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ALLERTON: MORE THAN A WORKSHOP!

"We always attend different workshops that help our council as a whole, but this one really helped ourselves." Jenny Ergle, Pekin H.S.

"I enjoyed the atmosphere, and our real selves emerged."
Bill Yallaly, Villa Grove H.S.

"Nice place!" Jason Stone, Geneseo H.S.



"Allerton was an exciting way to learn about ourselves, and our values, some of it may even change the way we live our lives." Jeni Topliff, Wheeling H.S.

IMPROVING OUR WORLD, ONE PERSON AT A TIME

by: Betsy Koski
West Aurora High School

When I entered through a side door of the Allerton Mansion on January 21, I immediately felt like I was living in a different world — not only because of my elaborate, elegant surroundings but also because I somehow felt right at home...in someone else's house.

Many friends from Millikin greeted me warmly, and we resumed discussions as if no time had passed since our leadership training in July. During our stay at Allerton, the delegates focused on values clarification. Mr. Gary Zummallen, our presenter and a former IASC Workshop Director, explained that

though most Student Council workshops teach leadership and group work, Allerton Advanced teaches us about ourselves.

In essence, we must know how to make decisions in our lives so that we can make the best decisions for organizations to which we belong and lead. Although this principle seems obvious, enlightenment emerged throughout the weekend while we had small group sharing.

Each delegate who attended Allerton came with a different value system; each person left with identity intact. What changed was that we heightened our awareness that even in our differences, we can share.

Kristen's Comments



*Kristen
Clark,
IASC
President*

February 14 is probably the most friendly, loving and romantic day

of the year. On this day, friends and loved ones exchange candy and sentimental little cards called valentines. This year I decided to send you, the people of IASC, a valentine. No, do not be looking for it in the mail. Since the price of the stamp went up, I could not afford to send everyone one. The valentine is right here in the *IASC Reporter*. This valentine expresses exactly how much I love the IASC.

The IASC Valentine

L.O.V.E. — Leadership, Optimism, Values, Excitement

Leadership is knowing when to lead and when to follow. It is learning to share the spotlight and giving recognition to others' accomplishments and not only your own. Leadership is picking yourself up when you fall and not blaming someone else because YOU stumbled.

Optimism is seeing the sunny side of every situation. It is encouraging others and not setting them and yourself up for failure. It is being cheery and happy even when things are not going well. Anticipate every situation will have a great outcome, but at the same time be realistic. You can prevent many ills with only a smile.

Values are those little and big things you believe in. It is doing the right thing and not compromising any beliefs.

Values make a strong person, one who is looked up to and admired for his or her strength. Values make or break a person.

Excitement is an essential part of life. Look at each challenge with a degree of excitement. Each new challenge has the potential to be a learning experience and a great opportunity. Be excited over the fact that you are living in a wondrous time which is full of new and exciting things happening every day.

L.O.V.E. the IASC! It is a fine organization and it needs you! Take care and keep in touch!

Convention '95:



*by: Melaine Schuler
Convention Secretary*

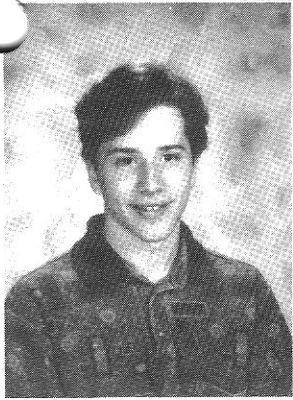
The 1995 IASC State Convention is rapidly approaching, and Sterling High School is busy preparing for the big event. The theme for this year is Blue Print For Success. Thirteen hundred people will gather at the Bismarck Hotel in Chicago, beginning on May 4, 1995. Registration will begin at 10:00 am on Thursday and run 'til 8:00 pm. The Opening General Session and Opening Ceremony will mark the start of the 1995 Convention and will begin at 7:00 pm on Thursday night.

Following the general session, discussion groups will be held, which will be followed by entertainment later on that night. On Friday, an Advisor's Breakfast and meeting will be held. The second General Session will begin at 8:30 am.

The speaker at this session will be Ed Gerety. Later on in the day there will be more discussion groups, and another general session. On Friday night, there will be a banquet beginning at 6:00 pm. At the banquet awards will be given and the Installation of the 1995-96 Executive Board will take place. The keynote speaker at this event will be Greg Smith. On Saturday, May 6 a fourth General Session will be held.

Your school should be receiving registration forms for the 1995 State Convention in February, along with more detailed information. This is just a brief overview of what is in store for you. It is promising to be lots of fun and I hope that many of you will be able to attend. If any of you or your school are interested in helping out in some way with the Convention, please feel free to contact me at anytime. I look forward to seeing and meeting many of you at the Bismarck Hotel on May 4-6, during the 1995 IASC Convention.

HONOR DELEGATE UPDATE



by: JIM HARKER
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

The 1994-95 Honor Delegate Program had an excellent response. The approximately 160 Honor Delegates chosen have excellent backgrounds and leadership skills which will help make the 1995 Convention a great success. With a high number of interested students, the number of applicants is high as well.

The newly appointed Discussion Group Leaders and members of the Honor Council and Credentials Committees will attend the Honor Delegate Workshop on April 1, 1995 at Chenoa High School. There, the committee members will learn their duties as the DGL's get a chance to learn from each other and review some important small group leadership skills.

The two remaining committees, which do not participate in the workshop, are the Constitution and Resolutions Committees. The members of these committees will meet at the convention to discuss this year's constitutional amendments and resolutions.

To all of the new Honor delegates, I offer a sincere congratulations. Your efforts in the next few months will keep the IASC as successful as it is.

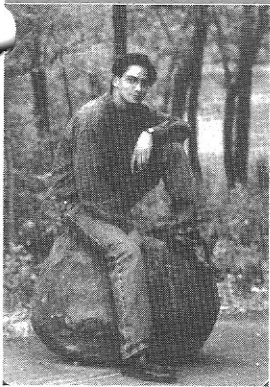
I have reserved one last congratulations to the newly appointed committee chairs:

Kristen Morrow, Constitution Committee

Amanda Popp, Credentials Committee

Susan O'Connor, Honor Council Committee

Sara Mossman, Resolutions Committee



by: IMRAN KAREEM
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Well, all of the Hall of Ideas, Service Project, and Project School acceptance and denial letters are out. For you Service Project Chairpeople who were denied there are a couple of other services that are available, so if you're interested, get in contact with me soon.

For those of you who were accepted by the board, I need your confirmation sheet, if not already in. If you don't get the confirmation sheet in you might forfeit your position to the convention. I really look forward to working with you all and I think we will have a lot of fun.

Hall of Ideas Chairpeople, I'd recommend you pace yourself and start working on your handouts and maybe take some pictures on your ideas now. Some of your ideas and events have already taken place so you might want to track down some pictures from friends or council members who attended the event.

Project Schools Chairpeople, it's probably a good idea if you already had your questionnaire filled out and ready to mail. Many of you probably will have them in the mail and back before this newsletter is even out. GREAT! Way to stay on top of things. If you haven't already, you definitely will want to in the very near future.

Service Project Chairpeople, I (or whomever you'll be doing the service for) will be getting in contact with you very soon. Just stay on top of things and make a schedule of when you want certain elements needed for the service to be accomplished.

I hope everyone is doing well and if anyone has any questions for me go ahead and give me a call. My home phone number is (708) 897-4510 or you can just leave a message at (708) 572-4630. I'll be more than happy to answer any questions and I'll see you all at the State Convention. SEE YA!

Spring S

The results of this survey and quotes were obtained from the students from the Allerton workshop. Percent question. A total of 40 surveys were collected from both of the weekend workshops. Thank you to all that t

Is Spring Break your favorite time of year?

Yes- 40% No- 57.5% Don't Know- 2.5%

Why???

"Everything is coming back to life, it's starting to get warm and everyone seems to be in a good mood all the time." Melissa Schwartz, Oregon H.S.

"I don't know. Our school does not have a spring break." Nicole Winkeler, Carlyle H.S.

"I GET TO KICKBACK, RELAX, AND REGROUP BEFORE I GO BACK TO SCHOOL." TERRANCE MOORE, DOWNERS GROVE SOUTH H.S.

"It's just more time to think about summer!" Ryan Wartick, Tremont H.S.

"It was a time to relax and have fun. On the other hand it is also a time to do student council work." Antwon McGruder, Curie H.S.

What do you m

Go away with friends-

Hang-out at home- 27

Play baseball- 2.5%

"Play around 10 baseball games." Ken Chenoweth, Bremen H. S.

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Spring Break... Not

DREAM TIME: If you could go anywhere for Spring bre

- Hawaii- 20%
- Florida- 15%
- Australia- 10%
- Colorado- 10%
- Disney World- 5%
- Palm Springs- 5%
- South Padre Island- 5%
- Virgin Islands- 5%

the 25% that is left is divided among the following loca- tions.....

- Villa Grove Alaska
- Hong Kong South America
- Paris Downers Grove
- Myrtle Beach Washington D.C.
- Prince Edward Island
- California

"I would go to Villa Grove to spend time with my good friend Bill Yallaly in Villa Grove." Terrance E. Moore, Downers Grove H.S.



"I would go to Downers Grove, to see my good friend Terrance Moore." Bill Yallaly, Villa Grove H. S.

"I would go to a beach filled with whit sun, absorbing its warmth, for as lon come home!" Meaghan E. Henricks,

"SOUTH PADRE BEACH. I WANT TO BE ON MTV BEACH WEEK!" SUSANNAH WILSON, OREGON H.S.

spotlight

are based on the number of people that responded to that particular
book the time to fill one out! HAVE A GREAT SPRING BREAK!!!!

ormally do for the week?

5% Family vacation- 27.5% Work- 10%
5% Be with friends- 5% Homework- 2.5%
Visit colleges- 2.5% Nothing- 7.5%

"Absolutely Nothing." Susannah Wilson, Oregon

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WATCHING SOAP OPERAS IS PITIFUL BUT NOT BEING MOTIVATED
SH TO MOVE." Betsy Koski, West Aurora H.S.

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ak where would you go?

e clear sand. I would lay in the
as I could...I probably would not
Byron H.S.

"Hawaii, it seems so beautiful and peace-
ful." Holly Yoshinari, Wheeling H. S.

"Florida, GUYS!!!" Nicole
Winkler, Carlyle H.S.

*"Florida or
Bahamas with
friends. We are
all too used to
cornfields for
'scenery!'" Sarah
Manning, Pawnee
H.S.*

What is your best Spring Break memory?

"Going to a 'po-dunk' town &
shopping at Krogers &
Walmart." Susan O'Connor,
Alton H.S.

*"Having one
longer than 4
days." Sarah
Manning,
Pawnee H.S.*

"That dream
about Brad
Pitt...(I can't put
down details)."
Christy Fox,
Mahomet-
Seymour H.S.

*"Just when my parents went
to Jamaica and left me
home." Cassie VanOpdom,
J. D. Damall H.S.*

"I Can't
remember
... all I do
is play
baseball."
Ken
Chenowet,
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District Update

In the previous issue of the reporter seven districts were spotlighted, the rest were scheduled to appear in this issue. Unfortunately due to the busy schedules of the remaining six districts only three were able to respond by press time. But make sure you keep up with your own districts news!

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

by :Kristen Morrow

The North Central District is nearing the end of a very busy year; our calendar was filled each month with special activities. Our first event was the New Members Workshop held at West Aurora High School. The purpose was to acquaint delegates to the structure of the district and to the new executive board. About 100 people attended; it was a great time to see old friends and to meet new ones.

The next events were area workshops in October and November. Because our district incorporates so many high schools and towns, it is divided into four areas to make communication stronger and easier between schools. Area workshops provide a chance for schools to meet and share ideas about strengthening their individual councils.

In December, vice-president Maria Kordopitoulus and Woodstock High School hosted the annual overnight Winter Retreat themed "G.U.M Stick to It." The focus on Goals, Unity, and Morals remained the entire weekend, and delegates left with new ideas about how to incorporate these important themes into their student councils.

The final event of the NCD calendar is the Spring Convention. Convention Secretary Brian Zelensek has been planning "Dare to Dream" for March 10 & 11 at the Elgin Holidome.

All of these events are preparing us for the State Convention in May where we plan to have a large delegation who will be representative of the strong leadership that is fostered by the North Central District.

KASKASKIA DISTRICT

by: Nicole Winkeler

Hello Illinois Association of Student Councils!! This past year has been very productive for the KDSC. So far we have hosted two workshops. LTW and Carload Council. Both were a great success. Edwardsville High School hosted Casino Night. That was a great night of fun. After pizza and gambling, there was an auction.

Three board members, Scott Phelps, Convention Secretary, Amanda Rainey, Newsletter Editor, and I attended Vision '95. It was a great time for discussion with other officers and helped solve a lot of problems.

Looking ahead, the KDSC board has two upcoming events. The first is Consultant Workshop, February 7. The final event of the year will be the KDSC District Convention March 23. Scott Phelps is setting a new tone for the event. It is sure to be a success!

I hope the upcoming year is successful for your council!

GOOD-BYE from the KDSC!

Letter from the Editor



Juliana Vodicka,
Reporter Editor

As you can see from reading through the Reporter, the state convention is coming soon! Hopefully I'll see all of

you there! This issue gives you all the information that you need to know about the convention and, if you are an Honor Delegate, what you need to do about your position.

The next issue of the Reporter will be coming out at the state convention. I would still love to hear about your district or council and what makes it special. If you have any ideas for an article, please write to me.

Also in the last issue of the Reporter, I would like to highlight some of the funnier things that have happened to your council...kind of an IASC Bloopers and Practical Jokes section. Again, if you have any great stories or funny experiences, PLEASE write them down and send them to me! Your input is important! We want as many schools and districts represented as we can! Have a great second semester! See you at the convention in May!

CHICAGO DISTRICT

by: Devadius Dorsey & Antwon McGruder

CDSCA announces its 39th annual convention, "Letting the Future Lead". The convention host is Curie Metro H.S., at the Holiday Inn Plaza Hotel on March 29. This day long event is a chance for member schools to participate in leadership activities while just having fun.

We started the year off with the Student Leadership Workshop. This workshop was held at the University of Illinois in Chicago. It was a great chance to teach students important leadership skills and their role as being a leader.

The Human Relations Workshop was the next event for CDSCA. It was a time to learn hands-on the importance of communication. Now we are planning our Honor Delegate Workshop. At this workshop Honor delegates learn a little bit more about their position and how important their role is as an Honor Delegate.

Spring Fling is our final event for the year allowing old and new officers to work together and end the year with pride.

Confessions from a past IASC President

By: *Scott Allen, President 1991-1992*

My decision to be in student council in high school was not a major one by any means. I had joined council in junior high school, and to try it in high school was natural. However, over my four years in high school and my time after graduation I have learned more about life, communication, friendship, and commitment from student council.

My time in the IASC was most enjoyable. I was introduced to the IASC by my advisor, Gary Clark of Collinsville High School. My freshman year we had a state board member and Gary asked me to go to a New Representative Workshop (now known as the Drive-In Workshop). Once there, I was introduced to many leadership concepts and ideas. The feeling I received from the staff and students was one of overwhelming friendship and togetherness, this was what kept me involved in the IASC.

After that initial workshop I was gung-ho about going to any IASC function. I ended up going to three national conferences, four state conventions, four summer workshops, and four advanced workshops and finally serving as IASC President. These experiences, as well as the countless other functions I attended helped me strengthen my personality. The greatest skill that I have received through student council has been my public speaking ability. Most people I meet dread public speaking. The key is to practice in small groups and with your student council and other organizations. If a person can relax enough to speak to thirty people, then a crowd of one hundred or more is not that big a change. Your comfort level has already been established. Yes, you are still a bit nervous, but that helps in large group situations.

The IASC goes to great lengths in the workshop program to teach students how to interact with each other in small groups. This skill is very important in everyday life. In almost any future job there will be a small group in which you have contact.

The leadership skills in areas such as parliamentary procedure, constitution building, agenda setting, and values clarification are other important abilities that help in work and everyday life. You, as a student council member, are learning more about life than you every realized. As you reach college and beyond, the world will test your ability in these areas.

The IASC has given me some great memories over the seven years that I have been active in and out of high school. I am now involved with the workshop program as an adult staff member. The chance to teach new student council members is a dream come true. I always enjoy giving something back to an organization that has taught me so much. Now I am trying to fulfill that dream even more by becoming a teacher. Maybe someday I will be an integral part of the organization as an advisor.

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.

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Attention Student Council!

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IASC Calendar of Events

March,

17-19-- Area Conference, Omaha, NE

Good Luck Jennifer Lanter!

Jennifer is from St. Joseph-Ogden H.S. and was selected to be our Illinois candidate for the Region V representative position on the National board!

April,

1--Honor Delegate Workshop, Chenoa High School

May,

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

June,

18-28--National Conference, Oklahoma City, OK

****** Honor Delegates make sure that you mark your calendars for April 1st. Watch for more information coming soon from Jim Harker or Imran Kareem. See you there!**