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**BUFFALO GROVE HOSTS**

## **FUTURE LEADERS**

On September 24 the Buffalo Grove Student Council hosted a leadership training session with guests from Wheeling, Elk Grove, Hersey, and St. Joseph-Ogden High Schools. The Consultant for the workshop was Mr. Philip Gougliuza, executive secretary of the Louisiana Association of Student Councils.

"Mr. Phil's" program dealt mainly with such topics as values, communication, and various aspects of group dynamics.

Tim Pfeifer, Buffalo Grove Student Council President, opened the workshop with a warm welcome, and then introduced "Mr. Phil."

"Mr. Phil" began the morning session with the student body mixer. Each participant was asked to display a small printed "body" with a list of leadership qualities they have or would like to have. Those sharing the same goals formed small groups to discuss the qualities they listed. After this discussion the small groups then formed larger groups and discussed the three things they value most in life. They then had to choose the most important value. This activity made the delegates aware of how important

values are in everyday life.

The morning session ended with non-verbal activity. The participants were split into new groups and asked to construct a tower out of 100 straws and tape. Of course there was a catch to the assignment. No one was allowed to talk. The object of this activity was to show how facial expressions, gestures, and body language are an integral part of our communication system.

Lunch from McDonalds was then served. The delegates were then given free time to get to know each other.

The afternoon session opened with an activity dealing with public relations. Groups were asked to construct a "tree" showing what their student council had to offer their communities. The afternoon session ended with a short brainstorming session, the ten commandments of a project and a communication line, which showed how easily a breakdown in communication can occur.

After the training session was over, confident delegates left Buffalo Grove with many new ideas for improving their student councils.



Mr. Phil lends an ear



Participants construct "beautiful" straw towers.

### *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.

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- \_\_\_ Junior Class Reps.
- \_\_\_ Sophomore Class Reps.
- \_\_\_ Freshman Class Reps.
- \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Post on council bulletin board
- \_\_\_ School Library

# Student Advisory Committee

by David A. Neumann, Vice-Chairman Student Advisory Committee

## HELP WANTED

Notice to All Student Council Advisers:

This year at the I.A.S.C. Convention, to be held on May 4th-6th in Chicago, we are planning the possibility of an advisers "Hall of Ideas." We are seeking input from all advisers throughout the state on projects or programs that have been successful for them. Examples of this might be:

- A. Fund raising projects
- B. Elections
- C. Student/Administration involvement
- D. Student/Board involvement
- E. Community service projects
- F. Etc.

We are asking for anything that may be of help to new and old advisers, alike.

Also, if there is something in the line of material or discussion topics for the advisers you would like to have at the Convention, please feel free to write. Send your information to:

Central H.S.S.C.  
c/o Mr. J. Podowicz, Adviser  
Clifton, IL 60927

Sincerely yours,

Heidi Kemnetz  
Reporter

This year the S.A.C. is composed of twelve students selected by their varied location and qualifications from around the state of Illinois. The committee's responsibilities are to relate those concerns of students to the State Board of Education. These concerns range from G.E.D. requirements to having student representation on school boards as well as any concern relating to the education of students in Illinois.

The Student Advisory Committee has several diverse means of communication to the state board; these are composed mainly of position papers which explain and document reasons to support the specific concern. The S.A.C. also utilizes the method of personal presentations to the State

Board of Education in the effort to convey students' concerns.

The important factor in the total concept of the Student Advisory Committee is to communicate; and that communication starts with you, the students. Give us your ideas, frustrations and concerns dealing with any area of education. Let us do our job for you; representing and achieving those goals and objectives of education in Illinois.

Please feel free to contact any member of the Student Advisory Committee. I will be communicating further through the utilization of the Reporter c/o Brad Whitehead and Mike Walsh.

David A. Neumann, Vice-Chairman,  
1717 Kenilworth Pl., Aurora, Ill.  
60506.

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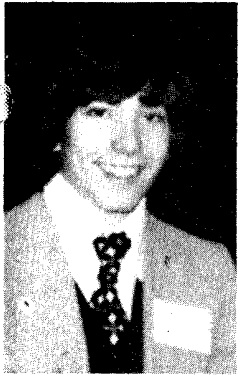
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# BRIEFS from BRAD

BY BRAD WHITEHEAD IASC PRESIDENT

Take a moment out of your schedule today and evaluate your performance so far this year. It is now November, three months into this school year, and what have you done? Have you been merely filling your position doing what is necessary and not much else or have you been imaginative and lived up to the high expectations of you and your fellow students? Hopefully, you have tried to pursue the latter.

Throughout your term, I am confident that you will attempt new projects and improve upon old ones, rather than doing all of last year's projects in the very same manner. The goal of an effective officer is not just to live up to yesterday's expectations, fearing that what he does will not fit into the "established" criteria for student council. A good leader is bold and creative, open to all ideas that could help promote the organization.

This year, your Student Council has the potential to become the greatest in your school's history! It has the opportunity to provide more services to the student body than ever before! I hope your Council will not be one that will be forgotten next year, but one whose endeavors will make a lasting impression for years to come.

But even with the desire and courage to meet the challenge of becoming the best, the road ahead will not be an easy one. Success will only follow confidence, diligence, and industry; the recognition unfolds gradually. It will take unceasing commitment and drive to accomplish your task, but the self-satisfaction you will receive from doing your best will be more than adequate compensation.

So, if this is the direction you want your Student Council to go, what sort of efforts will it entail? Firstly, make sure you don't underestimate the abilities of you and your fellow representatives. Between you and the other members, there is very little that cannot be accomplished. Remember that "your reach should always exceed your grasp." All too often, people sell themselves short because they will not extract (or do not recognize) their full potential, often settling for a mediocre job. For your Council to be truly effective, mediocrity is not good enough! Great feats seldom ever come from small ambitions.

Once you have undertaken a project, you must persist until you succeed. If the first step fails, try another and another and then another. Marie Curie tried 487 unsuccessful experiments before she finally succeeded in isolating radium. Think of how the world may have been altered had she given up after her first failure! Consider obstacles you encounter not as dead ends, but as mere detours toward the realization of your final goal.

Lastly, and probably most importantly, don't be afraid to try something new. It is so easy to copy; it is not nearly so easy to lead. The leader will be the one, however, in the final analysis who will be of the most benefit to his school. This is not to say that you should simply discard all the projects in your Council's history. Rather, you should seek a combination of yesterday's successes with tomorrow's visions. Not every new project will be an overwhelming success, some will be disasters; but you'll never know until you try. One effective project can sometimes make a remarkable difference in an entire year of activities.

In conclusion, I am not calling upon you to go out and alter the course of history. An event does not necessarily have to be earth-shaking to make a positive impact. In fact, just the determined attitude of the Council members will produce remarkable changes in the spirit of your student body. I hope that you will see the advantages of becoming an active Student Council and will take steps to become the greatest leaders your school has ever seen. Good Luck!

## IASC CALENDAR

### December

10-11 Executive Board Meeting at Morris.

### January

14-16 Advanced Workshop at McKendree College, Lebanon, Illinois  
21-22 Kickapoo District Workshop at Allerton

### February

18 Illinois Valley District Convention  
18-19 Conference on Student Views, Allerton House  
25-26 Executive Board Meeting at Kaneland

### April

5-6 North Central Convention  
8 Kickapoo District Convention at Round Barn

### May

4-6 State Convention, Pick Congress Hotel

### June

25-29 National Association of Student Councils Convention, Hurst, Texas

### July

25-29 Leadership Workshop at McKendree College, Lebanon, Illinois

### August

1-5 Leadership Workshop at McKendree College, Lebanon, Illinois  
8-12 Leadership Workshop at McKendree College, Lebanon, Illinois

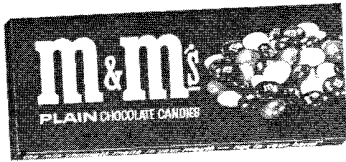
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Check Workshop that you want to be junior counselor:  July 24-28  July 31-August 4  August 7-11

List the Senior Counselor of your club at workshop \_\_\_\_\_

Which workshop did you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Student Council Adviser's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor's Recommendation (Please remember the success or failure of the workshops is determined to great extent by the personalities of the staff members.)

Highly Recommended  Recommended  Not Recommended

Advisor's Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Gary ZumMallen, P.O. Box 722, St. Joseph, Illinois 61873 — DEADLINE: DECEMBER 20, 1977

# IASC Spotlights

## PHIL CLAIRE

Phil Claire has been appointed as this year's Convention Secretary. This is an extremely important job, since this is the biggest IASC sponsored event attended by nearly 1200 delegates.

The duties of the convention secretary involve planning room assignments, selecting the banquet menu, and probably most important, the preparation of the convention packets. All aspects of the convention must have board approval, so Phil must have everything done ahead of time so the board can okay everything at their quarterly meetings. Phil's work will be a one time showing, and you'll only see this fantastic event if you attend the 1978 IASC State Convention May 4, 5, 6, in Chicago at the Pick Congress Hotel.

Phil is a senior at Morris Community High School. He will spend a great deal of his time this year working along with his dedicated adviser, Mr. Joseph Corsello, trying to make Convention "78" the best yet.

### Junior Counselor Applications Due

Remember, those J.C.'s who did so much to help you last summer at McKendree? Now's your chance to do the same for someone else.

If you have considered applying to be a Junior Counselor at the IASC's Summer Leadership Workshops there are some important points to remember:

1. The J.C.'s job is not all fun and games.
2. The J.C. assumes tremendous responsibilities as a staff member.
3. The J.C. must be at the workshop as a leader not a "Super" delegate.
4. The J.C. must be willing and able to work *with* people.

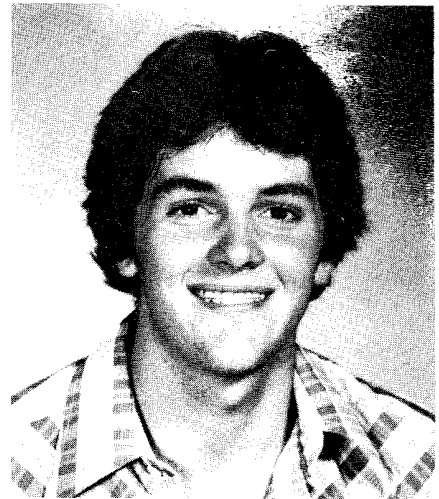
If you think you're the person for the job, deadline for application is December 20.

Aside from his student council involvement, Phil is an active participant in intramural volleyball and basketball programs, and the art club.

When Phil finds free time outside of school he spends it doing things he enjoys. Phil skis, goes bike hiking, paints, and travels. He uses some of these activities as a way to unwind at the end of a long tiring day.

Phil became involved with student council two years ago. He became a very active member and decided to apply for convention secretary after seeing how smoothly things were handled at his district convention. It was then that Phil realized his chance to become really involved was about to pass him by. He felt he and his council was capable of hosting the state convention, so with some encouragement from his adviser, he applied.

Phil has big plans for this year's convention. He's planning a major change in the banquet plans. He also hopes to improve the Hall of Ideas by working closer with Linda Bower, 2nd Vice-



President. Phil feels the biggest problem that faces him and his duties this year is that of communication between all schools, but he's confident he can work it out.

Phil became involved with the IASC because he felt it would be challenging. Now that Phil has met his challenge, he would like to advise that anyone interested in his office for next year be aware of the amount of work and time involved in the position. Phil would be glad to explain his duties to anyone considering applying for his position in the future.

The state board would like to wish Phil the best of luck in making convention "78" a success.

### ADVANCED: a return to McKendree

The IASC's Advanced Leadership Workshop has been scheduled for January 14, 15, and 16. The site chosen for this year's workshop will be McKendree College at Lebanon, Illinois.

The Advanced Workshop is only for Student Council Members who have completed the IASC's Summer Leadership Workshops. This workshop provides an opportunity for students to further the training and experience

begun at McKendree during the summer.

Many of the activities used and the issues covered are still in the planning stage. Delegates can expect a format similar to the summer workshops, but a great deal more indepth.

McKendree can be reached by car or by public transportation into St. Louis. Notify Mr. ZumMallen by January 5, if you need to be picked up in St. Louis.

Remember, space is limited so register as early as possible.

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# Communication Increased By Liaisons

Communication has been increased this year by the newly created position of District Liaison. Liaisons are elected at the state convention by each of the twelve districts to serve as a representative to the state board. Each Liaison is invited to one executive board meeting. At that meeting they report their district's activities and are invited to participate in discussions along with the executive board members. They then report back to their respective district's boards. Throughout the rest of the year, they stay in close contact with the IASC President.

The Reporter Staff would like to congratulate the twelve new Liaisons and wish them luck in the coming year. We also encourage IASC members to contact your Liaison if you have questions or problems.

## 1977-78 District Liaison Persons

### Cenas

Rick Parker  
Box 67  
Kenney, 61749

### Chicago

Juan Aguilar  
3411 W. Dickens  
Chicago, 60647

### Eastern Illinois

Daryl Smith  
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### Illini

Chris Tulley  
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### Illinois Valley

Darlene Decker  
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Edwardsville, 62025

### Kickapoo

Andy Hamilton  
393 Highland Dr.  
Rantoul, 61866

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Patti Jackson  
808 W. Lexington  
Marion, 62959

### North Central

Tim Grimes  
308 Greenwood Ac. Dr.  
DeKalb, 60115

### North East

Craig Milkint  
2811 W. 100th St.  
Evergreen Park, 60122

### Prairie Flight

Jim Murray  
108 Hickory Lane  
Morris, 60450

### West North West

Debbie Fisher  
410 W. Humphrey  
Rock Falls, 61011

# '78 Convention to Involve Local Councils

by Linda Bower

At this point in the school year, May seems like a long way off; however, your IASC Executive Board has already been busy planning the 1978 convention. We are striving to make this upcoming convention the best ever! The only way to help keep the IASC a meaningful organization is to participate in the activities and become involved.

The convention can be more

meaningful to your council if you can become actively involved. A "super" way to do this is to display a successful activity, project, or fund raising method your council has been involved with during the 1977-78 school year in the IASC Hall of Ideas. This year the Executive Board would like to see more schools involved rather than businesses and non-profit organizations. It is *your* convention and you will benefit by participating. Others will also benefit by

taking your successful project back home to their respective schools.

The IASC would like to take this opportunity to personally invite your council to display an activity in the 1978 "Hall of Ideas" at the state convention. If you are interested please contact Linda Bower, IASC Second Vice-President. Fill out the form below and mail it. Linda will be happy to send you further information and details.

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3. Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_  
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