

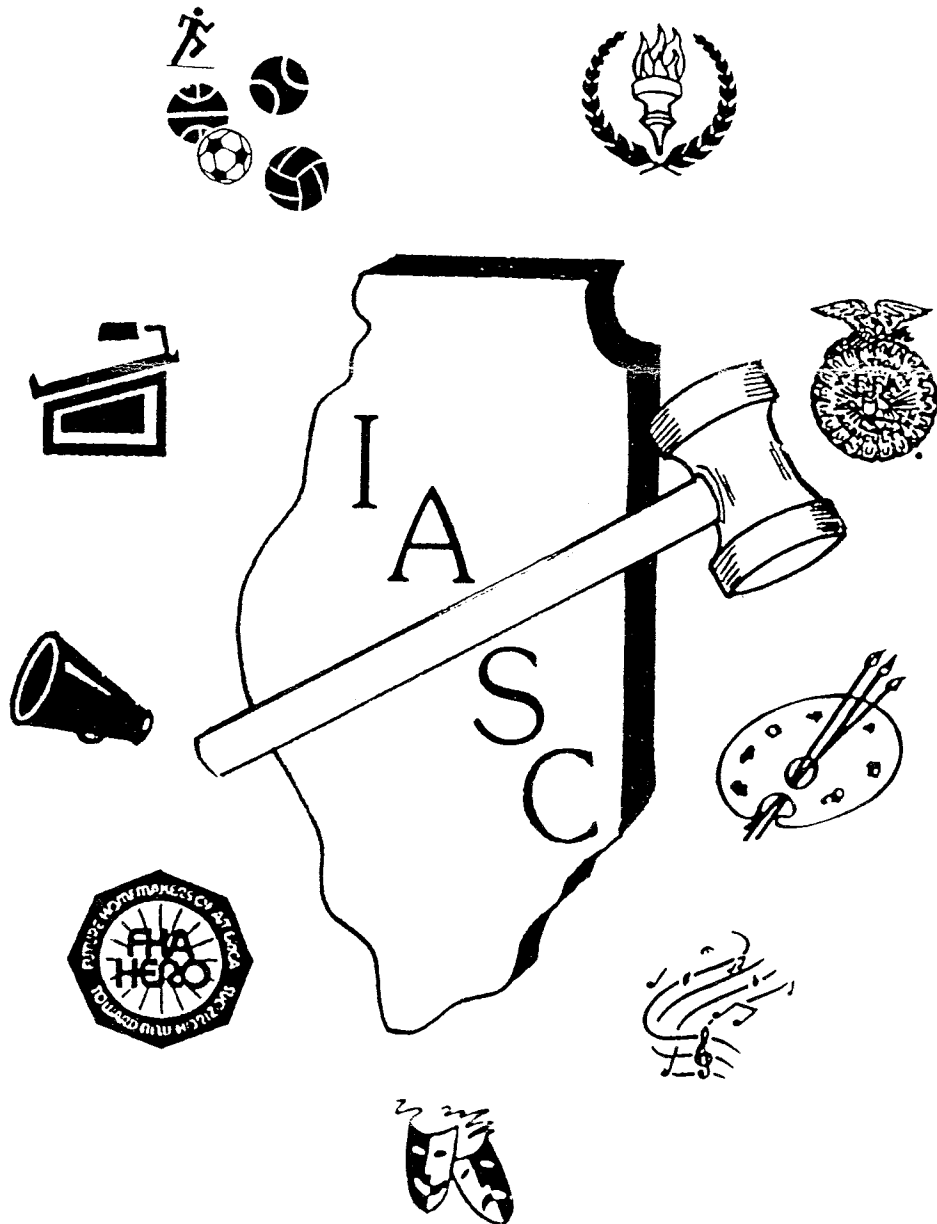


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# HOST SCHOOL WELCOME

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You made it! You are finally here! Welcome to the 62nd Annual IASC Spring Convention. We, from Central High School, sincerely hope you have a great time and take something meaningful home with you this weekend, and no, we don't mean a nifty door prize. We all want to become better leaders, but as the convention theme states: you must be involved in order to be a good leader. Try to get involved in your discussion groups and even in the General Sessions. Heck, run for a state office. (Now *that's* involvement!!) Remember, the more you put into an activity, the more you will get out of it. We're not saying you can't sit back and relax this weekend, but make sure you get involved and have a good time. Go check out the Hall of Ideas, wander through the Professional Exhibitors Room, hey, you could even go buy some IASC t-shirts, boxer shorts, or stick-on tatoos. There are cool D.J.s coming both Thursday and Friday nights, so don't just sit in your room or go shopping; there's **TONS** of fun stuff to do here and you might even learn a little bit about leadership too.

If there are any problems or questions about anything, just grab a Central High School student and if they can't help you they'll direct you to someone who can!

**MOST OF ALL,  
HAVE AN AWESOME WEEKEND!!!**

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## Memo From Manisha

My final report on the state convention deals with the speaker, the canned food drive, and tattoos. The speaker this year will be Michael Lee with his dog Miguel. In overcoming his blindness, Michael offers hope to all who meet him. He is funny and inspirational, and he is really looking forward to speaking at the convention. As for the canned food, it is here, and we will be donating it to United Way Crusade of Mercy Agency. The IASC tattoos are being sold, and the profits will go to charity as well.

There have been a number of great things accomplished in the IASC over the last year. All the officers have worked diligently to put together the best workshops and convention the IASC can offer. My term as President has led me to meet new people, travel to distant corners of the state, give lots of speeches, and use my imagination.

Congratulations to all the districts on a successful year. I traveled to many district conventions this year, and I enjoyed all of them. I attended the Chicago District, Cenosis, Hopewell, Illinois Valley, North Central, North West, and my own district, North East. Thank you all for having me! I learned about the variety throughout the IASC and got a flavor of each district's uniqueness from the conventions. The IASC has taught me how to drive super long distances without falling asleep!

Overall, this year has been exciting, but weary as well. I tried to run our marathon twelve-hour meetings with a smile and limited use of the gavel, and I hope our wacky sense of humor kept the meetings light-hearted enough. Thank you to everyone for all your patience. As we wrap up this year of IASC, I will turn the gavel over to the next President, and challenge next year's board to accomplish all their goals. One parting piece of wisdom- as you slide down the banister of life, may all the splinters be pointing in the right direction!

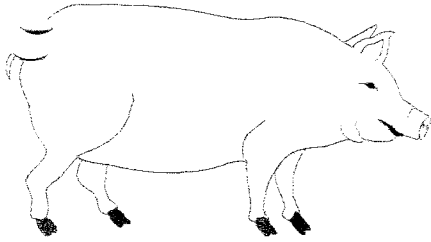
## Life's Little Instruction Book

If any of you have ever read this book, you may have realized that a lot of "rules" to live by you have learned in Student Council or may be applied to student council. So, I have looked through this book and picked a few "Instructions" for all of you. In no specific order, here they are. Enjoy!

- Compliment three people every day.
- Have a firm handshake.
- Look people in the eye.
- Be the first to say, "Hello."
- Treat everyone you meet like you want to be treated.
- Make new friends but cherish the old.
- Always accept an outstretched hand.
- Smile a lot. It costs nothing and is beyond price.
- Learn to listen. Opportunity sometimes knocks very softly.
- Remember people's names.
- Strive for excellence, not perfection.
- Resist telling people how something should be done. Instead, tell them what needs to be done. They will often surprise you with creative solutions.
- Become the most positive and enthusiastic person you know.
- Commit yourself to constant self-improvement.
- When someone hugs you, let them be the first to let go.
- Keep your promises.
- Learn how to show cheerfulness, even when you don't feel like it.
- Learn to show enthusiasm, even when you don't feel like it.
- Be modest. A lot was accomplished before you were born.
- Keep it simple.
- Don't whine.
- Promise big. Deliver big.
- Be a self-starter.
- Remember that overnight success usually takes about 15 years.
- Leave everything a little better than you found it.
- No matter how dire the situation, keep your cool.
- Don't burn bridges. You'll be surprised how many times you have to cross the same river.
- Don't spread yourself too thin. Learn to say *no* politely and quickly.
- See problems as opportunities for growth and self-mastery.
- Be tactful. Never alienate anyone on purpose.
- Don't say you don't have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Pasteur, Michelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson, and Albert Einstein.
- Don't delay acting on a good idea. Chances are someone else has just thought of it, too. Success comes to the one who acts first.
- Be bold and courageous. When you look back on your life, you'll regret the things you didn't do more than the ones you did.
- Evaluate yourself by your own standards, not someone else's.
- Remain open, flexible, curious.
- When attending meetings, sit down in front.
- Be enthusiastic about the success of others.
- Share the credit.
- Don't accept "good enough" as good enough.
- Every person that you meet knows something you don't; learn from them.
- When meeting someone you don't know well, extend your hand and give them your name. Never assume they remember you even if you've met them before.
- Do it right the first time.
- Be a leader: Remember the lead sled dog is the only one with a decent view.
- Don't expect others to listen to your advice and ignore your example.
- Be open to new ideas.
- Don't make the same mistake twice.



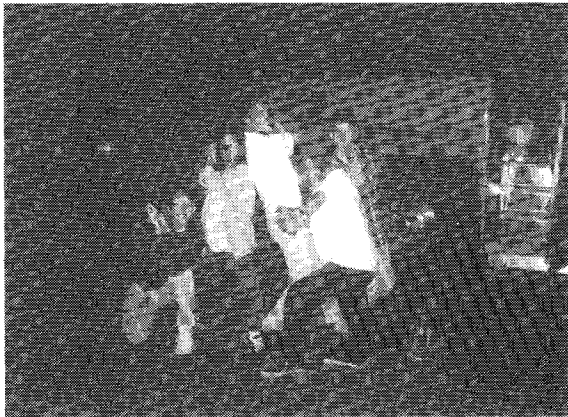
# Kelly's Kitsch



This little piggy just lusted for a hottie. While this little piggy wanted to escape home. This little piggy was looking for a partee! While this little piggy sought for justice and freedom. And this little piggy went "Me! Me! Me!" all the way to the Capitol dome. Yup, student council works in mysterious ways. Something a little quirky, a little off-

center, a little...karmic lures each of us to it.

For me, it was a \$10 bet to run for the sophomore class presidency against the incumbent boy that everyone expected to win, but did not expect to do any work. Well, life is chock full of twisted surprises. Thus, I am here with you today. You see, I won that election and a couple of others, too. Quicker than I could say, "Pat Buchanan is a stark raving chowderhead," my life became engulfed in this brilliant horizon of student government! And I knew that was the point of no return.



O.K. all sauciness aside, student government has absorbed and transformed, stretched and pressed, weighted and lifted my life in a vast number of ways. Leadership is a privilege. No matter how you end up in student council, realize that you have been given a precious opportunity to better your environment. Improve, Reprove, Restore, Radiate, Renovate, and Innovate with dignity and pride. This is something *good*. Now I must pay some due respect and appreciation to the people who helped me get through all this crazy stuff:

\*Thank you to my family and friends who, with unfailing support, put up with my occasionally grumpy-muffin attitude, massive mailings, and continual lapses into StuCospeak.

\*Thank you to the Honor Delegate kids who convinced me that the paper cuts and postage were worth it! Good luck on a kick-butt convention.

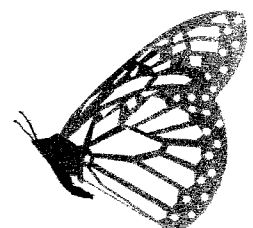
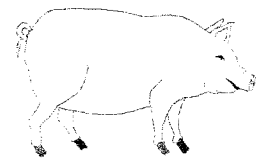
\*Thank you to Fremd H.S. and the FHS faculty service ladies who are probably doing as much behind-the-scenes work for me as I am doing for the IASC. (And trust me, there's a whoooooole lot of it!)

\*Thank you to Comrade Palmer, my adviser, for dishing the dirt, teaching me how to snatch up unmarked antiques, Jimmy Sommerville, Victor/Victoria, and all that student council stuff, too.

\*Thank you to the impeccable, irresistible, and incredible cuddly IASC Board: Manisha for your eloquence and grace; Jaime -my partner in bitterness- for your tenacity and enthusiasm; Robin for your honesty and endless array of baked goods; Mike for your spirit and efficiency (someone play a practical joke on this boy, puhleeze!); Cori for your caring analysis and stability, and Linda for your humor and no-bull attitude. Oy boy! What an effective and note-worthy, yet physically and spiritually draining, year!



\*Thank you to all the advisers and students that I have met through the district and state levels of student council. Honestly, paperwork does not bode well with Kelly. But when I thought about all of the eager, organized, intuitive, silly, ambitious, responsible, wacky, urban, rural, suburban, male, female, tall, short, generous, witty, and worthy people that I had met because of student council and would benefit from my extensive clerical work as First Vice, I resisted the urge to chuck my computer into a nearby swamp and chortled in spite of myself. Thank you for being a part of my last four years and a part of me.



# JAIME'S JABBER

"Why not go out on a limb; isn't that where the fruit is?" This has been one of my major philosophies throughout the past year. I know I have ruffled a few feathers and surprised the IASC with my, at times, outspoken demeanor. I took chances because I have always believed that my position required me to do so.

As I reflect on my term as a state officer, I realize that it is neither euphoric nor horrendous. My term has been each of these and everything in between. It was an *exhilarating* roller coaster ride for which I am very thankful. Every day brought something new; every day I learned. Some of the lessons include time management, handling people, loosening up, making difficult decisions, and going to twelve hour meetings on three hours of sleep. Every minute of my involvement made me a stronger, better person. The IASC has played a major role in who I am today.

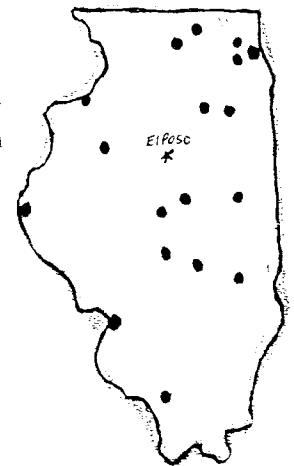
Thank you to my friends, family, school, fellow board members, district, advisor, God, and most especially my hundreds of IASC pals. They listened to my 100 mile an hour chatter, two hour board reports, gripes, and excitement. I hold a place in my heart for each of them.

I leave the second vice presidency feeling fulfilled. It was a tedious two hour a night job that kept me busy, busy, busy. Throughout my term I made efforts to improve district-state communication and get the IASC out of unnecessary traditions. The return of the exhibitors' hall has been one of my main focuses. I also made a serious effort to improve project school books, the Hall of Ideas, and services. I hope that those involved in the IASC have found my efforts worthwhile.

Giving up my office has brought me sadness. I always seem to think that in going out of office I lose a piece of myself. Then I am reminded that the IASC will always be a part of me, and my memories will last a lifetime. Thank you, Illinois, for my district and state office. Thanks for my experiences at Nationals, Summer, Advanced, Area, and State. Mostly, thank you for all of the knowledge, insight, laughs, and friendships and that I will forever cherish. Good luck to each of you in every endeavor you choose. May life's paths lead to wonderful, exciting places.



Here's a sample of my trips through Illinois. Each dot Represents a city visited, wrong turns, and tons of fun!



*"Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully."*

*"Your goals don't start in the brain. They start in the heart."*

❖❖ After you have worked hard to get what you want, take time to enjoy it. ❖❖

"Remain open, flexible, and curious."

**"Don't let anyone talk you out of what you know to be a good idea"**

**"LEARN THE RULES. THEN BREAK THEM."**

*"I asked 'Why doesn't somebody do something?' then I realized I was somebody."*

"Be the kind of person who brightens a room just by entering it."

"Never give up on what you really want to do. The person with the big dreams is more powerful than the one with all the facts."

"Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do."

**"DO NOT THINK THE PEOPLE AT THE TOP OF THEIR PROFESSIONS HAVE ALL OF THE ANSWERS. THEY DON'T"**

**"No matter what accomplishment you make, someone helps you."**

## MIKE ABATE'S GOOD-BYE

### Everything I ever needed to know, I learned in Student Council

Look both ways before you cross the street. Robert's Rules only works when tempered with humor. Children's shows attempt to decode the meaning of life. Get some walking in. Read a good book every now and then. Avoid eating foods high in saturated fats. Really, and truly, people aren't wearing enough hats. Monty Python is brilliant. High School is practice for life. Friendships are essential. People are irreplaceable, but they still take themselves far too seriously. Humility is good for the soul. There is no shame in losing an election; only an education. When one door closes, another one opens. Wisdom really does come with age for age fosters experience: life's only true teacher. Learning never ends. No man is an island. Poets are prophetic. Mr. Phil is inspiring. Memories are forever. Road trips are the best. Helping others learn is one of the greatest rewards life has to offer. Everybody needs business cards. Singing is therapeutic. Carl Jung and Richard Rohr are the most brilliant men I have ever read. No one, however, can know it all. Insecurity is a teen's worst enemy. I have not yet begun to discover myself. Nothing in student council (and very few things in life) are so important that they can not be cured with laughter. Stress should always be met with a smile. Perspective is the key.

### Perspective is the Key

This was a test,  
a lesson through which I grew;  
through it all I learned to love me,  
and to love you too.

My friends were the beacon,  
the torch that lit my way;  
without them I would not be standing  
in front of you today.

For now is the hour  
in which we are shining bright;  
but the future looks even whiter,  
more radiant than this light.

So in laughter and in sorrow,  
emotion and introspection,  
we meet upon this road;  
our final intersection.

I bid you not good-bye  
because indeed I truly know,  
the memories, laughter, and joy-  
they need not go.

So I say to you not "take care,"  
but "hello, it's been a while"-  
and part from you the way I met you  
with a warm and friendly smile.

*A wise adviser once showed me that when one door closes, another one opens. I wish you only success in all of your future endeavors, not just in student council. Good luck students of the IASC; I will remember you always. All I ask is that you remember this: perspective is the key. Always keep in mind who you are and what student council is really about. It is not the parliament or the procedure, the rules or the meetings: It is about your classmates, your friends, and yourself. Please do not ever forget that people are the best-and the only -reason to get involved!!*

**Thank you all for  
four wonderful years!**

### **I especially want to thank. . . .**

- \* My Mom and Dad
- \* Liz
- \* Mrs. Hover
- \* Mrs. Anderson
- \* Haneef Omar
- \* The entire State Board
- \* Mya Wilke
- \* K.C.
- \* All 13 District Treasurers
- \* The North Central District and its board
- \* Chris Fosdick
- \* Chad Sellman
- \* Everybody on the past two nationals trips
- \* Brian Bauer
- \* Janet Isabelli
- \* The Auburn High School Student Council-The best there ever was- especially Ben, Marta, James, Maggie, Angie, Julie, Margaret, Steve, and Liz
- \* Last year's state board
- \* Reuben, Marty, Christine, John, Brian, Jacque, Chris, Andy, Sara, and the rest of the A-Town Crew
- \* Woodstock's awesome student council
- \* Mr. Langhaug and the incredible DeKalb Council
- \* Amy, Terrence, Arnold, Sonia, Chris, and the rest of the DGS Council
- \* The council at St. Charles
- \* Mrs. Biallis and H.D. Jacobs HS
- \* Millikin's Club "D"- especially Jenny
- \* Rosann
- \* Morley
- \* Melaine Schuler
- \* K-Dawg
- \* Vass Productions



# From Robin's Nest

**“So long, farewell, aufwiedersehn,  
goodnight. I hate to go and leave this  
pretty sight.”**                      **The Sound of Music**

## Thank yous!

- I would like to thank the entire IASC Executive Board for making this an awesome year. You guys are like family- I love you!

- I would like to also thank my advisor, Mr. Bill Donato. Without you I would have not been able to do the things I have done. Thanks for getting me involved in student Council.

- A special thank you goes out to the former IASC Secretary, Jamie Seeman. Thank you for all the help you have given me throughout the year.

- I would also like to thank my parents, Bob and Nalita Chidester. I love you both and appreciate all that you have done for me.

- Thanks to Paul Herzog for always being there.

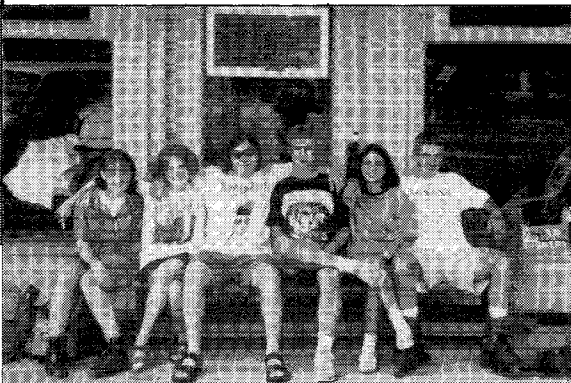
- Thank you to a special friend, John Claessens.

- Thanks to the entire Woodstock H.S. Student Council.

- Thanks to all my buds from NCD.

- A thank you goes out to my little junior babies- Ang. and Jen. I will miss you next year- thanks for all the road trips.

- And a HUGE thank you goes out to my best friends- Leah Foley, Shana Huebsch, and Heather Schnulle. You guys have done so much for me I don't have enough words to express my gratitude. Good luck next year at State, Beloit and Northern Arizona University. They will be lucky to have you. I love you guys!



**I have had an awesome four years with the IASC and have loved every minute of it. Thank you for all the smiles, laughter, and tears. You'll be in my memories forever.**

**Love- Robin Chidester**



# Linda's Farewell



What can I say? This year has been filled with many unexpected challenges but as you can see, it has all paid off. Even though this year has been filled with some frustrating moments and not so fun board meetings, I feel as though I have made six good friends. Manisha, the get-together at your house brought us all together and made us the great group of friends we are today. Kelly, our friendship started at Millikin last summer and from then on, I always knew I could come to you to hear a funny story or a good joke. Jaime, Jaime, Jaime. . . What can I say other than we WILL go to the "S.S." (you know what I mean) this summer. Thanks for being my Prairie Eight buddy this year. Robin, thanks for letting us experience the "Wonderful World of Woodstock." Lets get together and have Breakfast at Tiffany's!! Ha! Ha! Mike, we remained friends through it all, but you took our friendship to the limit with the purple bag incident. Just kidding! Cori, I'll never forget your face as you totally biffed when Mike tripped you at Manisha's house. I still laugh to this day when I think about that!!

I hope we can all keep in touch after we graduate and go on to college. I'll never forget you guys! If you don't take anything else with you from our year together, just remember these few quotations. I feel that they "sum up" our year together.

*"Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday"*

-Marquis

*"Something deeply hidden had to be behind things."*

-Einstein

**"INCLUDE ME OUT."**

-SAMUEL GOLDWYN

*"Everything is funny as long as it happens to someone else."*

-Will Rogers

**"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."**

-F.D. Roosevelt

**"Always leave Them laughing When You say Goodbye."**

-G.M. Cohan

Thank you all so much for a great year. I know you will all succeed in whatever you attempt to accomplish!! I love you guys!

Linda Thompson

## *Pori's Good-bye*

As much as I don't want to, it's time to say good-bye. This year seems to have flown by and I can hardly believe it's over. I've made a lot of new friends along the way and have many cherished memories as well.

Throughout my term as *Reporter* Editor, I have learned that (1) deadlines are rarely met and (2) self-discipline is a *must*!! I have had a lot of frustrations and a few times I felt like giving up, but through it all I have learned so much that no matter what I had to go through I would do it again in heart-beat. I will never regret any of the past year. In a way it feels as though I am losing one of the most important things in my life, but I have realized this is just one of the many chapters in the book of my life that I have finished. I now look forward to continuing on to the next chapter.

So, I leave my office satisfied of what I have accomplished and have become and look forward to my future. I leave you all with a smile on my face and tears in my eyes as I say, "Good-bye and thank you for the past four years of my life. I love you all!"

### **A BIG THANKS TO:**

\*My Dad. You have helped me out in so many ways. I don't think I could've survived without you. I Love You!

\*My Mom. You listened to my hundreds of stories and just when you figure out who is who it's all over. Thanks for the use of the car all those times.

\*The rest of my family for your support and interest.

\*Mr. Clark, I don't have the words to explain all the gratitude I have. You have helped me so much. I don't know how I could ever repay you. I love your computer!!!

\*Mary, Jill, Jayson, and Josh for helping me with all my mailings. You guys were great!

\*All my friends for putting up with my mood swings and endless stories. Especially Matt, and Shauna. You guys put up with my constant complaining and my stressed out frustrations. Thank you so much guys! I Love You All!

\*my work for giving me off work all those weekends.

\*Everyone in the DSA office for keeping me company and getting me lunch all the times.

\*Luanne for putting up with me in the office all the time.

\*My local student council for all my scatter-brained meetings.

\*All of the wonderful people I have met through my 4 years of involvement.

\*All of the state board: Manisha-you always have a smile and a clever quote; Kelly-your style of writing has given me something to look forward to in every article you have written; Jaime-NO!, I am not going to hit a rabbit for you! But, all the road-trips we've taken together and all the conversations we have had. I will always remember the fun we have together; Robin-You're so easy-going and fun. It has been so great working with you; Mike-for being the only male on board you've handled us well. I hope we haven't corrupted you too much; Linda-You have been so great putting up with everyone's crazy ideas for state convention. You always try to accommodate everyone. All you you guys are like family! I love you all!

\*All the advisors. You guys deserve a medal of honor for having to put up with all of us "kids". Thank you for everything.

\*Kwik Kopy printing.

\*All my teachers for letting me out of class so much.



**"WHAT YOU ARE BECOMING IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN WHAT YOU ARE ACCOMPLISHING."**

**"Good manners sometimes means simply putting up with other people's bad manners."**

**"If you keep waiting for just the right time, you may never begin. Begin now! Begin where you are with what you are."**

**"Everyone you meet knows something you don't know but need to know. Learn from them."**

**"A friend is a person who knows all about you but likes you anyway."**

**"Everyday we are given stones. But what do we build? Is it a bridge or is it a wall?"**

**"YOU ARE BLESSED WITH MANY FRIENDS. BUT REMEMBER, FRIENDS ARE LIKE HOUSE PLANTS. THEY REQUIRE REGULAR CARE."**

**"If you're doing your best, you won't have anytime to worry about failure."**

**"Remember the Golden Rule. And remember it's your turn."**

APPLICATION: To apply, fill out the enclosed application form and mail it together with a check for the full amount to the Summer Workshop Director. Registrations cannot be accepted without the correct fees. Make checks payable to the Illinois Association of Student Councils. Deadline for application is July 1. No members' discounts apply on any registration postmarked after July 1. In case a delegate cancels, the school is responsible for providing an alternate.

WHO MAY ATTEND: Students from all ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION member schools are eligible to attend. The workshops are recommended for: STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS and MEMBERS, NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS, and CLASS or ORGANIZATION OFFICERS. (IASC sponsorship requires that Student Council members receive priority within each individual school's quota). Please check with your Student Council advisor about openings within your school's quota. REMEMBER: Only eight delegates may attend each session from the same school (total 16). Previous IASC summer workshop participants ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND.

COST PER DELEGATE:       \$255 - All IASC Non-Members  
  IASC Members registering after July 1.

OR  
WITH THE IASC MEMBER'S DISCOUNT

\$205 - (20% Member's Discount)  
Available to IASC Members registering before July 1 only.

The workshop fee covers registration, room, board, printed materials, insurance, supplies, and general facility and equipment costs. A large amount of spending money will not be necessary.

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS

SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT: Delegates are encouraged to contact local Civic and Service Clubs and Organizations in their home communities for financial support.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Students and staff are comfortably housed two to a room in modern dormitories. Balanced meals are served. Millikin University dormitories are air conditioned. A swimming pool is available at the University.

STAFF: All IASC workshops are staffed by experienced adults and students. In addition to the Director and Consultant, there are six to ten adults at each workshop.

CARS: Students will not be allowed to use cars during the workshop. Cars driven by students to the workshop will be parked in a University parking lot and will remain there for the duration of the workshop.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: The IASC will arrange transportation from bus and train stations to the workshop center. Students registering for the workshop should consider public transportation into Decatur or Springfield. You will receive detailed travel instructions in your delegates' information packet.

SCHEDULE: Delegates will register from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Monday, and the workshop will end at 11:00 a.m. Friday. Delegates may not arrive late or leave early.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: All registrants will receive confirmation of their registration and a packet of delegate information. This packet will include travel information and suggestions about what materials and clothes to bring.

MAIL REGISTRATIONS TO  
Jerry Denoyer  
IASC Summer Workshop Director  
303 E. Morgan Street  
Newton, IL 62448  
Phone: 618-783-8177

IMPORTANT: Include all requested information, since a bulletin will be sent to the delegates home prior to the workshop. The Advisor's or Principal's signature is required for a registration to be accepted.

(Duplicate Forms  
as Needed)

## REGISTRATION FORM

### DEADLINE: July 1

(Duplicate Forms  
as Needed)

Choose the session you wish to attend:

- July 22-26, 1996  
 July 29-August 2, 1996

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

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High School \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

1996-97 Year in School       Freshman       Sophomore       Junior       Senior

ALL HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES OR OFFICER EXPERIENCE:

\_\_\_\_ Student Council Member      \_\_\_\_\_ Officer \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ National Honor Society Member      \_\_\_\_\_ Officer \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Class Officer \_\_\_\_\_ (Indicate Class and Office)

\_\_\_\_ Organization Officer \_\_\_\_\_ (Indicate Organization and Office)

SIGNATURE OF ADVISOR OR PRINCIPAL (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*