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**Illinois Association of Student Councils** 

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## Students Learn About Government at I.C.E.

During the week of March 23 - 28 students from all parts of the state participated in the Illinois Citizenship Experience sponsored by District 214 and the IASC.

The students arrived on Sunday, March 23, with registration from 1-5 in the lobby of the Holiday Inn East in Springfield, where they were housed for the week. Sunday evening the students listened to David Elder, a lobbyist, who spoke on the power in Springfield. Later that evening there was a reception for all the delegates.

During the week the delegates were kept busy from 6:45 a.m. until 11:30 at night listening to speakers, touring many agencies, and seeing many government officials. During their free time many of the delegates went swimming, played pinball, or reviewed material for the next day's activities.

On Monday delegates heard Mr. Julian D'Esposito, Chief of Staff for Governor Thompson, speak on the role of government. Later on in the day the delegates heard Mr. James Galloway speak about the responsibilities of the State Board of Education. Monday afternoon the delegates took an interesting tour of Governor Thompson's mansion and the State Armory.

During each day there were discussion groups so that delegates could ask questions, comment on speakers, and get to know one another better.

Tuesday brought Steve Schickel from W.G.N. who spoke on the news media and its impact. Other speakers the delegates heard during the week were Roland Burris, the State Comptroller; State Representatives Eugena Chapman and David Totten; Senator David

Regner and Joseph Goldenhersh, Supreme Court Justice who spoke on the Supreme Court's functions and qualifications of a judge.

Thursday evening Lieutenant Governor Dave O'Neal spoke at the banquet about the role of the Lieutenant Governor and on his campaign for the Senate. Late Thursday evening the delegates enjoyed themselves by dancing.

Friday morning brought many exhausted faces to breakfast as the week came to an end. All of the delegates left Springfield feeling that the program was fun, interesting, and informative.

All of the delegates wish to thank Mr. Richard Cherico, Mr. Ed Phelps, Mr. Jim Wittington, and Ms. Sandy Reberman for providing an exciting week.



### **Routing Slip**

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

\_\_Council President \_\_Council Vice-President

\_Council Secretary .Council Treasurer

\_\_\_Committee Chairperson

\_\_\_Committee Chairperson \_\_\_Senior Class Reps.

\_\_Senior Class Reps. \_\_Junior Class Reps.

\_Sophomore Class Reps. \_Freshman Class Reps.

Other

\_Other

\_\_\_\_Post on council bulletin board \_\_\_\_School Library

#### **Motions**

### Illinois Association of Student Councils **Executive Board Meeting**

February 23, 24, 1980

- 1. Janet Goodwin moved to accept two new Project School Chairmen: Craig Doubet from Waukegan-East with "Battle of the Bands"; Andy Schmitt of Monticello High School with "Are You Taking Advantage of Us." Jeri Henderson seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- 2. Jeri Henderson moved to approve the changes and additions in the committee assignments. Hazel Lindsley seconded. Motion passed.
- 3. Bill Worth moved to accept Jeri's proposal for a discussion group leader's seminar at Materials Workshop. The motion was properly seconded by Karen Welch. Motion passed.
- 4. Mr. Phelps moved that the executive board send a convention program with the appropriate remarks to the principals and superintendents of each board member school. The motion indicated that this should be included in the executive secretary's duties, Part II, secition U of the

Policies and Procedures Handbook. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bill Worth. Motion passed. Policy change.

- 5. Janet Goodwin moved to accept Alan Edstrom's Convention Secretary's Report. The motion was seconded by Jeri Henderson. Motion passed.
- 6. Jim Hindelang moved that the executive board of another state may send delegates (no more than three) when accompanied by an advisor and that their fees would be waived. The motion was seconded by Karen Welch. Motion passed.
- 7. Jim Hindelang moved that a penalty fee for non-district registration while attending the state convention be raised to \$15.00. Alan Edstrom seconded. The motion passed.
- 8. Alan Edstrom moved that the IASC Executive Board adopt a policy of the following nomination statement. High School nominates

\_ for the office of \_ Jeff Hawkins seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- 9. Mr. Phelps moved that the board go into executive session. Father Bob seconded. The motion passed.
- 10. Jim Hindelang moved to approve the Credential Committee's report as amended. Jeff Hawkins seconded. Motion passed.
- 11. Janet Goodwin moved to accept the April 1 to March 31 time span for the Honor Council Scrapbook, Alan Edstrom seconded. Motion passed.
- 12. Mr. Phelps moved to add Kathy Voges, Redbud High School, in place of Kelly Greene to the list of Discussion Group Leaders. Kathy would be discussing fund raising, while Lynn Schneider discusses the Honor Council topic. Karen Welch seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### Workshop Programs 1980 - 81

Soph/Jr./Sr New Representative Sept. 20 - 21, '80 Workshop Deadline September 10

> Jr./Sr. New Representative Workshop Deadline October 15

Advisers Workshop Deadline October 22

Jr/Sr. New Representative Workshop Deadline November 5

Frosh/Soph Workshop Deadline November 12

Frosh/Soph Workshop Deadline December 1

Advanced Workshop Deadline Feb. 4

Advanced Workshop Deadline Feb. 11

Conference on Student Views Deadline Feb. 25

Materials Workshop Deadline Apr. 1

Center, Giant City State Park, (South of Carbondale, II) Rockford College,

Touch of Nature Environmental

Rockford, II

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Lake Williamson Christian Center Carlinville, II

Rockford College. Rockford, II

East Bay Camp, Pilcher Hall.

Lake Bloomington, Bloomington, II

Allerton House, Allerton Park, Monticello, Il

Rockford College, Rockford, II

East Bay Camp, Pilcher Hall,

Lake Bloomington, Bloomington, II

East Bay Camp,

Lake Bloomington, Bloomington, II

Pick-Congress Hotel, Chicago, II

Oct. 25 - 26, '80

Nov. 1

Nov. 15 - 16, '80

Nov. 22 - 23, '80

Dec. 6 - 7, '80

Feb. 14 - 15, '81

Feb. 21 - 22, '81

Mar. 7 - 8, '81

Apr 11 - 12, '81

May 7-8-9, '81

IASC Convention

Registration for all workshops will be from 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Saturday. The workshops will end at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday.

# IASC Spotlight



Alan Edstrom, IASC Convention Secretary.

A terrific person who enjoys laughing and meeting people is the best way to describe Alan Edstrom, IASC Convention Secretary.

Alan is a junior at Hoffman Estates High School. He is kept busy with student council, drama club, International Thespian Society and National Honor Society.

Student Council is important to Alan because "not only do you have a sense of worth through leadership, but you learn to deal with different sorts of people in different situations. It is indeed a learning experience."

When he's not busy at school Alan enjoys magic, memorizing

lyrics to old songs, drawing caricatures of people, running, playing baseball and soccer.

Alan's advice to all student council members is "that even though people may not appreciate Student Council, you must keep going to serve."

Alan's goal as an IASC state officer is "not only to give a convention that molds together all leadership qualities, but I would like to advance all the qualities of present IASC functions."

Alan's plans after he finishes high school are to go to college and major in drama and get a teaching degree in English.

On behalf of the IASC Executive Board, the very best of luck to Alan in all his future endeavors.

### A Note From The Editor

As I look back on the past two years I realize that I have been given many worthwhile opportunities that only come from being involved in Student Council.

I became involved with my school's student council (at the end of my sophomore year) after I saw how much fun my sister was having going to workshops and other student council activities, that I decided I would like to be a part of it. I went to a student council meeting to see what student council was all about and a month later I became a member. Little did I know what lay ahead . . .

That summer (summer of '78) I went to McKendree. Going to my first student council workshop I was very scared and nervous, but I quickly got over that. My week there was filled with learning experiences, new friendships, and fun.

Several weeks after I came back from McKendree I was appointed as the NED Convention Secretary. I did not know what NED was nor did I realize what an honor it was to be a district officer. Being the

Convention Secretary was a big job for me since I had been a member of student council for only two months. The day of the convention came and everything went great. This was my biggest accomplishment in student council and I felt so happy and proud.

After the convention I continued with may duties in my own council, but felt that I wanted to do more. So, I decided to apply for the position of *Reporter*-Editor. Being the *Reporter*-Editor has made this a fun, busy, challenging, and rewarding year for me. I enjoyed reporting on activities and also meeting many new people. The most rewarding part of my job was to see the finished copy of each issue.

I would like to thank the executive board for the help they gave me writing articles for the *Reporter*. I would especially like to thank my parents and sister for all the help they gave in mailing the *Reporter* out. Each time the *Reporter* came out there was approximately 1,000 of them that had to be folded, stapled, labeled, and sort-



Nancy Klemchen, IASC Reporter-Editor.

ed by zip code. My family was always there to help me out.

This year has been the greatest learning experience of my life. All the people that I met and all of the workshops and conventions that I attended were great and unforget-table. Student Council will be a part of me for the rest of my life. As my favorite comedian would say, "thanks for the memories."

# Student Council and Me

I was prodded. And pushed. And maybe even a little shoved --through a crowd no less. You might think that I had gone through a terrible, or, to take it to the extremes, a horrifying experience. It wasn't and it isn't. I'm still being pushed and prodded and shoved. I wouldn't give it up for the world. It is my life. She, the "pusher" has shown me that doing some "prodding" means caring. I don't know if I can ever repay all her pushing, but I am trying. I don't know if I can ever repay all that council has done for me.

She is my advisor. My advisor is Judy Jobe. Out of respect. not disrespect, I call her "Jobe", and so do lots of others. I have also been interested in leadership and student council. Believe it or not. I was president of my second grade class. The duties of president have changed guite a bit in ten years. As second grade president, I helped my teacher, Mrs. Possley, with our "Construction paper-chips-Auction." I had to make sure that the kids in my class brought their garage sale items to school. Then, my Second Grade Class of 1970, (already ten years ago!), bidded on them with our construction paperchips that we accumulated or deaccumulated throughout the year. It was a big deal to all of us. In that way, being second grade class president and student council president are a lot alike. Making sure that our council keeps running effectively, has fun while planning a successful Homecoming or Variety Show, and learns something in the process is important to me now.

There is ten years in between second grade president and today. When there was a student council or leadership position available, I would run. I guess I have always had that interest in student councit. It must be the power!

Believe me, there is no power as a Freshman class Secretary-Treasurer in a council dominated by some pretty opininated and powerful upperclassmen. I was scared to death. I was lost so much of the time and the thought of asking a question and being laughed at

scared me even worse. Despite this, I had already set a goal --Student Council President. I had a lot of help getting there. I was pushed.

I had a chance to attend an N.C.D. Workshop for new members. I didn't quite understand what N.C.D. meant or was. I wasn't able to attend that workshop. My advisor didn't give up on me though. She encouraged me throughout my freshman year. Jobe convinced the Executive Board to give a "freshie" a chance to chair a committee. They gave our Student Council Carnival-Dance to me. Jobe had more faith in me than I had. She helped me the entire way.

Later that year, she arranged to have me lead a discussion group at the N.C.D. Convention. I still didn't fully realize what the N.C.D. was until I lead that discussion. I was scared to death again. She kept pushing me, though. I couldn't figure out why.

She convinced me that going to McKendree would be a really good thing for me. I was scared to death, as usual. It's very common for me to be scared; it was then, anyway. She always pushed, too, but not without being there to help and support me.

She stood by me and was there when I completely understood what N.C.D. meant and what it was. But be president of an organization that I had just begun to really understand? Jobe again pushed, supported, and taught me. This time about the district level of student council. I was elected as president of the North Central District and had a very special year. It was filled with fears and frustrations, but Jobe never stopped supporting me or caring about me. That year was also filled with friendships. Friendships so special that it made every tear worth it. (I cry as often as I get scared.) We accomplished alot that year in N.C.D. and we grew. We grew together and I learned alot about myself through the N.C.D. as well as the I.A.S.C.

My student council story isn't complete without the chapter about the I.A.S.C. My first year at the McKendree Summer Workshop was fantastic! It was also filled with a lot of learning and friend-

ships. I went back the next summer as a J.C. I wanted to do this so much and as always, Jobe gave me the encouragement and self-confidence I needed. I learned more about myself that summer than I had ever had before. I was learning and still developing so many special friendships. I set another goal for myself that first year at McKendree -- an I.A.S.C. office.

Last spring, I was elected to the office of I.A.S.C. First Vice-President. It was a dream come true. Everyone who had helped me was there. It was a very special moment during the campaign when my little brother told me that I did great during my speech. I felt a grin from ear to ear cross my face. My parents were there, too. Student Council parents go through a lot and my parents were and still aren't an exception. My parents put up with alot those weeks before the Convention, not to mention the years before. Mom and Dad cried with me that night. (My whole family cries!) They were as happy for me as I was. My friends were there too. They all wore their "Vote, Jeri" buttons faithfully during my campaign. They had done so much for me. I wish that I could thank them in a way that they deserved. Jobe and I cried, too. We hugged each other, and I remember, among the tears, telling her that "We did it!" We

> Jeri Henderson First Vice-President

### Helpful Tip on I.C.E.

The Illinois Citizenship Experience is a tremendous program for the students of Illinois. Started in District 214, the program now is offered to all students in the state. The IASC has helped sponsor the program the last two years and encourages member schools to participate. The students who do attend the week-long program are exposed to the different branches of government in our state. They get to meet with various officials and ask questions of them. Discussions are held on various topics and the student can explore in the direction that he/she is interested in pursuing.

Our school, Grayslake High, has been interested in sending a delegate but could not get ourselves organized in time to raise the money or to select the person. This year, we finally developed a system to select and fund one student annually to this program. We would like to share it with you and maybe your school can start planning a similar method to send a delegate.

The financing of the scholarship for ICE (Illinois Citizenship Experience) was easy. The Student Council will donate one-half of the registration fee annually. The remaining money came from donations from other clubs and organizations within the school. We collected enough money this first year that we will not have need to go back and ask for more next school year.

The ICE scholarship does not pay entirely for the registration fee. It will only pay for 80% of it. We feel that if a student is going to miss school and receive most of their expenses paid, they should be required to pay something themselves. Also, we feel that if the student pays something, they will make more of an effort to learn more since they are partially paying the fee.

The selection of the scholarship winner is done in December. Every faculty member may nominate a junior or senior that they deem worthy and every club or organization may nominate one person. Those nominated are given a short form to fill out and must answer an essay question.

A committee of five staff members do the actual selection. These five consist of two administrators, two social studies teachers and one department head of a department other than social studies. None of these people may be a club sponsor.

The committee meets twice. The first time they read through all applications and essays and narrow the list down to about three individuals. Those individuals are then called in for an interview with the entire committee. After the interviews are completed, the committee makes a selection.

With the system mentioned, student council has contributed money to a very worth-while cause to help support a fellow student to attend this experience. A council student receives just as much consideration as any other student but does not receive preferential treatment. This appeals to the other clubs and student who do want to apply for the ICE scholarship.

We feel that other schools in Illinois can and should do such a program through their student council. They can provide a service for their fellow students while improving one student's knowledge of the government of Illinois.

Grayslake High Student Council

#### NCD

"Student Leaders Shaping Tomorrow" was the theme of the 6th Annual North Central District Convention held March 19 and 20 at the Wagon Wheel Inn in Rockton. Over 300 delegates from NCD schools assembled together for this convention. David Miller, Convention Secretary of Kaneland High School, successfully put together a most memorable Convention. Combine David's talents with the excellent speakers and programs, the Wagon Wheel's atmosphere -- they all piece together to shape a most outstanding Convention.

Delegates began the festivities with registration on Wednesday afternoon. After settling into their hotel rooms, the delegation assembled for the First General Session. President Rod Scholttman of Cary Grove called the session to order. The pledge, invocation, introduction of NCD Board, and welcome set the stage for the address from Judy King, major of DeKalb. Mayor King talked with the delegates on leadership qualities and the true need for leadership in our society. The 1980-81 NCD officer candidate's campaign speeches followed. After announcements, the session was adjourned to independent dining. The Wagon Wheel's recreational facilities provided the evening's entertainment. Convention delegates enjoyed splashing in the swimming pool, skating at the indoor ice rink, and bowling.

The delegates awoke bright and early for Thursday morning's General Session. Jeff Hawkins, IASC Secretary, highlighted the session with his motivational speech, daring all in attendance to "care, share, and to bear". After reintroduction of the candidates, NCD schools voted for their 1980-81 officers. Chip Walgren gave the Constitution/Resolutions Committee Report and the session was adjourned. The delegates dispersed into five discussion groups focusing on assemblies, fund raising, publicity/public relations, homecoming swap shop, and project sway shop. There was also a swap shop organized for advisors.



Delegates enjoy themselves at NCD Convention Banquet.

At noon, the delegates put on their "best duds" and reconvened for the Convention banquet. The NCD Board members were honored with flowers and certificates of appreciation. Following the luncheon banquet, Jeri Henderson and Janet Goodwin presented NCD Advisor of the Year certificates to the advisors in attendance. Special recognition was given to Joe Waterhouse, Martha Fisher, Bill Worth, and Judy Jobe for the extra hours they had put in for the North Central District. Dr. George Walters, 1976 IASC Convention speaker, then enhanced the delegates with his keynote address. President Rod Schlottman was presented with a plaque for his ongoing contributions to the NCD this past year. David Miller also was the recipient of a plaque commending the excellent planning of the Convention.

A candle lighting installation ceremony for the new NCD Board began. The new officers are: President - Mary Gorenz, Vice-President - Meg McKenna, Secretary - MaryAnn Roesler, Treasurer - Judy Wyatt. Representatives are Area 1 - Wade Weisman, Area 2 - Kelly Bullard, Area 3 - Brian Kalata, and Area 4 - Betsy Deaconson. LeeAnn Machias and Mike Dornback will be the newsletter editors.

Rod Schlottman handed the gavel to Mary Gorenz, the new NCD President, and she adjourned the 6th annual NCD Convention - a Convention to be remembered.

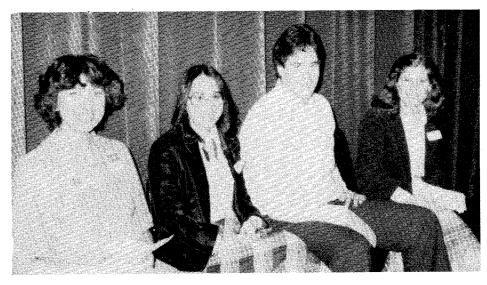
Janet Goodwin

#### **NED Convention**

Barrington High School was the scene of the Northeast District Convention "Leadership in the 80's - A Sunrise of Beginnings" held on Saturday, March 8, 1980. After the advisors registered and the students were given folders and name tags they went to the cafeteria where they had doughnuts and juice.

The first general session began at 9:15 with Noreen DeYoung, NED President, presiding. Noreen welcomed everyone to the convention along with "welcomes" from Mr. Bernard Wenninger, principal of Barrington High School and Tianne Bataille, NED Convention Secretary. The keynote speaker was Mr. George Smith, principal of Airport High School, West Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. Smith livened up the delegates by having them do Dum-Dum-Da-Da. He then spoke about the importance of each person as a "special individual" and the special hopes and dreams that each one of us has. He encouraged the delegates to think positively and to go after their dreams. Mr. Smith left everyone in an inspired and fired-up mood. After the first general session concluded the delegates went to discussion groups, while the advisors went to an advisors workshop.

The Second General Session began with Carlos Rodriguez, NED Vice-President, presiding. Kathy Meginnis, NED Newsletter Editor gave the Credentials Committee report. After the nominations from the floor, the candidates then gave



Left to Right: Kelly Green, Barb Peraji, Buddy Callahan, Charmaine Dollas.

their speeches. Lunch was served after the 2nd general session from 12:00 - 1:15 with the Barrington High School Swing Choir entertaining delegates in the auditorium. Also during the lunch break the school's caucused and voted. After lunch the delegates went to discussion groups, while the advisors went to an Advisors' Meeting.

The Third General Session began at 2:30 with Noreen DeYoung giving the "State of the District" address. Steve Sakach, IASC President, then talked to the delegates

about smiling and how a smile affects everyone. He encouraged the delegates to smile everyday for if you smile and cheer someone up that may be your best deed of the day. Next came the installation of the new officers. Kelly Green - President, Barb Peraji - Vice-President, Buddy Callahan - Secretary, and Charmaine Dollas - Newsletter Editor. The convention was then adjourned by the new NED President. The convention proved to be "a sunrise of beginnings" for the new officers.

# How to Activate a Student Council

In order to have a successful student council, it is important to activate its members. The foundation for an activated student council is effective organization. The first step in organization is to establish and/or promote the knowledge of the constitution. Council meetings can be more efficiently utilized through the use of parliamentary procedure and the careful projection of committee systems. Through the implementation of functional system, council can better concentrate on its purposes and increase its productivity.

An adjunct to careful organization is cohesion. In order for the student council to function well the diviseness of cliques should be avoided. To facilitate this process it may be necessary to formulate patterns of seatings such as alphabetical order, committee structure, and classes. Inactive members should be drawn into discussions and involved in small group activities to prevent their being overwhelmed by more outspoken individuals. Retreats and other social activities will further promote council unity.

Bring new ideas into the student council should stimulate its growth. "Brainstorming", a small group session designed to elicit ideas through immediate responses, is a widely used successful approach to the acquiring of new ideas. Another way to generate new ideas is to sponsor student exchanges with other student councils. State and district workshops/conventions are other good sources of ideas and also increase the involvement of new and old student council members. The more interaction and exchange of ideas, the more excitement and enthusiasm passed on to fellow council members.

The advertising of student council activities will stimulate interest and promote success. Good communications starts with the

council with a keen awareness of past, current, and future activities. It is likewise important that the student body at large be made conscious of council activities and given an opportunity to respond and become involved. The public image of the student council is enhanced through good publicity in the school and the community. This goal can be accomplished with regular coverage in school and community newspapers and by publishing a newsletter.

Therefore, activating a student council is a vital, realistic goal. Careful organization of the council will increase its overall effectiveness and cohesiveness. The infusion of new ideas can serve as a catalyst to vitalize the student council. In addition, communication within the school and the community can improve the image of the council and inspire a sense of accomplishment. The council that has reason to feel good about itself will strive to fulfill its ultimate goal of successfully serving the student body.

Written at the 1979 Materials Workshop by: Abby Marsh, Mary Roosing, Kerry Morris, Jeff Hawkins, Andy Schmitt, Steve Sakach, Wendy Garling, Jan Meier, Preston Owen, Chris Harman, Karin Daylie.

### ADVISER INFORMATION SHEET

Name		Home Add	ress				
City	State	Zip	Phone ( )				
School Name		School Address					
City	State	Zip	Phone ( )				
How many years as a	S.C. Adviser? (Include t	his year)					
What is your position	in school? (Teacher, Ad	ministrator, etc.)		<u> </u>			
If you teach, what is y	your teaching load? (Any	released time) _					
Are you paid for being	g a Student Council Adv	iser?					
If so, what is the stipe	end?						
Would you like to sta	ff at summer workshops	?		1.414			
Would you like to sta	ff at weekend workshop	2					

### **Application for Summer Workshops**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 10** 

Choose the session you wish to attend: (Remember some sessions are expected to fill quickly. Register early and designate a second choice to insure that your registration can be accepted.)			July 28-August 1 — McKendree College		
NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	(ZIP)	PHONE	SEX
Address				Send Fees and Form to MR. GARY ZUMMALLE P.O. BOX 722 ST. JOSEPH, IL 61873	N
Signature of adv	risor or principal *There are No Refund	ds — Only Substitution	ns (Duplicate Fo	rms as Needed)*	

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