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## IASC BENEFITS ALL COUNCILS !

*By: Jacki Schaper*

*Prairie Eight District Treasurer*

The Illinois Association of Student Councils (IASC) is an awesome organization that offers many benefits to schools and students of Illinois. The IASC hosts workshops, and offers other leadership possibilities as well. This organization of schools benefits students because it teaches students how to strive for success, become a leader, and learn responsibility.

Personally, I have grown considerably during my years of membership in the IASC. I attended the State Convention in May and have

enjoyed experiencing going to many workshops for leadership training. IASC functions not only teach skills, but also are fun. As a district officer, I have met many people through the IASC from all over the state! Being involved with the IASC makes me feel like I am making a difference simply because I am part of this organization. All of the IASC members work together to better student councils statewide. The IASC is always continuing to grow tighter and tighter in order to increase it's benefits.

The IASC can help you by providing the opportunity to become a

district or state officer. You can also get involved by attending workshops like Allerton, Millikin, or any drive-in. Or you and your council may simply become a member of your respective district and attend the Fall Workshops and Spring Conventions. The IASC is a great organization. Involving yourself can only better you as a person and improve your home council. With so many possibilities for growth in the IASC, why wouldn't you want to be a part of this organization?

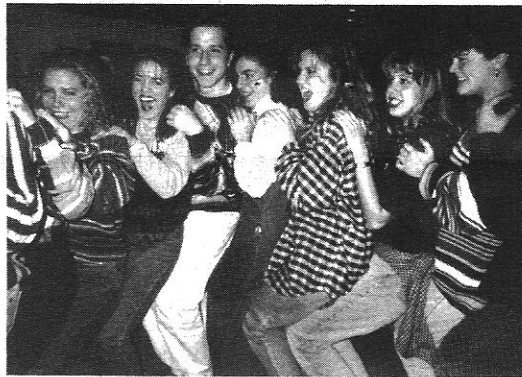
## Vision '95

### A Huge Success!

*By: Tena Pfeiffer*

*Midwest Central High School*

When people asked me how the Vision '95 workshop was at St. Joseph-Ogden High School, I simply said FANTASTIC! Never before have I related to so many people sitting in one room and discussing problems with their school councils or district councils. We all shared the same basic problems, solutions, and goals. It was like we had all met before. In the four and a half hours I learned exactly where we have been as a state student council, where



**District officers working together, in a teamwork game, at Vision '95.**

are we now, and where are we going. I discovered and identified what our mission was and will be for Vision "95". But it was not only Vision "95" that I was thinking about, it was my school council and district council. It made me realize exactly how important a mission and a goal is, when trying to succeed as an individual and as a student council. I can't express all my feelings how this workshop helped me! All I can say is that I will continue to strive

past what I've done before and educate new people, giving them the opportunities that were given to me.

# Kristen's Comments



**Kristen  
Clark,  
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President**

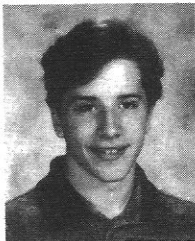
I love the holidays. I can be found singing

Christmas carols in July. However, there is something that always puzzled me. Every year after Halloween I walk into a store and am greeted by all types of holiday decorations, carols and a display of artificial Christmas trees. Excuse me? Did I miss something? Here it is November first and the stores are already playing Jingle Bells over the intercom! I always try to rationalize the reasoning of the stores. Why so quick? So far I have come up with one logical reason. Maybe they are just looking into the future.

The future. It sounds kind of scary, doesn't it? But, if we do not look ahead we will be in deep trouble. The twenty-first century is right around the corner and we have a lot of preparing to do. So much new technology and so many new leadership techniques are out there, just waiting to be learned. I encourage you to learn and grasp at any opportunities to further your knowledge. Organizations such as the IASC need people like you who are willing to learn and try new things. Please, take advantage of all the activities offered by the IASC. Use this to learn and go on to teach others! Time will not stop for us. We must look to the future!

You are an important link to the success of future generations. Remember always look ahead and do all you can to better all organizations in which you and your family are involved in. Oh..... by the way if you ever find out why stores decorate so early, let me know!

# HONOR DELEGATE UPDATE



**Jim Harker  
1st Vice  
President**

Dedicated Student Council members by the hundreds applied

for the Honor Delegate positions annual IASC State Convention.

A record number of freshmen and sophomores applied for Recorder. Applicants for the positions of Recorder, Discussion Group Leader, and member of the Constitution, Credentials, Honor Council and Resolutions Committee were also quite numerous as well.

All applicants will receive the outcome of their applications in early January.

Because of the number of applicants, only a fraction can receive positions. However, the quality of every application was outstanding. Whether the outcome is a position or not, the process of applying has shown the common threads of leadership in all the applicants.

Those accepted as Discussion Group Leaders or members of the Honor Council or Credentials committee are required to attend the Honor Delegate Workshop on April 1, 1995. The Workshop, will be held at Chenoa High School. It prepares DGL's with small-group leadership training and prepares committee members for their duties at the State Convention.



**Imran Kareem,  
2nd Vice  
President**

As far as I can tell the Honor Delegate positions should turn out great!

I received many applications and let me tell you, they were all wonderful!

Here is a run-down of what is needed from selected Honor Delegates.

Hall of Ideas Chairs, there are a couple of different guidelines that need to be met. You need to make a poster no larger than 28" x 22" and make a handout on 8 1/2 x 11 paper explaining the events (about 350). There will be no slides or video tapes allowed in your display, because there will be no electricity. (sorry!)

Project School Chairs, you need to compile a ten page type-written booklet with quality printing. These booklets need to contain information that would be useful to schools throughout the state. (Remember, you must contact at least 5 schools out of your district and bring at least 150 booklets to the Convention.)

Special Project school chairs will have individual guidelines, so I'll talk to each of the chairs separately.

For those of you who did get denied, I sincerely appreciate the effort and hope you will apply again in '96.

If you have any questions, please call me at 708/897-4510. Thanks again! See you at the Convention!

## ROUTING SLIP

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

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Committee Chair
- Senior Class Reps.
- Junior Class Reps.
- Sophomore Class Reps.
- Freshman Class Reps.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Post on council bulletin board

## THE REPORTER

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# Drive-in teaches leadership skills

By: Astrid Herard  
Wheeling High School

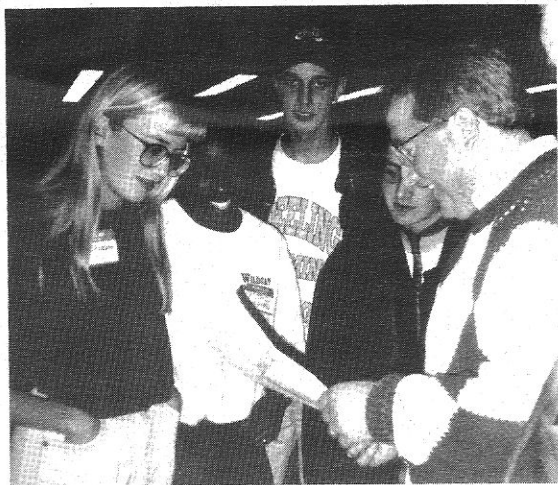
On Saturday, November 19, I travelled to Rockford to attend my first IASC Drive-In Workshop. It was a fun experience and I learned a lot of new things about Student Council.

When our school arrived, we had some time to mingle among ourselves. Then, we were split into twelve groups, each with one or two people from each school.

The first part of our day showed the purpose of student council and the importance of structure, group work, and a constitution. We had many opportunities to share information about ourselves and our own student councils. It was interesting to learn how councils played different roles in each school.

In the second half of our day we learned about leadership and its different styles. We also talked about how to run meetings and fund raisers, and exchanged fund raising ideas.

The most important lesson learned was that decision making as a group is essential in any organization. One of



Convention '95:

## Blue Print For Success

By: Melaine Schuler, Convention Secretary

Plans for the 1995 Illinois Association of Student Councils Convention are beginning to take shape. The theme for the Convention which will be held May 4-6, 1995, is *Blue Print For Success*. The Convention will be held at the Bismarck Hotel in Chicago. Further information will be sent to you in the future with more details. If your school is interested in helping out with the Convention, there are many Service Projects we would appreciate your help with. Service Projects include donations by your school to the Convention, such as door prizes, balloons, etc. Helping out with these Projects, as a Honor Delegate, is a great way to go to the Convention. If your school is interested in helping contact Imran Kareem, the IASC Second Vice President or Melaine Schuler, the IASC Convention Secretary. They will be able to tell you in what areas help is needed. See you there!



## Don't forget your Honor Council book!

By: Jami Seeman, Secretary

I hope your year is going well! I've been fortunate enough to attend the Cenois New Member Workshop, the NWD Fall Workshop, and the Hopewell District Fall Workshop. Hopefully, each one of you out there is taking advantage of the district events nearest you.

Along with these beneficial workshops goes other great IASC programs. One that will help improve your council greatly is the Honor Council Program. Each year this program is offered to every school in the state. In order to complete the program an Honor Council Book must be compiled much like a scrapbook and submitted to a committee at the state convention.

Schools whose books score over 110 points will receive a plaque and those scoring under 110 receive a certificate. Every school should have already received an Honor Council Handbook which includes how-to information, guidelines, and an official scorecard.

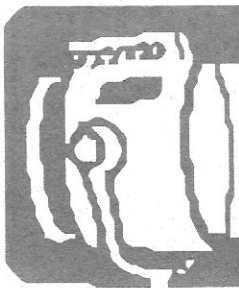
Any questions or concerns can be addressed to me. Good luck with compiling your book! Have a great year!



our activities was brainstorming ideas to raise money. Then we had to pick our best three fund raisers, plan meetings, and a budget. It was really interesting to listen to the ideas and see how people worked together to decide.

Overall, I had a great time. I met interesting people from schools I had never heard of, we exchanged great ideas, and we learned a lot about student councils throughout the state. The IASC Drive-In Workshop truly was an excellent experience.

**Drive-in workshop delegates stop to talk to consultant Jim Connolly.**



# District Spo

## Cenois

*Jenny Jacobson, President*

We have had an exciting new year, full of change in Cenois District. We developed a new Members Workshop for all freshman and first year council members. It was held at Millikin University in Decatur, and it turned out to be a great success! The officers also attended the workshop and they provided their leadership skills and student council knowledge to advise their new members. Our next workshop was the annual Fall Workshop held at Richland Community College in Decatur. This beautiful new facility provided a great atmosphere, and helped to make this workshop new and exciting. Our next event is our Spring Convention. We have new ideas and plans for this also. Our district has revitalized! We have had lots of fun thus far, and will continue to do so! Thanks for the opportunity to share our Cenois District with you. Have a great year!

## Illinois Valley

*Jill Adams, President*

"IVD is alive in '95!" This is our theme for the year and it could not be more appropriate for Illinois Valley District. We want to liven up the membership of our district schools. We'd like to raise some non-member schools for the dead, as well as reviving old member schools.

Our district workshop was held November 4 at Canton High School. The fun and informative discussion groups included "New Ideas," "Soliciting Student Involvement," and "Leadership Styles." We will be holding lively area get-togethers and an area-wide food drive.

For the 1994-1995 year, the IVD has

expended its intra-area student exchange into an exchange of students throughout the entire district, within and among the four areas. Plans are in the making for the Spring convention which will take place in March. Ideas are also sparking for a Winter activity.

Everything is going wonderfully so far, and we are looking toward a very bright future. The Illinois Valley District is a live wire in the circuit of the IASC.

## Kickapoo

*Lisa Hagrelius, President*

Contrary to popular belief, there is more than corn in Illinois. In fact, central Illinois and the Kickapoo district are home to what I feel are some of the most motivated student leaders in the state.

Our first major event of the year was our Fall Picnic, which was hosted by the Tuscola and Villa Grove High Schools. Both of the schools did a great job organizing and carrying out the picnic, as it was a great success. Over two hundred students and advisers were in attendance, making it our largest picnic ever.

Unity High School and Shiloh High School are working very diligently on our next large event, the Fall Workshop, which is always fun as well as being a great learning experience. Each of the other host schools are beginning preparation for their events and each promises to be a great success.

We have high hopes for each of our future events and the year ahead, so next time you see a corn field think of central Illinois and the Kickapoo District and imagine us slaving away planning all of our events and working to better promote student leadership in the state of Illinois. It will probably be a pretty accurate picture.

## Little Egypt

*Amy Yaeger, President*

The Little Egypt District of Student Council (LEDSC) has been busy this year with many activities. To start the year off right, we held our Fall Workshop on September 10 at Carbondale, IL. The turn-out was very good. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves while learning how to develop good leadership skills.

Another big activity that we have been busy with this year is our membership drive. Currently, there are about 20 member schools in our district. Compared to previous years, this isn't bad. However, compared to the number of schools that could be active in our district, this isn't good. Therefore, we decided to reach those schools that weren't involved and invite them to join in on the fun. Numerous letters have gone out inviting non-member schools to become members. Invitations to several district activities have also been sent out. Many more district activities are being planned. We'll keep you updated!

## Northeast

*Anthony Casey, President*

Student Council is about getting things done and that's exactly what the Northeast District (NED) is doing. As the year has progressed our executive board has really started to come together and begin to accomplish common goals.

Besides the goals of a successful convention NED has started to look into some new programs for the year. Of these, the one that stands out is our adoption of a new School of the Year Award; to be given to a school which shows extreme commitment and involve



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ment at the district level.

A project which we have given our attention to is a president's forum. The idea is to start with a large meeting of school presidents at our December workshop. From there I, as NED president, plan to travel to district areas meetings with small groups of presidents from schools which are located close together. In this way we plan to increase the vital communications between schools and their district.

As we see it, our success in these areas will bring our council to a new level in which schools are motivated to participate and feel that they are in an inclusive organization where all members are equally important to the success of a whole group. That is when the Northeast District will take its greatness to an even higher level.

## Northwest

### *Travus Albrecht, President*

The Northwest District (NWD) has always been a quiet district. In years past it usually has a Fall Workshop, a NWD Recreation Night, and a Spring Convention. Lately, we have been talking about adding on some other possible workshops or events to increase the interest in the district.

We held our Fall Workshop on Nov. 2 at Byron High School. There were fifteen schools in attendance and over 200 students. We started off the day with our introduction and welcome. We were very happy to see four IASC Executive Board members attend. After that we listened to our guest speaker, Greg Speck. Everyone was very pleased with his interesting speech. From there on we broke into discussion groups which went quite smoothly once everyone had the hang of where they were going. When

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICERS!

President: Christopher Hammond  
Vice-Pres.: Nichole Bierman  
Secretary: Christy Kracht  
Treasurer: Kevin Weidman  
Liaison: Emily Probst

the first discussion groups ended we divided into "swap shops" (something new added to the workshop this year). Groups of schools presented a topic in which they would receive information back which is the purpose of the "swap". Next we divided into another set of discussion groups. Following the second discussion group we had lunch, and the closing was not far behind. The day was a tremendous success.

Presently we are also planning a Winter Social and the Spring Convention which we are really looking forward to.

## Prairie Eight

### *Jeff Townsend, President*

Hello from the Prairie Eight District (PED) of Student Councils! Our district is located in the Northeastern section of the state.

We are twenty-five member schools strong. Our two main events of the year are our fall workshop and our spring convention.

Our Fall Workshop started the year off with a bang on September 22. The workshop, which was held at the Pontiac Elks Club was highlighted by keynote speaker Dean Cotter. Mr. Cotter gave a charged speech on "Making a Difference" in peoples lives.

Brainstorming sessions at the workshop helped students communicate on ideas concerning subjects such as school spirit, fund raisers, and homecomings.

Our Spring convention is tentatively set for March 20 at Pitsticks Pavilion in Ottawa. I hope you all have great years will your District!

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## Letter from the Editor



**Juliana Vodicka,  
Reporter, Editor**

This year is going by so fast! I can not believe it.

I have had so much fun putting **The Reporter** together this issue, mostly because of the people I have met while getting all of the information compiled.

I can not stress enough the importance of the IASC and what it can do for you and your council. Not only does it provide great workshops and conventions, but it gives you a chance to be exposed to ideas and people you would not normally be able to meet.

I hope that I will get a chance to meet you soon at one of the upcoming IASC events!

Have a great second semester! I hope your New Year is wonderful and all you hope it to be as well!

## A 'VISION' Realized

At eight o'clock on a crisp day four Hopewell officers were on their way.

We discussed big issues like problems with our board, we also looked at pictures while cruisin' in the Chrysler Concord.

Where were he headed you might want to know Vision '95 of course where all district officers go.

We arrived at the school in St. Joseph the town there were officers galore from up state and down.

We sang corny songs and met new friends we shared new ideas and student council trends.

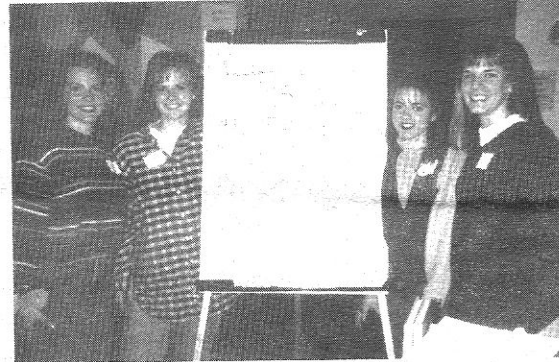
Where have we been?  
Where are we now?  
Where are we going?  
Lots to think about...Wow!!

We discussed strengths and weaknesses of the district and state

and hopefully our ideas will increase the enrollment rate

We put our heads together we had to make a decision. Why did we come here? What was our vision?

**"IN ORDER TO MOVE INTO THE 21ST CENTURY, THE IASC NEEDS TO GO BEYOND**



**EXISTING IDEAS BY ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGES OF BETTERING COMMUNICATION, DECREASING STUDENT ADVISOR APATHY, AND INCREASING PARTICIPATION AT ALL LEVELS OF COUNCIL."**

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Wow! What a statement. The solution to our mission it took almost six hours but we found our '95 VISION.

Composed by Hopewell Dist. Officers:  
Rachel Franklin, Tremont H.S., Liaison  
Cindy Shipman, Washington H.S., Sec.  
Tena Pfeiffer, Midwest Central H.S., 1st V.P.  
Lynn Fornoff, Pekin H.S., Conv. Sec.

## IASC and National Events Coming Soon...

### Allerton House Advanced Workshop In January!

You'd better hurry! The deadlines are coming, and fast, to sign-up for an advanced workshop at Allerton House, Monticello, IL.

This workshop is about the "VALUES IN LEADERSHIP" and helps delegates clarify their own values and how they relate to leadership style and decision-making. You don't want to miss this!

**COST PER DELEGATE:** \$105 (non member school), \$90 (with IASC membership)

**JANUARY 21-22, DEADLINE: JAN. 6**  
**JANUARY 28-29, DEADLINE: JAN.**

### Area conference: Omaha, Nebraska

This year's Area conference is in Omaha, Nebraska, the weekend of March 17-19. The registration fee is \$55, the cost of a hotel room for two nights is \$45, and the bus ride is \$60. Adding up for a grand total of \$160 and a wonderful weekend of fun, leadership training, sightseeing and friends! Detailed information will be sent out to all IASC member schools soon. The deadline is January 31! So hurry! If you have any questions or concerns please call IASC Executive director, Hank Clark.

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**Sign-up now! It will be a great trip, you will not want to miss!**

*Words of  
Wisdom*

*In the  
confrontation between  
the stream and the  
rock, the stream  
always wins---not  
through strength but  
by perseverance.  
--H. Jackson Brown*

# IASC MEMBERSHIP FORM

THE FOLLOWING FORM HAS ALL THE INFORMATION NEEDED TO BECOME AN ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS ( IASC) MEMBER. WHEN THIS FORM AND YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES OF \$40 ARE SENT IN, YOUR SCHOOL IS AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE IASC.

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## IASC Calendar of Events

### January,

21-22-- Advanced Workshop I, Allerton House, Monticello, IL **Sign-up  
deadline Jan. 6**

28-29-- Advanced Workshop II, Allerton House, Monticello, IL **Sign-up  
deadline Jan. 13**

### 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

### July Summer Workshops (Millikin University)

17-21 1st session

24-28 2nd session



The IASC Executive Board hopes you had a great Holiday season!