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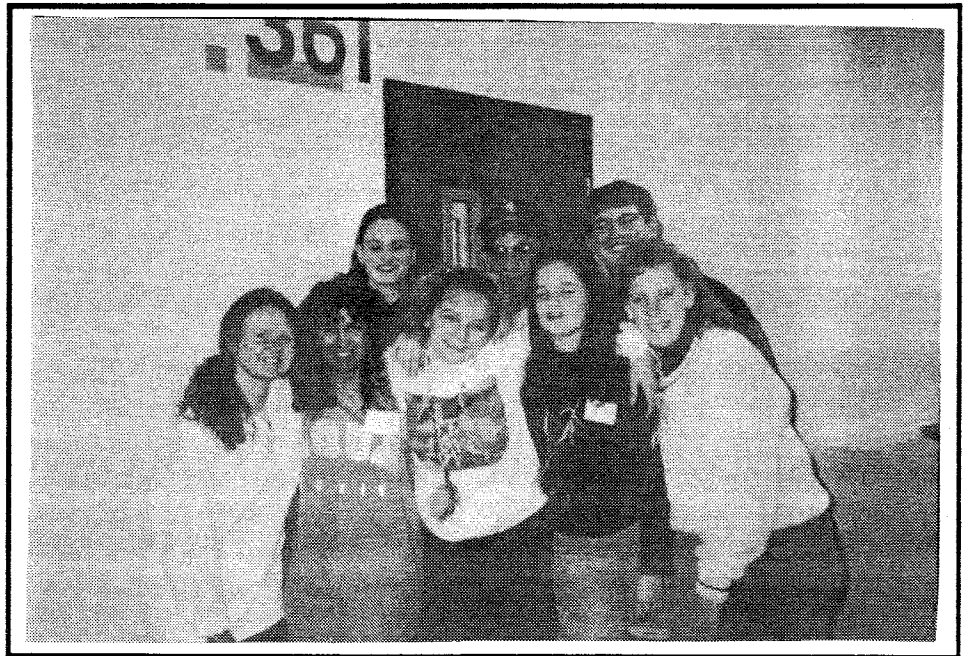
BY STEPHANIE GORSKI
ANTIOCH HIGH SCHOOL

The Region V Conference was a weekend that I will definitely never forget. It all started on Valentine's Day morning. About 50 delegates from Illinois boarded a bus, which would take us to Omaha, Nebraska, the site of this year's conference. The bus trip lasted about ten hours, but it gave us all a chance to get to know each other better.

The conference started with an icebreaker session, which allowed everyone to get to know people from the other states that attended. There were five states represented: Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, and West Virginia. Ohio is also a member of our region, but could not attend.

Next was the opening session. After that, we were on our way to our host families. Host families are families in the community who let you live with them while you are attending the conference. This gives you a chance to see other people's customs, cultures, and way of living.

The next day was a long one. It started off with another icebreaker session, and then we broke off into our co-op groups. In co-ops, we talked about our home student councils, and how they operate. We also talked about communication and peer pressure.



Then we went into mini-sessions. These are just like discussion groups. There were a variety of mini-sessions including stress reduction techniques, and the secret of success.

On Saturday night, there was a mystery dinner. The mystery dinner consisted of words that had no connection to what food it actually was. The co-op groups each picked three courses in the order they wanted them in, not knowing what order it would actually end up in. After you ate the first course, every thing from that course was taken away before the next course was brought to you. I did not get a fork until the third course! So, I had to

eat my barbecued ribs, barbecued chicken, coleslaw, potato salad, baked beans, and bread WITHOUT any fork or even a spoon!

Next there was a dance, and after the dance was a very touching candlelight ceremony. This ended the evening, and then we all returned to our host families.

Sunday morning was the last day of the conference. We had a closing session, and then the good-bye's started. We all made many new friends, and good-bye's are always the hardest part of it all. With many promises of writing, we boarded the bus, and headed back home.

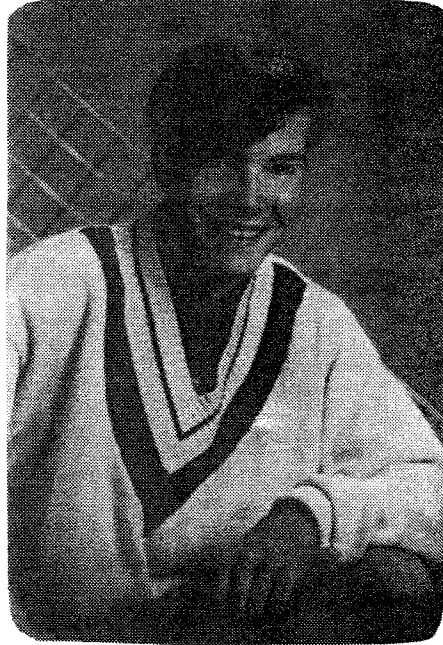
TAKING STOCK

BY SCOTT ALLEN
IASC PRESIDENT

Well, it is now spring, and I've not only jumped, but leaped, head first, into the position of IASC President. Although it might sound funny to a few, I LOVE IT! This is what I prepared for when I was just starting out, and four years later, I feel more confident than ever. I encourage you, if you're thinking about running for state office, to do it! It can be the most wonderful leadership experience in high school. Why not get an early start on life and become a leader? Instead of having your future company or business send you to become a leader, you can become one in the IASC.

Let's get down to business. I hope that everything has been going fine on both the local and district level. By the time you read this your district convention should have passed or be right around the corner. I hope I got to meet many of you, and I'm sorry I couldn't get to all of the conventions, but I'm not, however, Superman. My schedule for March was very hectic and it was hard to focus on things that weren't Student Council.

About the convention, I hope you enjoy the speakers we have chosen



for you, and I also hope you learn something from their motivating words. Please, if you see Jenny Schumacher at the convention, just tell her that "everything will be fine", and then give a big hug or handshake and tell her that she is doing a great job! Everyone needs support, we all know that, and I would like to commend Jenny and her advisor, Jerry Denoyer, for all the hard work they've put into the convention.

Last but not least, I hope to see everyone at the convention, and have a good time in the meantime.

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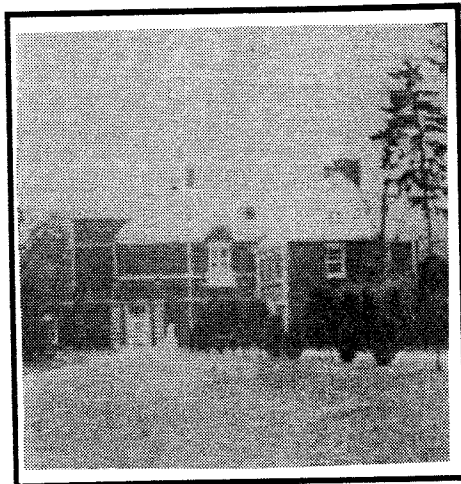
BY BILL PANTAZOPOULOS
NED PRESIDENT

Many times, when I think of the phrases of the decade of turmoil we call the sixties, I have trouble trying not to laugh. One phrase that I always found most humorous was the idea of finding one's self. However, over the weekend of February 1-2, 1992, I had the great opportunity to attend the Advanced Leadership Workshop at the Allerton House in Monticello, Illinois. Luckily, I seized this opportunity, as it turned out to be one of the most exhilarating experiences of my high school career. It gave its delegates the opportunity to find themselves.

Although I had attended this workshop once before, I found my second experience to be one totally different than the first. This workshop had a sense of togetherness that I do not recall experiencing the first time around. The combination of large group sessions, smaller sub-groupings, and recreational free time produced a balance of socialization that was able to create togetherness.

The large groups, led by Mr. Ed Phelps, were able to get the delegates in a state of mind that enabled the smaller groups to run much more efficiently. Questions regarding values, beliefs, and overall convictions were addressed to all of the delegates. In addition, certain activities that were distributed in the large sessions forced the delegates to ponder what things are really most important to them.

The thoughts provoked in the large sessions were brought out on a more personal level in the smaller groups. These smaller groups began with the ever-popular name game and personal interviews, and culminated with each delegate making their



own personal paper bag, which described everything, or at least as many things as time allowed, about them. Between these first and last activities, the groups spent time answering different questions which ranged from describing one's most embarrassing moment, to telling what he thinks as he or she looks out upon the ocean.

When the delegates weren't testing their systems of values, or trying to reach the depths of their imaginations, they were spending time either taking advantage of the recreational facilities provided at the Allerton House, or, more that likely, they were getting to know someone who may become one of the best friends of their lives.

Although my memories of Millikin are beginning to fade as time progresses, I can still honestly say that if you've only attended Millikin, you are missing out on an experience ten times as rewarding. This experience, the Advanced Leadership Workshop at the Allerton House, is one that I highly recommend and would not trade for anything in the world.

A Message From Dave...

Dave Chertow

I wish to thank all of the members of the IASC for the opportunity of serving you as your Second Vice President. It has been a terrific year, and I have learned a great deal. I also wish to express my gratitude to the following people:

Stephen Ramseyer for turning a minus into a plus, and for being a good driver and a good sport.

Advisors everywhere for your interest and dedication to the youth of Illinois.

Scott, Shara, Darin, Jenny, Lynn, Jenny and the rest of the 1991-92 executive board for being an exceptional group to work with!

Convention '92 Honor Delegates for being top rate representatives of your councils, schools, and communities.

Sara Ulbrich for enthusiastically lending a helping hand.

Kim Stash for answering an endless number of questions and for helping me take over were you left off.

It is my hope that students throughout the state stay involved in the IASC. It is truly an outstanding organization! And if you should happen to decide to run for a state office, bear in mind that it will be one of the busiest, but most gratifying years of your life.

I hope to see many of you in Chicago at convention '92. Don't forget to take advantage of the Honor Delegate and Professional Exhibitor Displays. There will be something there for everyone.

Thanks again,

David Chertow
IASC Second Vice President

LITTLE EGYPT DISTRICT

BY BONNIE KATUBIG
LEDSC PRESIDENT

Greetings from the LEDSC! In the past year the Little Egypt District of Student Councils has been growing a little in size and a lot in strength! Through new activities, we came together as a new district. Each student did their part in continuing the LEDSC tradition of success!

It all began with the Annual LEDSC Fall Workshop, which was hosted by Marion and Benton. Students how to work together for their community. Our keynote speaker was our local Congressman, Glen Poshard. Everyone had a great time at our first activity, and WOW!, was it an omen for the rest of the year! We were stirring up such a commotion, that the local TV station even came by to check us out!

Next came the Credentials Workshop hosted by Meridian High School. They broke the ice by having some great skits. An Executive Board Meeting was held on the same day, and that's when plans for the District fund Raiser got underway! We decided on some awesome looking T-shirts that I'm sure you'll see at the IASC Convention! We also started raising money for the LEDSC Project, which has become a tradition in our district. Each year we select a local charity to donate money to. This is the LEDSC's way of getting involved in the community. This year we selected Camp Little Giant which as summer programs for handicapped children from all over the United States.

We started up the New Year by "Breaking up the Winter Blahs". Carbondale hosted a new activity

called our Winter Activity or Hospitality Day. This day was designated totally for fun! We broke up into teams and bowled, ate, and had our own version of the Winter Olympics!

With all of our great activities what school could resist joining the LEDSC? Well, apparently, not many. Next year the LEDSC should have at least one more school as a member. The Southern most city in the state, Cario, is planning on jumping in on the fun!

The Grand Finale will be on March 5 at Southeastern Illinois College in Harrisburg. Cami has been spending months getting organized! This year's theme is "We've Got the Power!". We are having three different key speakers, and each one of them are supposed to be excellent! Some people at the convention may not even notice them though, because we all know how those nervous new candidates are!

Okay, so the convention is usually the end of the LEDSC year, we just don't want it to end! The school's voted to have one final activity of the year (I mean it this time!). We will be having a new State Delegate Workshop for all the members in the district that plan on attending the IASC State Convention. Marion and Herrin will host a "getting-to-know-you" day. Hopefully, things will run smoothly, and this will be another activity to add to the LEDSC Annual Agenda.

Well, as you can see, this was a busy year for the LEDSC, but everyone enjoyed every minute of it. Isn't that what being a part of student council is all about?

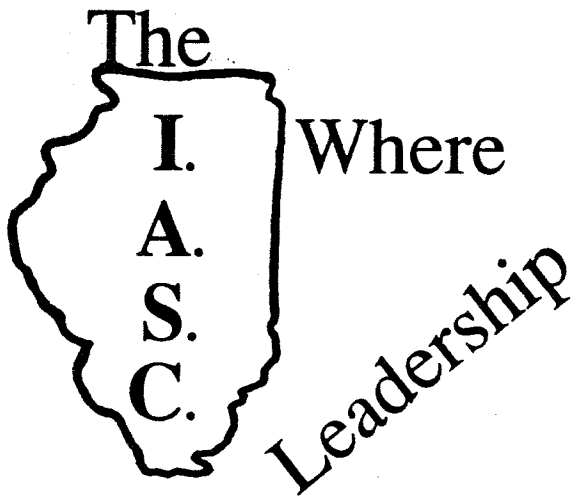
ILLINOIS VALLEY DISTRICT

BY SUSAN MOORE
IVD PRESIDENT

"Be InVolveD!" is the motto for the Illinois Valley District, and the theme for the spring convention during the 1991-92 year. This year, the Illinois Valley District consists of eighteen member schools. The executive board officers are Susan Moore, President, Guy Westermeyer, Vice-President, Tricia Moloney, Secretary, Stephanie Dunton, Treasurer, Johana Herdrich, Area 1 Chairperson, John Stephens, Area 2 Chairperson, Jeremy Freeman, Area 4 Chairperson, Tim Littig, Fall Workshop Secretary, and Jennifer Stewart, Spring Convention Secretary. There have been seven executive board meetings this year which are open to all IVD member schools.

On November 1, 1991, Bluffs High School, in Bluffs, Illinois, hosted the IVD Fall Workshop. About two hundred students and advisors attended this workshop, participating in general sessions, discussion groups, and committee meetings. The IVD Spring Convention will be Friday, April 3, 1992, at Jacksonville High School, in Jacksonville, Illinois, where the theme will be "Be InVolveD!", and officers for the 1992-93 year will be elected. Currently, two area chairpersons are planning area get-togethers for their respective areas.

The Illinois Valley District encourages everyone to "Be InVolveD!". Make sure to check out the Illinois Valley District display at the IASC State Convention in May! We hope to see you there!



THE IASC: WHERE LEADERSHIP STILL COUNTS

Still Counts

The IASC, Where Leadership Still Counts, is the theme of this year's State Convention. The convention will again be held at the Bismarck Hotel, which is located in downtown Chicago. It will be the weekend of May 7 to May 9. Newton High School and the IASC Executive Board have been working very hard and diligently to prepare you for this outrageous, prestigious, and most memorable event! We are looking forward to seeing all of you there!

IASC VIDEO

THIS YEAR THE IASC IS STARTING A NEW TREND. THIS YEAR THE STATE WILL BE SELLING A VIDEO (VHS) ENTITLED, "A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF THE IASC". IT WILL INCLUDE EVERYTHING FROM THE MILLIKIN SUMMER WORKSHOP, TO NATIONALS, TO STATE WORKSHOPS, AND TO ALL DISTRICT FUNCTIONS. ORDER ONE NOW, IT IS YOUR ONE AND ONLY CHANCE TO BE PART OF THE VIDEO EXTRA VAGANZA! IT IS ONLY \$15.00, AND IT WILL INCLUDE MEMORIES OF A LIFETIME! ORDER NOW!

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