, I thank you the members of the IASC for giving me a wonderful year.



**A Page**  
from

## Paige Fender

When I attended my first IASC state convention, I couldn't get over how emotional that state officers became while giving their farewells. I now understand why. This past year has been by far the busiest but definitely the best

year of my life. I can't believe it is now time for it to come to an end. But I know in my heart that the friends I have made these past four years will be my friends for life. But before it is all over, there are many people that I want to thank.

First of all to Mr. Waters, my advisor. These past four years you have taught me so much about commitments, deadlines, and values. If it wasn't for you I would have never achieved half of the things I have. You have always been there for me, and for that I thank you. Not only did you become my advisor, you became a close friend. Whether we were sailing in Maine or driving eleven hours to Collinsville, we always seemed to have a good laugh. You mean so much to me. I will never forget the dedication you had to me, even though sometimes I'm sure you thought I was crazy. I don't look at this as an end to our friendship, only a beginning.

To the 1994 State Board--You guys mean more to me than you will ever know. What we have accomplished this year is unbelievable. Not only did we work as a board; we became a family. Christina, if it weren't for our long talks at Allerton, sleeping on the floor at Millikin, and the Area 6 Conference, I never would have made it. You always could make me laugh. Thanks for listening to all of my stories and always knowing what to say. You are stuck with me for life, babe! Chad, this year with you has been unforgettable. The Area 6 Conference was **AWESOME!** I'll skate with you any time. Although we had quite a few laughs, I knew I could always count on you to be there for me. You became the brother I never had, but wanted. Amy, you are the best. I will never be able to thank you enough for understanding. I will miss our long rip sessions and inside jokes. Thank you also for doing things for me that you didn't have to. I don't know what I would have done without you! Chris, I'm so glad we have come all this way together. Even though I know I rip on you constantly, I hope you understand I only do it because I love you. I'll never forget our late night talks, or shall I say arguments? I love to disagree with you. It's my reason for living. I'm just kidding. Seriously though, we have had so

many good times (11 hours to Collinsville) that I will never forget. I wish you the best in all that you do. I know you will succeed. Kelly, these past two years have been a blast. You did an incredible job this year. We shared a lot of laughs. I'll never forget the FARM!!! I know we will always be close. Mark, all I have to say is the NCD Winter Retreat was an absolute classic. I truly admire your free spirit and I wish you the best of luck. To all of you--remember, friends are friends forever!!

To all the IASC State Advisors--without you guys, we would have never been able to do it. Thank you for all of the long hours you put in, not because you had to, but rather because you wanted to.

To John and Marty--you guys crack me up. Thanks for all the comic relief. Have you done a sweep of the area yet? John, you are a hilarious guy with a lot going for you. I wish you the best and I really hope we keep in touch.

Joel, you are one of the greatest guys I have ever known. We have really grown together over these past three years. When I first met you my sophomore year, I never thought we would become as close as we have. You mean a lot to me. Area 6 was the best, even though you think you're a better skater--just kidding. I have had so much fun with you through the years. I will never forget you or the relationship we have had.

To the Genesco guys--Thanks for the laughs and good times. Oh, and thanks for the driving tips (Chris)!! Want some cereal?

To my best friend in the world, Carrie Kaufman--Ever since seventh grade you have been there for me. Thank you for understanding why I was never home and supporting me through all of my stressed-out times. You are the best friend I could ever ask for, and I will always love you.

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Due to illness Convention Secretary Mark Persaud was unable to submit an article.

This year some of the IASC executive board has added a new twist the last issue of the *Reporter*. Since they will soon be on a new quest into the future, they have decided to give certain qualities and belongings to underclassmen and others venturing out as well. This little saga is called .....

### LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

I, Paige Fender, being of overworked mind, and over traveled body, do hereby will Chad Sellman all of my techno music, my cell phone, my bills, and my excellent ice-skating skills.

Chris Sellman shall receive all of my fresh tasty cereal. I wish for John to inherit my punctuality and for Marty Claessens to receive any big gold rings that I may have. I will the 1994-1995 first vice an unlisted phone number.

The honorable Chris Fosdick will receive all of my vast political knowledge and the ability to play hockey. I wish for Ryan Davis, Chris Fosdick and Chris Ryan to somehow get the ability to sing. I wish for Kelly Rankin to inherit my incredible farming skills. Amy Claessens is in dire need of all my bad hair days, and so she shall receive them. Christina is certainly deserving of my unused toothbrush and my attitude.

I will my sense of direction and a large map to Yong Choe, and all of my Jamaican clothes to Mark Persaud. Joel Kary shall receive my awesome Calvin and Hobbes T-shirt. I wish Kristen Clark to receive all of my graceful folk dancing techniques. I would like Rainer Fronz to get my skis, maybe that will help him!!

I can not forget Mr. Waters who must have all my board report covers and diet coke cans. I would like the Fremd Student Council to have back all of the agendas of the meetings that I was unable to attend. Last but certainly not least I would like to leave my parents to receive all my stress and long phone messages.

- I, Chad M. Sellman, being of overworked mind and firm body, do hereby will.....
- Chris F. - A plethora of vocabulary, someone to buy the Primus tickets, and icy parking lot.
- Paige- Roadtrip to St. Joe, season lift ticket to Aspen, Plane ticket for me to Boulder, your own farm.
- Amy- More honor delegate positions, good files, imagination about your senior picture.
- Kelly- A steer named Rainer, diesel fuel, another Labor Day weekend.
- Mark- National Ugd. newspaper, a tree house in Philidelphia
- Gucci- Board members who can meet deadlines, an IL address.
- Fronz- Strong bindings, Robert's Rules, the ability to say grace.
- Carrie- good luck in state, happiness, and baby got back!
- Jay- Good times at U of I and Colorado, a kleenex.
- Mike- A new wife, CPR class.
- Chris M.- A cure for altitude sickness, new "drawers".
- Gillet- Smoothness, year supply of hair gel, office in 95-96.
- Bro- Women of the IASC, a fully loaded firebird.
- Zum- Jerky Boys tape, a nonstressful day.
- Julie- A chance to re-live New Year's, a Nationals reunion.
- Yong- 2 \*Censored\*
- Claessons- Night in Fairfax, Nature hike at Allerton.
- Michelle R.- Anytime
- Jenna- Apology for the Nationals gift.
- Missy L.- Spring Break '93 with me.
- Joy- A piggy back ride in Washington.
- Amanda- Centerfold, X-Mas dance date, Alladdin soundtrack.
- Ali- A real man (without penny loafers), a date.
- Tiffany- Daisy Dukes, singing voice, homecoming dates for both of us.
- Paul- A woman who'll let you leave Bloomington, a box \*CENSORED\*, clean campaign.
- Joel- Hair clippers, New Year's eve, more ladies, roadtrip to St. Louis and Ohio this summer.
- To my boys (Paul and Joel) One last good time at state ..... \*CENSORED\*

- To next year's board-organization, dedication, and a challenge to be as successful as the 93-94 board.
- To everyone- Memories of a wonderful year.

I, Amy Claessens, being of overworked mind and body, do hereby will

- My extensive knowledge of Illinois highways to Chris.
- My ability to fall asleep by 9:30 to Paige.
- My knowledge of a city to Kelly; she'll need it to survive outside of the culdasic.
- To Chad I will the hope that he will find just one woman.
- To Mark a watch and calendar.
- To Christina, my ability to always be hungry.
- To Mr. James, a lifetime supply of writing utensils.
- To John I will my jeans, a return of his shirts, and some Orange Crush.
- To Marty my cheese, a trip to a Northwestern football game, and my hate of the Fightin' Irish.
- To my Mom and Dad, I will peace and quiet when I leave.
- To Reuben and Brian--my driving skills and my ability to avoid animals.
- To Jacque success in everything.
- I will my sports section, my love and my memory while I'm gone to Zak.. Good luck with track.
- I will Cathy a Pixie Stix
- To the new Second Vice, I will a smile and an open mind. It will go by so fast, so take advantage of the time you're given.

And I will my gratitude to the IASC and the WAHS student council. Please continue all of your wonderful programs.



I, Christina Guccione, being of lost mind and over-traveled body, do hereby will the ability to gossip to Paige Fender (although you will probably never need mine!). I also give you my Mickey stuff since it really seems to irritate you. To Chad I give my secret code into the Rockford Howard Johnsons. I also give to both of you the knowledge of local Rockford pizza places. To Marty Claessens, I give my outstanding success, use it wisely, and don't brag. I also relieve you of the responsibility of being our body guard. To John, I leave you with the challenge to not have as much fun at Nationals this year. Also I leave you a fork to eat with, and a bowl of Lactose. Amy, I leave you with my flannel plaid pillow. May you use it wisely. To Chris and Davis I will you the ability to act-- and a haircut. To both Davis and John, I leave a tape of the pledge recited by Ed Phelps and myself. To Yong, you may have my ability to remember things longer than .005 of a second. I also will you a sense of direction, always remember North is East and South is West (it will get you to Midway any day). To Joel I will a ticket to Boulder. To Mark I will a tree to climb. To future *Reporter* Editors I will the ability to print not one, but *FOUR Reporters* and make them as awesome as I....I dare you. To everyone I will my friendship for our lifetime, may it not just have been a year. To Gary and Lady Lang, I leave you the wonderful and not so wonderful memories, and my appreciation. And lastly, I will the IASC happiness and outstanding leadership that I have witnessed. May you always be prosperous.



## Dedication to the IASC Seniors

Tonight a curtain closes,  
And we take a final bow,  
To the four years we have spent  
Which are slowly ending now.  
But let time stop this evening,  
For just an hour or two  
As we recall the memories  
That seem, right now, too few.  
And gathered all together,  
We will not say "Good-bye,"  
For thoughts that will prevail  
With us, of you, will never die.



WHEREAS, 1994 marks the 60th anniversary of the Illinois Association of Student Councils (IASC), a successful group of student representatives; and

WHEREAS, IASC was formed in 1934 to promote student councils within Illinois high schools through workshops, conventions, newsletters, etc; and

WHEREAS, throughout the year, IASC holds workshops and conventions focusing on ideals such as leadership, group interaction, parliamentary procedure, and student-faculty communication; and

WHEREAS, this year's convention will be held May 5-7 at the Bismarck Hotel in Chicago;

THEREFORE, I, Jim Edgar, Governor of the State of Illinois, proclaim May 2-7, 1994, as STUDENT COUNCIL WEEK in Illinois.

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*

*Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,*  
*this SEVENTEENTH day of MARCH, in the*  
*Year of Our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred*  
*and NINETY-FOUR, and of the State of*  
*Illinois, the one hundred and SEVENTY-SIXTH*



*George H. Ryan*

SECRETARY OF STATE

*Jim Edgar*

GOVERNOR



# **Experience the IASCC**

**The Illinois Association of Student Councils would like to invite you to our summer leadership camp, located at Millikin University in Decatur. This workshop gives each individual the opportunity to interact with all students--Freshmen through Seniors--many with the same interests. The workshop is run by consultants, advisors, and Junior counselors. The week-long workshop offers large group and small "clubs" that are all a part of "HUG" High School. Fun activities include all school sports' night, variety show, and a banquet which is coordinated by a committee of students. Students also coordinate the dance, which is the last entertainment of the week! So come on out and experience the I A S C a t M i l l i k i n !**

**Cost - \$195 per delegate IASC member discount \$10 discount when four or more delegates register**

IMPORTANT: Include all requested information, since a bulletin will be sent to the delegates home prior to the workshop. The Advisor's or Principal's signature is required for a registration to be accepted.

(Duplicate Forms  
as Needed)

## REGISTRATION FORM DEADLINE: July 1

(Duplicate Forms  
as Needed)

Choose the session you wish to attend:

- July 18 -22, 1994  
 July 25 - 29, 1994

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1993-94 Year in School       Freshman       Sophomore       Junior       Senior

ALL HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES OR OFFICER EXPERIENCE:

\_\_\_\_ Student Council Member      \_\_\_\_\_ Officer \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ National Honor Society Member      \_\_\_\_\_ Officer \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Class Officer \_\_\_\_\_ (Indicate Class and Office)

\_\_\_\_ Organization Officer \_\_\_\_\_ (Indicate Organization and Office)

SIGNATURE OF ADVISOR OR PRINCIPAL (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*