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FROM COAST TO COAST STUDENT COUNCIL HAS THE MOST!

THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS

by Clark Moore

Hello to all you student leaders in Illinois! I'm Clark Moore, State President of the California Association of Student Councils (CASC). Out here in sunny California, we have a great student council organization which is known nationally for being an innovative and effective organization. CASC is a non-profit corporation led by students, for students. CASC's mission is to provide leadership training for students in California that emphasizes ethics, integrity, and collaborative decision-making skills. Through a variety of programs, CASC enhances schools and communities by involving students in activities and programs that build citizenship and enhance self-esteem. Over 10,000 students take part in CASC conferences each year.

The governing body of CASC is the State Council, which is made up of 14 regional presidents and the state program directors. The State Council sets organizational policy and manages our regional and state programs. In addition, CASC maintains a board of directors which helps guide policy and financial aspects of the organization.

CASC's commitment to leadership is exemplified by our summer leadership conferences. These five-day programs involve high school students and adult advisors learning skills such as meetings skills, communication, conflict resolution, public speaking and social awareness. In addition, we offer an advanced summer



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conference for returning summer delegates. The curriculum at this conference focuses on global awareness and our role in solving local and global problems.

During the school year, CASC continues leadership training at local and state leadership conferences for students and advisors. We offer separate conferences for elementary and jr. high students which focus on important skills necessary for their age group. We also run several conferences each year for "at-risk" students. In February, we hold our state convention, where we elect our state president and vice-president.

CASC provides a channel for expression of student view and empowers us to take action through three governmental programs. The first is the Governmental Affairs Program. This program consists of full-time student lobbyists in our State Legislature. These lobbyists survey student opinion, represent students to the Legislature and State Board of Education, and report on current issues to local schools. Second, the California Student Advisory Board on Education provides a process by which students can effect a change at their local schools or districts. In addition, students in this program meet at a five-day state conference where they write proposals on educational reform to the State Legislature and State Board of Education. These proposals have made many significant changes in California educational policy. One of our proposals gave the student on the State Board of Education a full vote. Our third program, Governmental Operations at Local Levels, serves student members of the local school boards. We sponsor conferences and workshops to help these students become more effective.

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Brian's Briefs

Happy Holidays! I hope all of you enjoy a much needed break and come into the new year enthused and ready to tackle that goal you have had set for yourself but never really got around to.

This past weekend I heard somebody talk about failure and I began to wonder, "Am I a failure?" So I thought about what failures I had incurred and about one in particular that I spent a great deal of time dwelling on. As most of you know, I love to play basketball and I played for the varsity team, but I guess I really didn't play. I was more or less a practice dummy and I wanted to be more but never got the chance. I became very critical of myself and considered myself a failure and the season a failure. Now I look back on the whole situation and say: "Hey, I did not succeed in playing basketball but the whole situation made me a better person on the inside and that is what counts." All of us will fail at one thing or another but it is not whether we succeed or fail but is did I get something out of the situation and did I grow as a person. I encourage all of you to go into your next situation with the thought it doesn't really matter if I succeed or fail but it does matter if I gained something out of the experience.

I wish all of you the best of luck with the coming new year and I hope all of you are successful. But I guess that really doesn't matter because all of us are already successful, RIGHT?



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THE PASC — So Much to See

by Amy Donahue, PASC President



As PASC enters its 55th year, it is growing and progressing each day. This is attributed to the support and participation of its seven hundred member schools and people who pride themselves as leaders of this fine organization.

In the PASC, we feel good! As 1990 Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils' State President, I take great pride in this organization that I represent. It is an organization of creative and caring people who work very hard to make PASC the organization it is today.

PASC has 13 districts, each with its own adult director who sits on the PASC state executive board. There are also 7 student region representatives who sit on the state board. Pennsylvania also has excellent summer workshops that are week long events. The directors of these workshops are also exofficio members of the board. The PASC state executive board meets four times a year for approximately two days. The PASC president-elect participates on the state board the year before his/her presidency.

The PASC summer workshops prove to be rewarding, memorable experiences year after year. PASC has two junior high workshops, three senior high workshops,

and one advanced leadership workshop. Delegates acquire information that they can apply to situations in their own student councils. Everyone goes home with smiles on their faces and tears in their eyes.

The 54th PASC State Conference was held at Ambridge Area High School, outside of Pittsburgh, October 25-27. As chairperson of the 1990 PASC State Conference, I was very proud of all the hard work and dedication which made this event an extreme success. Our state conference lasts three days and is usually in the fall. It takes two years to prepare for the state conference. The objective of this year's conference was to learn from yesterdays, live today, and dream of tomorrow's success, reflecting the theme, "Today: The Bridge between Yesterday and Tomorrow." The delegates enjoyed a riverboat cruise on the Three Rivers of Pittsburgh, creative workshops led by students, inspiring speakers, and a beautiful banquet.

An event that PASC co-sponsored with PASSP (Pennsylvania Association of Secondary School Principals) was what we dubbed Lobbying Day held May 1, 1990. PASSP asked PASC to help sponsor this event. We participated by providing refreshments and manpower. The day gave

us the opportunity to see our state government in action. Approximately 65 students met in Harrisburg and were briefed on how lobbying works and why. We were there to lobby House Bill 656, which states that voter registration should be made more available to high school seniors whether it be through school voting drives or the distribution of registration forms at graduation. After our briefing, we proceeded to the Capitol steps where we rallied the bill. I "emceed" the rally. The president of PASSP, presidents of various other organizations, and I all made speeches. There were several television, print and radio reporters present. Following the rally, the students went into the Capitol building to meet their senators. Several senators spent the whole day with their district leaders and even bought them lunch. When we evaluated the day, the students found it very successful and worthwhile. Our state board decided that if an opportunity to lobby another bill such as HB656 did not arise then we would still try to have a day at the Capitol where students would have the opportunity to meet with their senators and see state government in action.

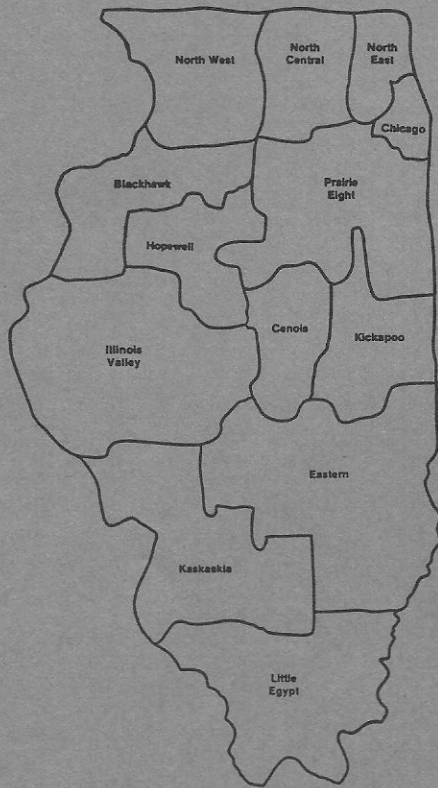


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We are currently working on one of our most exciting projects ever — a leadership training conference for 100 Soviet youths in Moscow! We have been invited by the Soviet government to send a staff of 15 students and several adults to teach the Soviet students the same skills we teach at our summer leadership conferences. We hope that our efforts will result in greater understanding between the two countries.

CASC also has a state newsletter, the Harbinger. We would love to report to student councils in California any exciting projects you are involved with at your schools. Just drop us a note at CASC, 1212 Preservation Park Way, Oakland, CA 94612.



DISTRICT



Moving Along

by Kris Potrafka, Vice President Cenois District

This year's Cenois board is ready to make a difference. The rumors of Cenois being the smallest district in the state are beginning to change. The CDSC board brought in 18 schools to the workshop in Bloomington this year. Five of the 18 schools were newly elected members from the Illinois Valley District. The CDSC board consisting of Joanne Myers, Kris Potrafka, Amy Killer, Jennifer Kinward, Jenny Nesmith and Cathy Olson, are well prepared to continue this advancement with the help of the state board.

Without the help of the state board, Cenois would not be where it is today. Cenois would especially like to thank Kim Stash and Susie Morris for their attendance at the workshop and their help with the Cenois *Insider*.

Former CDSCA conventions have served as host to such dignitaries as the former mayors of Chicago, the late Harold Washington and Eugene Sawyer.

EIDASC Convention

by Shane Kemper, EIDASC Secretary
Charleston High School

"GO MAD — Go Out And Make a Difference!" was the theme for the 56th annual EIDASC. District convention held on November 15 at the student union of Eastern Illinois University.

The EIDASC was very pleased to have two state officers in attendance. They were Robyn Phelps, IASC Secretary and Julie Vogel, IASC Treasurer.

Many new and exciting ideas were received and discussed with the Hall of Ideas Projects and discussion groups.

Kevin Cannon spoke on how to "Don't Worry, Be Happy." This humorous speaker was well received and appreciated by all those in attendance.

The EIDASC convention ended with the announcement of the new 1990-91 district officers. They were as follows:

- President — Amy Kruger, St. Anthony;
- Rae Lyn Livingston, Cumberland
- Vice-President — Jenny Schumacher, Newton; Holly Gill, Effingham
- Secretary — Shana Kemper, Cumberland; Julie Nieberg, St. Anthony
- Treasurer — Jeri Hill, St. Elmo; Matt Ballinger, Neoga
- District State Liaison — Pat Soops, Neoga; Katrina Gillepse, Charleston

Have you heard about what's going on in your student council district or the district of someone you know? Why not take a peek? (You could find out about some important events that you *won't want to miss!*)

The BASC

by Nicole Schwarz, President

Our year in the Blackhawk District has gotten off to a great start. We held our first function at United Township's swimming pool. Our annual splash party is always a great time for our members to eat, swim, and see other members in our district.

Next, we held our fall workshop at Aledo High School. Our fall workshop is a more intense night of learning more about leadership qualities. Our main goal this year is to increase our number of members and membership schools in the Blackhawk District. We are working hard to become a bigger and more active district. It is hard not to show our support for Brian Holtz, IASC President, who represents our district all over the state.

All About CDSCA

by Berve M. Power, Jr., 2nd Vice President

CDSCA stands for Chicago District Student Council Association, one of the distinguished districts of the IASC. The CDSCA thrives on helping young high school students develop more leadership skills. The CDSCA does not limit itself to district activities but prides itself in active participation at the state, regional, and national levels. Many of these skills are focused on at our workshops, spring fling, and also at our annual district convention.



DATELINE



The Hopewell District

by Lara Flint, President
Illinois Valley Central

"FOLLOW THE LEADER!" In keeping with this 90-91 theme, the Hopewell District has given young leaders from Central Illinois the chance to develop and demonstrate their exceptional leadership abilities. In September, Hopewell sponsored a picnic to kick off the year. This was the first time we had a fall picnic, and it was a great opportunity for students to have fun and meet people from other schools. The Hopewell District workshop, held November 15 at the Kewanee National Guard Armory, featured "Heart and Sole," a multimedia presentation by Camfel Productions. The nearly four hundred students who made up the largest Hopewell delegation ever also exchanged ideas during a small group swap shop.

Coming up on December 15 is Hopewell Hockey Night, an annual trip by Hopewell members to a Peoria Rivermen hockey game. The trip this year will be followed by a party at a local eating establishment. Finally, at the Spring Convention, Hopewell will celebrate its tenth anniversary by inviting its past presidents to return and see just how much their district has developed. The convention is March 21 at Illinois Central College. This is the fullest year yet for the Hopewell District, and our strength is continuing to grow!

Illinois Valley District

by Rachel DeGroot, Vice President
Jacksonville High School

This year's theme for the Illinois Valley District is "IVD: Your Link from School to State". Working to make this true is the

executive board for the IVD. The 1990-91 Executive Board members are: President — Amy Herdrich (St. Mary's Academy), Vice President — Rachel DeGroot (Jacksonville H.S.), Secretary — Amy Cannady (Quincy H.S.), and Treasurer — Sheila Nash (St. Mary's Academy). Area Chairpeople include: Area I — Gaylen Hackemac (Warsaw H.S.), Area II — Mickey Crist (Quincy H.S.), Area IV — Susan Moore (Jacksonville H.S.). Area III is currently unrepresented.

Planned for this year are the fall workshop, spring convention and numerous executive board meetings which are open to the member schools. There is an executive board meeting scheduled in January to discuss the district's constitution.

On November 8, 1990, Jacksonville High School student council hosted a fall workshop. One hundred eighty-eight students and 14 advisors attended, representing 13 of the district schools. Topics presented at the workshop were leadership skill building, parliamentary procedure, and the exchange of fund raising and student council activity ideas.

In mid-March, the Spring Convention will be hosted by St. Mary's Academy in Nauvoo. Elections, workshops, and plans for the upcoming state convention will take place at that time.

Kaskaskia

by Scott Allen, Workshop Secretary
Collinsville High School

Indeed 'tis that time of year when you the student council member, officer, or advisor hear from the districts, so it is my proud pleasure to present to you (drum roll) Kaskaskia 1990!

The Kaskaskia district is located just east of St. Louis, Missouri, and is made up of 67 schools. The executive board is made up of seven officers who are: President — Bryan Heinrich, Centralia High; Vice President — Carla Whitworth, Collinsville High; Secretary — Kim Vest, Carlyle High; Treasurer — Mark Massey, Edwardsville High; Convention Secretary — Dina Chapman, Red Bud High; Workshop Secretary — Scott Allen, Collinsville High; and Reporter Editor — Lori Aldrich, Carlyle High. These officers were invoked at the twenty-fifth annual KDSC Convention held at Alton High School on March 3, 1990. On September 27, the KDSC held its annual Leadership Training Workshop (LTW) in Collinsville. Under the direction of Scott Allen the LTW proved once again that leaders can be made from today's young adults. On November 7 the KDSC held a hospitality night at Dupo High School. Council members danced, ate, and played the human scavenger hunt game. The evening was enjoyed by all who attended and showed the executive board a few moves on the dance floor. Three days later, KDSC and the Little Egypt District came together for one of the first ever drive-in workshops held by the IASC at Centralia High School. Mr. Ed Phelps was the consultant for the day and packed the two day new representative workshop into a one day affair.

Upcoming events for the KDSC include the annual Consultant's Workshop on Saturday, January 26, 1991 at Collinsville High School. Slated for the speaking duties is Sara Brown from Jacksonville High School. Also on the agenda is the twenty-sixth annual KDSC Convention on Friday, March 1, 1990 at Red Bud High School. Until the IASC convention in May, "see ya on the path to leadership."

Kickapoo

by Matt Franklin, President
Kickapoo District

The executive board at the Kickapoo District Association of Student Councils is ready for a busy and productive year in student Council. We have started the year off on a very high note. Peter Alexander, a lawyer from Champaign, presented one of the best leadership workshops ever associated with the KDASC. He always gets the whole group involved with a hands-on project. This time he gave us the challenge of holding a caucus, choosing a figure without direct election. We divided our assembly into eleven different groups. The groups then chose a candidate they thought would make the best school board president. The groups would combine and keep choosing the best candidate until there were only 2 large groups left. Then the remaining 2 candidates held an open debate in front of the whole assembly. Finally, the assembly chose a school board president. It was one of the best workshops I've ever attended. The group learned to find the best leaders, help him gain support, and compromise with groups having differing ideas.

Little Egypt

by Cassie Phillips
LEDSC President

This Year the Little Egypt District of Student Councils (you know, the district way down south) has been active in many different ways.

We started the year off with our fall workshop, which was September 22. Our theme was group involvement on communicating to an administrative figure. We divided the students into 15 different groups of familiar school stereotypes. Each group argued its point on given topics to the district officers, who represented a school board. We also had a guest speaker who spoke on the right and wrong ways to deliver any type of speech.

Coming up in January, we are planning a winter mixer for our entire district. Our district convention will be held in March.

Here we will elect our officers. We also have discussion groups and a keynote speaker. On the social side, we have several displays of different DJ shows for the students to dance.

LEDSC is hoping the rest of the year will be terrific, and we are looking forward to the State Convention.

Prairie Eight District

by Wendy Tamblyn
PED President

This year promises to be very exciting for the Prairie Eight District. Our year started out with a bang with the most successful fall workshop we've ever had. We had the biggest turnout ever, and also launched our first membership drive. Although we didn't bring in nearly as many schools as hoped for, if continued in years to come our membership should rise greatly.

In the works now is our first ever winter retreat. This activity is designed to increase communication between our schools, and fill the gap between the fall workshop and Spring Convention. The winter retreat includes dancing, swimming, pizza, fun and much more. If successful, I hope it becomes another tradition of the Prairie Eight, and encourages other districts to begin an activity of this kind. Good luck this year!

The Great NCD

by Lynn Holliday, Vice President

Hola! I'm Lynn Holliday, the NCD Vice-President, and I would just like to tell you a little bit about the NCD! It's a GREAT district, with many fabulous things happening this year. On December 7 and 8, the NCD will be having their annual Winter Retreat. The theme focuses on "Success Without Stress!" We are bringing in two keynote speakers, Dr. Cooper and Kevin Cannon. Both these speakers will focus on how to deal with stress using humor. The four areas in the NCD also had great work-

shops this fall, along with a wonderful orientation held at Guilford High School. In the spring, we will be having our annual Spring Convention. It will be March 1 and 2 at the Rockford Inn. On behalf of the NCD, I wish you all a very fun and GREAT year!

Northeast District

by Ian Crockett
NED President

The Northeast District is off to another great start this year. With a number of activities in the planning, and a number of activities already completed, the newly elected executive board is trying to uphold the great tradition of this district.

On Saturday, February 24 last winter, the NED held its annual convention; where the current executive board was elected. The executive board for 1990-91 is as follows: Ian Crockett, President; Jenny Beaver, Vice President; Stephanie Benway, Secretary; Marci Castaneda, Treasurer; Stephanie Lewin, Newsletter Editor; and Bonnie Hladish, Convention Chairperson.

The school year kicked off with the first annual officers' workshop in September. This provided a chance for the local schools' executive boards to attend a workshop designed specifically for them. They got the chance to learn from other board members, as well as advisors, about their particular positions on student council.

As October rolled around, so did hospitality night. Our member schools got the opportunity to get to know other students from across the district. This was a great success.

In February '91, the district will be having its annual pre-convention preparation for the convention. The March Convention ends a long year for the NED and begins a new and exciting one.



The Northwest District

by Mark Diaz, Vice President
Northwest District

Hi, my name is Mark Diaz, and I am the Vice President of the Northwest District. We have been working very hard so far to get prepared for the 1990-1991 year.

Our first priority of the year was the District Workshop on November 13, 1990. This workshop was a great learning experience and also fun. There were various discussion groups such as getting involved, advisors committee, how to run a committee, parliamentary procedure point systems, elections, dances, lip sync, fund raisers, and how to be a good officer. It is our opinion that it was a great workshop.

Our next priority is the Junior High Workshop which will be held January 23, 1991. This workshop will be the second of its kind in our district. It was very successful last year and we hope to make it even better this year. We have many discussion groups on various topics. We also have activities to get everyone involved in the day's events. This seems to be a new workshop that will last for a long time. We have many goals set for this year and I believe they will be successfully completed.



NEW REP WORKSHOP

by Michele Keown, Sullivan High School

"New Representative Workshop Applications Are Here!" That little announcement at our regular council meeting "sealed my fate"! Football season was over, basketball season was about to begin, and I needed a welcome break. Besides, the workshop looked like it could be fun as well as being informative.

But, after talking about the workshop at the East Bay Camp with some other council members, I was starting to feel skeptical — Is the food really that bad? Can campers actually blow a fuse by using the electrical outlets in adjacent rooms simultaneously? And, what was meant by East Bay being "rustic"?

In reality, the workshop wasn't bad at all. I learned more about council procedures and my responsibilities as an individual in student council. Campers compared

council experiences in small rural schools with those in large urban schools, and we found many similarities in kids, procedures, and results. I also met a lot of people who made the event even more interesting. The games of pool (with three cue balls and a red eight ball), the ping-pong matches (with a decapitated ping-pong ball), the tin-can soccer games, and the small group sessions gave me a chance to meet many of the participants at East Bay, some of whom I will see again at the state convention.

Despite the cold food, the mice stories, the paper-thin walls, and the "rustic" atmosphere, it was definitely a well spent weekend, and I'm sure many others will agree. And, even though we enjoyed the workshop, all of us will probably tell our fair share of "tall tales" about East Bay to next year's crop of "fresh recruits."

Who Should Attend a Weekend Workshop Anyway? (...Why Not You?)

Are you someone who would like to be more involved in your student council? Are you willing to learn more about leadership and how a student council works? If you answer "yes" to both of these questions, then you are exactly the type of person who should attend an IASC weekend workshop!

The first step is signing up. Ask your advisor for a IASC weekend workshop application. Decide which weekend is good for you and submit your completed application. When your application has been accepted you'll be ready to go. Prepare to learn! At first it may seem frightening in a room full of unfamiliar faces, but by the end of the night that will change. In group

discussions be sure to listen to others and do not hesitate to ask questions or contribute ideas. After all, this is the only way to learn.

After 24 hours of in-house leadership training, go back to your own council and shine! Share what you have learned with others. Continue to be more active in your council. Who knows? You may be on your way to becoming the next president of your council, a district officer or even an IASC officer.

In the end, remember this: The first step to your leadership success is that first IASC weekend workshop. What are you waiting for? Sign up today!

Running for a State Office

by Kim Stash

Imagine yourself sitting in a room full of strangers. It's the moment you've been waiting for all your life. You clench on to the hand of a friend sitting next to you as you hear someone announce your name as a new state officer of the IASC. Your heart leaps a mile, for you've finally reached your dream.

If this sounds good to you, then it's time to let your leadership shine! It's time to run for a state office! The question is ...will you dare to take the chance? As you search inside yourself for the answer to this question, please remember this, "It is difficult to say what is impossible. For the dream of yesterday is the hope of today, and the reality of tomorrow." So what are you waiting for?

GO FOR IT!!

A Word of Thanks from the Second Vice-President

Thank you applicants! All of the Honor Delegate applications that I received were excellent to say the least. I wish that I could accept all of them! I'd like to congratulate all who applied for doing such a wonderful job on their applications. I'd also like to extend a special thanks to all who Federal Expressed, went out of the way to hand deliver, tried to fax, etc., etc., in order to meet the deadline. Your persistence and dedication is much appreciated. I know that some of you are going crazy right now, waiting to see who was accepted. I'll let you know by January! Please remember that the Honor Delegate Workshop is April 6, 1991. Good luck to all of you — remember, I wish all could be accepted, but space at the convention will not allow for this. I hope that those who did not quite do it this year remember to keep on chuggin' and to reapply in '91. You'll all be hearing from me soon!

HONOR COUNCIL: Save Those Scraps!

by Robyn Phelps

Have you ever looked for a good way to improve your student council on the local, district, state and national levels? Well, that is the precise purpose of the IASC Honor Council program.

In this program, a student council collects evidence of everything it does for a year. This evidence is pieced together to form a book which is graded at either the honor delegate workshop or the IASC State Convention.

How, you ask, does a council know what kind of "evidence" to put in the book? Simple. Every student council in the state of Illinois received what is called a scorecard, which lists all the different kinds of evidence that will be counted when a book is graded. This scorecard will force a council to do things that maybe it has never done before in order to collect evidence.

This year, the honor council program has changed considerably. Many new sections have been added to the scorecard, and many old ones have been changed. Also, all evidence must be dated between March 31, 1990 and February 28, 1991. These changes have been made so that smaller schools which may not actively participate on the state and national levels, but are very active within their own schools, can receive enough points to earn a plaque. As always, 110 points are required to attain a plaque, and a book receiving under 110 points will receive a certificate. A complete list of these changes has been sent to all IHSA schools. Please be sure to read this carefully!

If you are not sure if a piece of evidence is sufficient or not, get in touch with me. As last year, if I approve your piece of

evidence, your book is assured of those points. I will record my replies to all inquiries regarding evidence, and therefore the honor council committee will be required to give a book the points for evidence that I okayed. So, if you have a question, use this system to your advantage, and let me know.

This program may sound complicated, but it really is not, if one makes sure to read all of the guidelines and pays attention to the changes. I would encourage each school, no matter how big or small, to submit a book. Remember, the important thing is not to receive a plaque, and honor council is not a competition! The program was designed to help a council improve itself and show the state what it has done. So, if you've never submitted a book before, and even if you have, start now!

Well, how do you start a book, you ask? It's very simple. First, choose either one person or a committee of people to be in charge of putting your council's book together. Then, fill out the application that was sent to your school and return it to me, Robyn Phelps. I will then send you all the information you need to start on your book. In the meantime, be sure to read over the scorecard, changes, and guidelines. Then, go collect your evidence!

If you need a scorecard or a list of changes, don't hesitate to write me. I will be more than happy to help you. Remember, if you have any questions about evidence, no matter how minute, just let me know.

Until I hear from you, good luck, and I'll be looking forward to seeing your completed honor council book!



The "Issue" of the Issue

by Susie Morris
IASC Reporter Editor

Welcome to another **Issue of the Issue** column! In this column you express *your* view as a student council member. While attending district and state functions, I have been distributing surveys on student council issues. These surveys not only allow you to express your views as leaders but they will allow you to get some insights from other Illinois leaders as well.

This issue's survey deals with funding for student council. More and more student councils are in jeopardy due to lack of funding. As student council members, we are having to find more ways to come up with those funds that our schools are unable to provide. The purpose of this survey is to find out how different student councils fund their projects and sources for money.

This survey was distributed at the Hopewell, Cenois, and IASC East Bay Camp Workshop. Two hundred and twenty-three responded.

These are the results of this survey:

1. Where does your council receive most of its income?

- a. from school9%
- b. from fund raisers90%
- c. from local clubs/charities .1%
- d. from private sources0%

2. How would you rate your student council's financial situation?

- a. excellent22%
- b. good60%
- c. fair16%
- d. poor2%

3. Does your council receive any financial assistance from your school?

- a. yes32%
- b. no68%

4. If you answered "yes" to #3, how much?

- a. more than 50%8%
- b. between 15 to 40%42%
- c. less than 15%50%

5. Does your student council hold a major fund raiser?

- a. yes69%
- b. no31%

6. If "yes" to #5, how many fund raisers does your council sponsor a year?

- a. 10-203%
- b. 5-1017%
- c. 1-580%

7. What is the most successful fund raiser that your council sponsors?

- "Holding a Christmas wreath sale"
- "Sponsoring a Rec-Nite where all clubs join in one night of games and a dance"
- "Candy gram sales - sell messages to send to people that are redeemed for candy"
- "Maintaining paper, pencil and pen machines with the school colors on them"
- "Sponsoring a fruit juice machine in the cafeteria"
- "Put in a school pop (or soda) machine"
- "Lick 'em Raiders' - Blo-pops or Jolly Ranchers sold each Friday (which is usually a game day) for 25 cents"
- "Selling posters of all styles through the Argus Company"

The results show that councils are having to work harder and harder to earn money for funding projects. Soliciting funds is probably one of the most difficult tasks that we, as council members, face. But, in the end, the hard work pays off, for student council helps to finance one of the greatest investments of all the leaders of tomorrow.

THE DISTRICT DATELINE

JANUARY

- 20 Kickapoo District Winter Retreat
- 31 Kaskaskia District Consultants Workshop

FEBRUARY

- 16 CDSCA Honor Delegate Workshop
- 19 Blackhawk District Hospitality Night

MARCH

- 1 Kaskaskia District Convention
- 2-3 North Central District Spring Convention
- 6 Cenois District Convention
- 8 CDSCA Convention
- 9 North East District Convention
- 20 North West District Spring Convention
- 21 Hopewell District Spring Convention

APRIL

- 13 CDSCA Spring Fling
- 20 Northwest District Initiatives Course

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:

I would like to thank all of the students who applied for the Honor Delegate positions of Hall of Ideas, project schools and service projects. Also a **BIG** thanks to all the districts who returned their District Display Application on time. You guys are the **Best!** I'm looking forward to working with all of you! Best of luck.

Kim Stash

The IASC Heads Out East

Mark your calendars for June of 1991, freshmen, sophomores, and juniors because the 55th NASC National Conference is in Charleston, South Carolina. The IASC needs you to represent one of the greatest student council organizations in the nation. Tentative plans include sightseeing trips to the Music Hall of Fame, the Hermitage, a dinner cruise on the Spirit of Washington, a guided bus tour at the Gettysburg battlefield and a trip to Mt. Vernon. This year's trip, including the registration fee of \$190.00 for the conference, will cost around \$725.00 (which includes transportation, hotel fees and admission to attractions). Preliminary registration forms will be sent out with the advisors' newsletter in December so be sure to ask your advisor about them.

If you are interested in leading a discussion group while at the convention, contact Hank Clark for more information. Each state is assured at least one presenter but may submit more than one application for consideration. One requirement is that no presenter may be a high school graduate.

For more information contact:
Hank Clark
Waukegan East High School
1011 Washington Street
Waukegan, IL 60085
(708) 360-5500

The first 40 applicants will fill the bus so do not hesitate to send the application in as soon as possible!

The tentative schedule is as follows:

Monday, June 17	Depart
Tuesday, June 18	Tour Nashville
Wednesday, June 19	Depart for Charleston, S.C.
Thursday, June 20	Tour Charleston
June 21-24	Nat'l Conference Conway, S.C.
Tuesday, June 25	Depart for Williamsburg, Va.
Wednesday, June 26	Tour Williamsburg; depart for Washington D.C.
June 27-30	Washington D.C.
Sunday, June 30 in p.m.	depart for home
Monday, July 1	Arrive Chicago a.m.

Operation Desert Shield

by Karen Hostetler
Eastern District
Paris High School

Our local national guard was called into action about three weeks ago. Many of our fathers, mothers, brothers, and sisters left as members of the 1544th. In order to show our support, the student council arranged for the students to get out of school one hour early to help tie the town up in yellow bows.

In forty-five minutes our whole town was bedecked with yellow bows. Approximately 500 students and faculty members helped tie the bows. The guardsmen loved it.

Our men are now in Saudi Arabia, but our yellow bows are still in their places. They have faded a little, but they will remain until our men and women return safely to us.

The council's next project is to help with the taping of a Christmas videotape to be sent to the guard in Saudi Arabia. Families of the members of the guard will record messages to their loved ones. Organizations as well as the band, swing choir, and chorus are also going to include short messages.

We can't be with our men and women for Christmas, but this is the next best thing. Messages of our love and prayers will be brought out in this tape.

If any council is interested in the above projects and would like more information about the, contact: Mrs. Carla Cochrane, Paris High School, (217) 466-1175, ext. 316.



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM YOUR IASC
EXECUTIVE BOARD!**

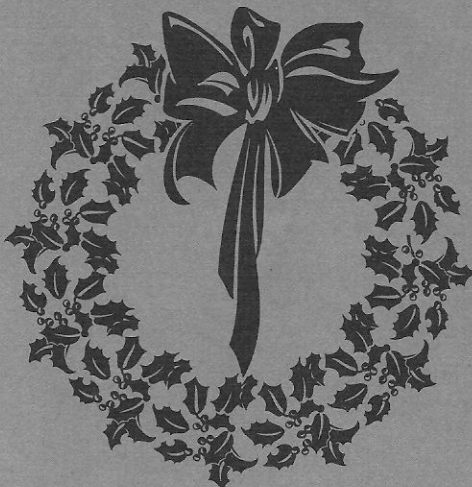
Constitutional Amendments and Resolutions

It's that time again...time to dig up that IASC Constitution. With state convention coming up, it is time for your school's student council to review the IASC Constitution. Please review the Constitution in terms of ensuring that it best serve the purpose for which it was intended — only in today's world.

Article XII, Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the IASC Constitution state the procedure for suggested revisions. In summary, it says that amendments must be submitted in writing to the IASC President before February 1. These amendments may only be submitted by IASC member schools and the Constitutional Convention. They shall be acted upon at the next IASC Convention. Amendments must be passed by a vote of 2/3 of the member schools present at the business session and by-laws may be amended by a simple majority. Also, keep in mind that resolutions are a means by which member schools give direction to the IASC board.

If you have any revisions or amendments, please submit them, typed, to Brain Holtz. Please be specific! State both the article and section. Also explain your rationale for the proposed amendments. All amendments should be sent before February 1to:

Brian Holtz, IASC President
46 Heather Court
Geneseo, IL 61254



APPLICATION FOR 1990-1991 HONOR COUNCIL

School Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Advisor Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Chairman Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Mail to:

Robyn Phelps
IASC Secretary
1 Meierwood Drive
Edwardsville, IL 62025

Congratulations...

...to Darin Henderson from Geneseo High School for being selected to represent Illinois in running for Region V Representative. The IASC Executive Board wishes him the best of luck and will be cheering him on at the Region V Conference.

THE REPORTER

The Reporter is the official publication of the Illinois Association of Student Councils, printed quarterly by Minuteman Press in Peoria, Illinois. The Reporter encourages sharing or exchanging of ideas and information. For more information regarding this newsletter, please contact:

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IASC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2-4 IASC State Convention - Bismarck Hotel, Chicago

MAY

6 IASC Honor Delegate Workshop

APRIL

Watch for March Issue of Reporter

15 Deadline for Convention issue of the Reporter

9-10 IASC New Representative Workshop #3 (Soph/Jr/Sr)
East Bay Camp - Bloomington, IL.

MARCH

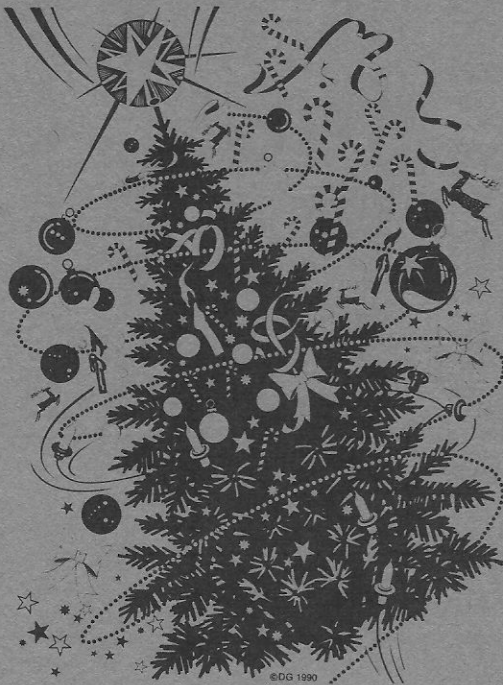
1 Deadline for all Constitutional amendments/resolutions
2-3 IASC Advanced Workshop #2 (Millikin Alumni only)
Allerton House - Monticello, IL.
7 Deadline for March Reporter Issue Articles
15-17 Region V Conference

FEBRUARY

19-20 IASC Advanced Workshop #1 (Millikin Alumni only)
Allerton House - Monticello, IL.

JANUARY

**PEKIN COMMUNITY HIGH
SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL**
East Bluff, Pekin, Illinois 61554



Attention Student Council!