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We Advanced at Allerton!

Lorri Swanson Rantoul Township H.S.

A winding road led us through an enchanted forest to a majestic mansion. Expectations were high as I entered the line for registration. I had been to Millikin, State, and other District Events, but life goes on and letters to friends from camp were seldom.

My roommates were great. Right away a couple of us walked around and got to know each other. It is a great feeling to make new friends. My small group related like nothing I've experienced. The more I discovered about these people, the more I discovered about myself. In the library, surrounded by books, I realized the most important knowledge was what I could learn about myself. Watching a movie about a handicapped man named Leo, I understood the influence I had as a leader to affect others lives. Returning to the small groups, my guard was down and I could feel a bond being created among us that would never be broken. We played a game where each of us answered questions such as, "What animal would you be?" I learned Marty Moose could sing though his nose. Old friends from camp I saw in a new light. I saw myself in people I had never met. If I do not see these people again I will be sad, but the lessons thy have taught me will remain forever. My goal when I return home is to be aware of the feelings of the people around me.

Haneef Omar Guilford High School

As the white thread separates from the black canvas of night, it is January 27th and we are going to Allerton. Driving three hours south after 6 inches of snow in a van full of loud kids to sit in a chair for two days to listen to some guy talk about things I heard last year then go to bed at 10:30 on a Saturday night only to get home late for the super Bowl. You got to be kidding me! People actually pay money to go to this?!

Yea, I did and it was worth every penny of it because its not the workshop that makes Advanced great its the people. My school paid for me to hang out with some of the coolest kids in the state of Illinois for two days at the most beautiful Mansion this side of the Mississippi, and we still got back in time for the Super Bowl. Imagine meeting the author who delivered Tony LaRussa's baby, two kids going to Harvard, a man that's seen the world from Australia to France, football studs, good 'ole boys from down south, a junior with his own computer company,



Students participating at a general session at Advanced Workshop third weekend of January.

one hot cheerleader and the future first woman president of the United States of America. Good company, huh?

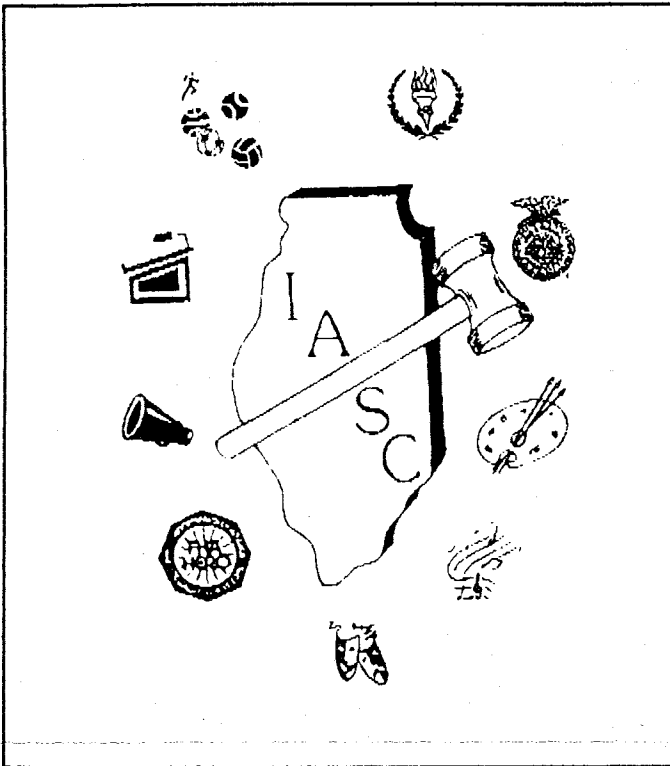
Advanced is a workshop where all these wonderful people analyze themselves and work to understand society to help them become the strongest leaders of tomorrow.



Students at Advanced Workshop last weekend in January are waiting to be put into groups.

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I.A.S.C. Convention '96



JAIME'S JABBER



Jaime Brandel

During this time of the year I am reminded of great leaders like Lincoln, Washington, and King. Compared to theirs, my efforts toward improvement seem microscopic. Then a little voice pops into my head and says "All people who contribute to positive progression start somewhere small." I smile and continue on with my day, remembering that there is a chance

for everyone, including me, to make *some* type of difference in other people's lives.

All of us are in the midst of learning. Our whole lives consist of one lesson after another. We realize that we are not immortal; we figure out that no matter how much we wish we could, we can not make our world perfect. But, we do have daily chances to help people with their struggles, be polite to store clerks, and generously donate our time and wealth to those in need.

We train ourselves for the day we will be given the opportunity of a lifetime. Sometimes we doubt that moment will come. Then that voice jumps out again and recites a few famous words of Abraham Lincoln; "I will prepare and someday my chance will come."

Wow! Can you believe how fast the year has gone by so far? Even more, can you believe that the IASC State Convention is less than three months away? Well, many of you have already found out if you have been accepted as a delegate to the convention. If you did get accepted, congratulations! If you did not get accepted, thank you for your effort and I hope you try again next year.



Linda Thompson

As far as convention goes, it will take place May 2-4, 1996 at the Bismarck Hotel in downtown Chicago. The convention, Leadership is Involvement, Involvement is Leadership, will start off with a spectacular Opening Ceremony taking place on Thursday shortly after you should arrive. Candidate's speeches and the "Meet the Candidates Forum" will also take place then. Thursday evening after all the "business" is taken care of, a dance will be held in the Grand Hall until curfew. Friday will consist of the exciting business meeting and the candidate voting during the General Sessions. The highlight of the evening is the Banquet where the announcement and introduction of the 1996-1997 IASC State Board will take place. Following the banquet, a D.J. will be playing in the Grand Hall all night long. Just kidding!!! The D.J. will only play until curfew. Sorry!! On Saturday morning, the last General Session will take place and will feature a great demonstration by Camfel Productions. IASC t-shirts, boxer shorts, and tattoos will be sold throughout the convention and there will be raffles at all the General Sessions to guarantee lots of fun and fabulous prizes.

Registration materials should have arrived at your school in mid-February. Please get these filled out and mailed back to me at my school as soon as possible. Try to double check your check amounts with the amount you owe to ensure quick processing of your registration. If you have any questions or if you don't receive any materials, please feel free to contact my advisor or me and we will do the best we can to help you out.

Don't miss the highlight of the Student Council year. Send your registration forms in and all you have to do is show up at the Bismarck Hotel on May 2, 1996. We'll take care of the rest!

Memo from Manisha



Manisha Shetty

Second semester is finally here, and the excitement builds as we head towards the District Spring Conventions and the State

Convention in May. We have many exciting things planned for the State Convention this year. The speaker will be Michael Lee with his seeing eye dog Miguel, an inspiring and touching man who has overcome adversity and loves to talk with teenagers.

I also want to remind you about the theme of community service at the convention this year. I'm still welcoming any reports from schools about canned for drives or money raised for charity. The IASC tattoos are great and hopefully will raise lots of money, which we will donate to charity. All of the districts are encouraged to start creative community service products, and they will be recognized at the State Convention.

Other than that, my advice is to keep truckin' with a smile on your face. For those of us who are second semester seniors, we can relax! The rest of you can look forward to this blissful time. But always remember to challenge yourself. An unknown poet once wrote,

The Italians once said that it is not enough to aim, you must hit. Once we aim for a goal we must work our hardest to achieve it. I wish you all the best in making your dreams a reality.

Honor Delegate Update

If you have not received anything regarding your Honor Delegate application or cannot accept your Honor Delegate position, PLEASE CONTACT ME IMMEDIATELY!

If you have any questions about what you are supposed to do as an Honor Delegate, what you should have done but didn't and need to fix now as an Honor Delegate, what lowered your points on the Honor Delegate application, what to do when you want to make a cake and have no eggs, etc., please call me at (847)202-0827.

(NOTE: my area code has been changed from 708 to 847, just to make things difficult. Wheeeee!) I'm not phone-shy anymore, honest. So give me a yodel with whatever festering burden of angst on your worn shoulders, and I'll help you chuck it to the proverbial wayside. The State Board merely facilitates all of this craziness. The success of the '96 IASC Convention depends on you. Think about your mental and clerical preparations for the '96 Convention. *Why did I apply for a Honor Delegate position? Why did I choose that committee? Why will other student council kiddies want to hear my discussion group? Why wasn't I picked as an Honor Delegate? Why did the IASC accept me and bestow this responsibility on me? Why does the IASC do this or that?* Dearies, ask yourself these and other crucial why's, and investigate the answers. Don't throw up your hands and go "Pbbbbbb...don't know. Me take remote and pork chop." Go for the intellectual self-knowledge thing; fix the weak spots; enter Convention '96 with the right answers, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. Remember: All Credentials Committee, Honor Council Committee and DGL's are **REQUIRED** to attend the Honor Delegate Workshop, March 16, 1996, 10:00am-3:00pm at El Paso H.S. The Resolutions Committee also is invited to attend the workshop on an **OPTIONAL** basis. Difficulties? See above.



Kelly Tsai

FROM ROBIN'S NEST

Hello boys and girls. It's time for another Honor Council Update. Currently I have received about 50 Honor Council applications. If you have not already applied, but want to please contact me.

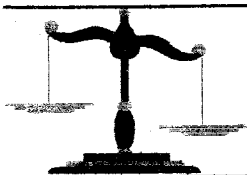
As you may already know the Honor Council Program is very beneficial. This program is offered to all IASC member schools. In order to complete the program, an Honor Council Book must be compiled much like a scrapbook and submitted to a committee at the State Convention.

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

Good luck compiling your books and give me a call with any question. Thanks!



Robin Chidester



DISTRICT

BLACKHAWK

Sara Rutledge-Pres.

The Blackhawk District is excited to report that the year is going great! We have not only increased the involvement of Blackhawk member schools. The Blackhawk District executive board has been working extra hard to let every school in the BASC know just what our district is about, and how much fun we are having!

We kicked off this year's events with our annual BASC Fall Workshop. Attendance was doubled from last year! The Fall Workshop was given the theme "Fall Into Involvement," by the host, J.D. Darnall High School, Geneseo. After ice-breakers and Subway sandwiches, an enjoyable address was given and playing some energizing games.

Upcoming events for the BASC are: Hospitality Night, hosted by Monmouth-Warren High School, and the Spring Convention, held at the Milan Community Center and hosted by J.D. Darnall High School, Geneseo. Hospitality night, January 31, 1996, was a night to make some new BASC friends! The evening was fairly relaxed with games and food. We ended the night with a farewell dance! The BASC Spring Convention, March 7, 1996, has been named, "Target: Involvement." Elections for the 1996-1997 officers will be held, as well as a lot of fun activities! Have a great second semester and hope to see every one soon!

Illinois Valley

Mike Vahle-Pres.

The Illinois Valley District kicked this year off in a good fashion with its annual Fall Workshop. Molly Traw (IVD Vice-President) and Bluffs High School hosted the November 9 workshop which followed the district's theme, "Educate, Participate, Let's Communicate."

The IVD executive board has been busy with the annual can drive in which district schools compete against each other. This tradition was started last year and we have had even better results this year.

A new tradition the district has followed through with is the annual ski trip. About 50 IVD members journeyed to the Quad Cities for a weekend of skiing and fun Jan. 27 & 28. Everyone had a great time and many are planning to go again next year.

April 1 is the date of our Spring Convention. The convention will offer break-out sessions, a key-note speaker, and new officers will be elected. The convention will be held at the Quincy University Student Union and it promises to be a good one.

NORTH CENTRAL

Ruben Hood

Hello, there in IASC land! This is Ruben T. Hood reporting for the NCD this year and OH!, what a year it has been!

This year was kicked off in September with me hosting the NCD New Member Orientation where the NCD

previewed up-coming evens, introduced it's officers, and supplied general district and council information. This year's featured speakers were IASC Treasurer Mike Abate and NCD Secretary Haneef Omar, who gave a very informative seminar on parliamentary procedure.

Next on the NCD's calendar were the Area Workshops in November. Area I Representative Ben Christensen, Area II Representative Michelle Gabris, Area III Representative Deb Schober, and Area IV Representative Mya Wilke; all held successful workshops with great turnouts.

Then, NCD Vice-President Fadia Akrabawi took the reigns in December, and hosted this year's Winter Retreat, titled "Coming Together." With the help of DeKalb High School, Fadia held one of the most successful and most fun retreats in the last four years. Her key-note speaker, Gary Maurer, was sensational.

After Winter Retreat, I hosted the annual NCD President's Leadership Workshop at DeKalb High School in January. The topic was "Communications Breakdown." Although there was a small communication barrier with the guest speaker, there was a turnout of about 70 people and a good time was had by all.

Right now, Area IV Rep. Mya Wilke and the NCD board are working to put together a community service project, sometime between March and May, with Habitat for Humanity.

Coming up in March is the second NCD sponsored overnight the annual Spring Convention. This year's convention will be taking place on March 1 & 2 at the Clocktower Resort in Rockford. NCD Convention Secretary Julianna Durst and Guilford High School are working hard and are putting the finishing touches on the Convention as we speak. At our convention, we will be scoring our honor council books, amending our constitution, having a dance, and, oh yeah, electing a new Executive board. We're expecting a great turnout!

That's about it in NCD land.

SPOTLIGHT

NORTH EAST

Terrance Moore-Pres.

The past year has been a year of expansion for the North East District. The enthusiasm shown by the executive board and the delegates of the member schools has been wonderful.

The first event of the year was the new officer/new advisor, on September 26th. This workshop gave officers and advisors newly elected at their particular high schools a chance to communicate with each other. Brian Becker, a local speaker and President of Leaders Edge, Inc., presented on leadership and its effect on people. This workshop was a huge success, many delegates wrote letters following the workshop telling me how much they enjoyed the evenings activities.

Our second gathering of the year was a hospitality night. The evening's purpose was simply to get member schools together under one roof for a little food, folks, and fun.

This particular hospitality night hosted and held at Schaumburg High School featured the theme "Monster Mash." Many delegates dressed up in "spooky" attire. The evenings highlights were a scavenger hunt and Kareoke.

The district's annual fall workshop was held on November 9, 1995, the theme for the workshop was "Communication." The workshop was a success and had an overall attendance of over 200 delegates.

Pre-Convention was held on February 21, 1996 and featured the theme "Olympic Trials" to coincide with the '96 NED Convention "Go for the Gold" which will be held at Waukegan High School on Monday, March 4th.

This year's convention will feature discussion groups run by students on topics that interest all student council members. The election of New NED officers for the 96-97 school year will also take place. The convention will also feature a food drive; each delegate attending the convention is asked to bring at least 2 cans in support of the Nationwide food drive sponsored by Clatskanie High school in Oregon.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the success of this year's events and good luck to next year's board.

In the last issue of *The Reporter* there were 6 districts in the district spotlight. The other 7 were scheduled to be in this issue but due to certain circumstances only these 4 were available. I ask that you please keep up with your district so that you know what is being planned and events coming in the future.

ROUTING SLIP

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

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- Vice-President
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- Treasurer
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- Sophomore Class Reps.
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1996: THE YEAR OF THE MEMBER



Mike Abate

Over the past years, the IASC and its respective districts have witnessed an overall decline in membership. Many schools have objected to the seemingly "high" cost of membership. In order to solve this problem, the IASC Executive board approved a proposal at the September meeting designed to reverse this alarming trend: they cut the cost of membership in half for those schools who have not been members in the past three years. So far, the results of this offer seem optimistic.

To date, the IASC has added 24 new member schools to its roster. The first of three recruitment mailings, sent in September, has already drawn 223 responses. The second mailing is planned for late February.

Membership recruitment is an important part of the IASC's "Vision '96" and IASC 2000 goals. If we want the IASC to grow and improve, we must constantly add members, please encourage them to join. Feel free to contact me, or any of the other state board members with any questions about how you can help our organization grow. I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming convention.

NASC Trip

This year the NASC (National Association of Student Councils) will hold its 60th Annual Conference in Fort Meade, Florida. As some of you may know, the Illinois delegation takes a road trip before going to the Conference. The trip will consist of stopping in Kentucky to see an outdoor drama, in Atlanta, Ga. to see where the Olympics will be held, at Epcot Center near Disneyland, at Cape Canaveral, at one of the beaches on the Atlantic coast and then to the Conference. Sounds like a full, fun-filled schedule!

The cost of attending all of this is \$750.00 and that includes the \$215.00 registration fee. For more information on costs, please contact:

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The trip will be leaving on Sunday, June 16th and returning by Saturday, June 29th. On the facing page you will find a registration form. Please fill it out and send it to the address above by March 15th. Space is limited so send it in ASAP!

Letter from the Editor



Cori Franz

Hello again! I hope you all are having a good year so far! Well, this is the third *Reporter* and this has been one of the easiest to put together. I guess that old saying of "Third time's a charm" holds true to some things.

To let you know what I have been doing lately, I will have attended 4 district conventions by the end of March including my own at which I held a discussion group. I also attended Advanced Workshop the last weekend of January.

I would like to thank everyone who wrote me an article! I was so excited that I had to choose from 4 very good articles. I am sorry only two made it, but they were all very well written. Thank you!

Most of you know that the State Convention is coming up and I hope to see all of you there. I am very excited about what is planned for all of you there. I am sure all of you will have a good time.

Something that I would like to share with all of you that I have learned in the past year is how much one person can touch your life and change your view of the world and how easily that person can pass through your life without realizing what they have done. You never know when one of those people will come along or who they will be. After all it may be you. All of the people I have met this year has touched my life in a different way and they have shown me a different side of myself that I never knew existed. I have learned more than I ever expected! Thanks! You did it without even knowing it. I can only hope I have touched a few lives along the way myself. All of this has been a lot of work, but if given a chance I would do it all over again with few changes. Anyone considering it, DO IT!! You will never have another chance like this!

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Calendar of Events

March 16, 1996

Honor Delegate Workshop, El Paso High School; El Paso, IL.

March-April, 1996

District Conventions; for more information check with your district.

April 19-21, 1996

Area Conference, hosted by Wheeling High School; at the Arlington Hilton

May 2-4, 1996

IASC State Convention, Bismarck Hotel, hosted by Clifton Central High School; Chicago, IL.