



# The Reporter



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## VISION '96

### Michelle E Gabris DeKalb H.S.

On Oct. 9, 1995 I jumped out of bed ecstatic and full of enthusiasm; today was going to be my first **Vision Workshop**. (Yeah, right!) Get out of here! I was tired and hey, I did not want to spend my day off from school in a mini-van and then at some workshop. I mean, what was this "*Vision*" stuff all about anyway? Well, I soon found out.

**Vision '96** is about the only time where NCD district officers make a road-trip to central IL. to get together and brainstorm. I don't think you can simplify it any more than that.

At first it was my suspicion that we would spend the day on superficial, typical activities and topics that we have all already done at all our own district workshops and events 50 times. I seriously doubted we would even scratch the surface on most subjects. However, quite the opposite occurred. We all sat down, rolled up our sleeves, and sunk our teeth into the meat of things.

The IASC was our main focus. We picked and pulled it apart, then tried to figure out the best way to put it back together. The IASC, like any organization is in need of a few changes, but we all soon realized that there was a lot more to be done than could be accomplished in one day. The neat thing, however, about **Vision '96** was the format in which our ideas were received. The IASC officers were very interested in our ideas and open to what we had to say. They were not at all aloof or condescending. They set up an informal atmosphere where everyone could voice their ideas and opinions. What this accomplished was important! I now believe



District officers at Vision '96 attempt to "untangle" their human knot.

that the State Officers have a better or "real" idea of the issues that the districts and individual councils would like to see the state work on. Hopefully now the board can incorporate these suggestions in the future and set the ball in motion for years to come.

Congratulations on a successful **Vision '96!**

## ONE-DAY DRIVE-IN

### Jennifer Ohlendorf Collinsville H.S.

The "Drive-In" in Carbondale, was a great help to any new Student Council member.

The workshop consultant, Jim Connolly, taught us effective ways to use our leadership strengths. To find our strengths, the group took a short questionnaire called Leadership Behavior. By tallying your answers at the end, you could get a general idea in which category they were best in.

The Leadership Effectiveness Model made it easy in explaining importance in our characters that are needed to be a strong leader. The pie graph divided our leadership characteristics into four categories. Then each of the categories were explained. There was no wrong category to be in, each was just as important. Finding our strengths in this way will help us improve our leadership skills.

One of the most important things we learned was that everyone learns in different ways. Because of this, there are many leadership skills that are needed. All four leadership categories work together to get the task done.

Being a freshman, this workshop taught me many things I need to know for my own future, not only in Student Council, but in the real world too. All types of people use different types of leadership.

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## Convention '96 Update



Linda Thompson

The 1996 IASC State Convention is getting closer and closer. The theme for this year is **Leadership is Involvement, Involvement is Leadership**. I hope to see many of you at the Bismarck Hotel in downtown Chicago this spring. You or your school should have received applications from either Kelly Tsai or Jaime Brandel concerning Honor Council, Hall of Ideas, Service Projects, Discussion Group Leaders, etc., and I hope you all gave it a shot and applied.

Your school should receive registration materials as soon after Christmas vacation as possible for the 1996 State Convention. If for some reason your council does not receive materials by the end of February, please give me a call and I will arrange for them to be sent to your school. Please do not delay in getting these forms back to me. A lot of the seating arrangements and room assignments will be done on a first come, first serve basis, so it is to your own advantage to return the completed forms as quickly as possible. After the group at Central High receives and records your registration your advisor will receive a confirmation letter stating that all is well with your reservations.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the Convention, please feel free to call me anytime. Take care and good luck in your second semester of school!

## Honor Council Update



Robin Chidester

The winter months have arrived and I cannot help wishing it were spring. For it is in the spring that the spectacular State Convention is held. That means that there are about five months till the Honor Council Books are due!

For those of you who need a quick refresher, the Honor Council Program is a program that the IASC offers to every school in the state. This program is very beneficial to your council. 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 points will receive a plaque and those scoring under 110 points will receive a certificate. Every school should have already received a Council Handbook which includes how-to information, guidelines, and an official scorecard.

I am really excited to be in charge of this year's Honor Council Program and have already received a number of applications. If you are interested in applying, but have never done so before, please feel free to contact me. The application deadline is January 20, 1996. Good luck compiling your book!

## Honor Delegate Update



Jaime Brandel

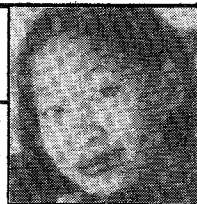
Hey, Hey, Hey!! Here you are once again skimming the pages of the *Reporter*. Hopefully you readers out there have met me. If not, be sure to introduce yourself at the next IASC or district function. I know that the

thought of learning about Honor Delegate positions totally appeals to you; I will not keep you in suspense any longer.

So many of you sent me applications! They did get a little tough to wade through; but all decisions have been made and the acceptance and denial letters should be out any time. If you applied, good luck!

As the Second Vice-President, I am required to visit workshops and conventions throughout the year. Luckily, my schedule has allowed me to attend many thus far. I have been fortunate enough to see the North East District, Eastern District, and Prairie Eight District in action. Congratulations to everyone who organized them; each one was very successful.

Homecomings, Valentine's Day, Charity Drives, Teacher Appreciation, assemblies, and IASC functions are all in the air. Hopefully your council will conceive new ideas about your annual events, as well as take the initiative to start new traditions. So when you get done reading this newsletter (cover to cover) get up and get crackin'; there is no time to waste!



Kelly Tsai

Hullo, dear little winter bunnies and frosty friends! 'Tis I, Kelly Tsai, IASC First Vice-President, sending some happy Honor Delegate tidings to you. Yes, the deadline for Honor Delegate applications is past due. I received over 250 Honor Delegate applications, and I would like to

thank all those who took time and effort to apply. Currently, I am grading and tabulating the scores for each and every Honor Delegate application. Sheesh, that means about a skillion paper cuts and Friday nights spent on the couch surrounded by manila folders! Each line on the Honor Delegate application corresponds to a top-secret confidential value of Honor Delegate Points.

Trust me, I do not like being the big baddie. I do not like to tell or to decide for people what they can or cannot do. But logistically, 250 Honor Delegates are not possible. The applications are graded objectively by a point system, so it does not matter if you are my fairy god-mother or my maniacal nemesis. If you have the points, you are in. If you do not, you are out. It is a cruel world, isn't it? Please do not go away hating me or the IASC if you are not selected as a Honor Delegate. Go to a couple of functions; see what the IASC is really about. And I am sure that you will feel like a whole new beautiful splendiferous and effervescent student leader. Okay, that is about it. If you think aliens mutilated your application and used it as fuel for the mothership or you are just really paranoid about your application, do not hesitate to call me (708)202-0827. That's what friends are for. Well then, back to the trenches...

## Memo from



Manisha Shetty

Hi everyone!  
We have been in school long enough to completely stress ourselves out about school, student council, and other activities, but we are doing

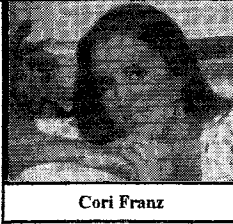
the best we can. Luckily, the holidays mean we have time to sit back, relax, and think about the IASC. As you cuddle up near the fire with your mug of hot cocoa, you will reminisce blissfully about all the happy student council things you have accomplished and the many more to come. You also realize that the holidays are a time for giving and sharing with others, so obviously you remember to give Manisha her gift! You could do this by counting all the cans of food your student council has collected and donated to charity to meet the Clatskanie Challenge and tell Manisha. What a wonderful gift! She would appreciate it!

In other news, a thanks to many district officers who came together to discuss problems and solutions at Vision '96 on October 9, 1995. I hope you gained something from the experience. We encourage all the districts to start some kind of creative community service project that will be recognized at the state convention. If you have any ideas, contact your district officers or moi (me). Remember, "The reward of a thing well done is to have done it" (Ralph Waldo Emerson). Thanks for everything.

### Attention!

All Constitution changes are due to the IASC President, Manisha Shetty, by Feb. 1, 1996!

## Letter from the Editor



Cori Franz

Hello, again! I hope you all have been enjoying your school year. Well, as you can see I have completed the second issue of the *Reporter* and much to my relief this was a lot easier than the first. I still had a few problems, but nothing I could not work through.

I am already working on putting together the next issue and I am once again looking for articles. My next deadline is Jan. 26th, 1996 if any of you have something you want to tell everyone, please write about it and send it!

Well, it is/was the Holiday Season and with that comes the new year. I do not know about all of you, but my calendar is already filling up. I am looking forward to the new year and new IASC activities that are already being planned. I have met a lot of you and hope to meet the rest of

you at the many state functions coming up. I will be looking for articles and taking lots of pictures, so look for me!

In the past few months I have attended a couple of state functions along with one district convention. I want to say I was very impressed with the involvement all of you are showing this year. Sounds to me like you are very interested in what goes on in the state. If any of you have any other questions about a state office or a state function, please do not hesitate to call any of us state officers. We like to know what you are thinking.

Well, thanks again and I hope to see you soon!

### **Congratulations to the new Eastern District Officers**

President: Adam Carlen  
Vice-President: Erin O'Neal  
Secretary: Emily Smith  
Treasurer: Sarah Claytor  
District/State Liason: Angie Mossman

## Advanced Workshop Information

### Values in Leadership

The IASC/IHSA's Advanced Workshops are for students who have completed the IASC's Summer Student Leadership Workshops. They provide an excellent opportunity for students to further the training and experience begun at the summer workshops. This year the workshops will be held January 20-21 (Workshop #1) and January 27-28, 1996 (Workshop #2).

At the "Values in Leadership" workshop delegates can work clarifying their own values and examining how values relate to leadership style and decision making.

The Allerton Conference Center is located near Monticello, Illinois. The town of Monticello is a small community about 20 miles west of Champaign-Urbana.

**COST PER DELEGATE: \$105 (Non-member Schools)**

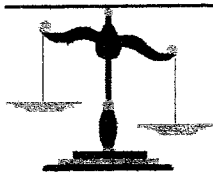
**\$90 With IASC member's discount**

**DEADLINES: Jan. 5, 1996 for Workshop #1**

**Jan. 12, 1997 for Workshop #2**

**NOTICE: NO registration can be accepted if POSTMARKED after the deadlines unless accompanied by \$10 per delegate registration fee.**

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# Who's in the DISTRICT

## KICKAPOO

### Ann Roll-Pres.

The Kickapoo district is off to a great start with two district events already completed. The first, our Fall Picnic, was held on September 9, at a park in Tolono. It was a day of fun and games to get acquainted and reacquainted with others in the district.

The Fall Workshop was the second event, and a few of the nearby schools were able to brave the blizzard to make it to Villa Grove on November 11. Mark Nelson, assistant principal at Mattoon High School, led the program, starting off with activities dealing with group cooperation and communication. Also planned for the 11th was a meeting of all the local presidents in the district, a time for the presidents to observe a Kickapoo executive board meeting and also to share and receive ideas for new activities on the local council level. However, due to the shocking and chilling weather, few schools were able to make it, and the meeting will be rescheduled for the spring.

Upcoming events for the Kickapoo district include: the winter Retreat at Shiloh High School January 14 and 15; Hospitality Night at Oakwood High School February 29; and our District Convention at the Chancellor Hotel on March 16, to be hosted by Mahomet-Seymour High School.

## CENOIS

### Erin Koertge-Pres.

Here in central Illinois, we are really excited about our first ever Cenois District Winter Workshop! It will be held on December 11 at the

Holiday Inn East in Springfield, which is a "top notch" facility! This workshop is special because it's like a "mini state convention" wrapped up into one day. District members have applied to be discussion group leaders and recorders. Scrapbooks will be displayed, and there will also be a "Hall of Ideas." Our speaker for the day will be Jack Johnson, who is a favorite in this area! We are hoping the day will be beneficial for all, but a time to have fun and get to know others from the district too. And hopefully it will be such a success that there will be a second annual Cenois District Workshop next year!

## PRAIRIE EIGHT

### Laura Chandler-Pres.

The Prairie Eight District began this year's events with our annual Fall Workshop. This year the event was coordinated by our Vice-President Katy Stangland. The theme of the workshop was "Remodeling Tradition." We came up with new and exciting ways to acquire the same amount of information as the traditional discussion groups but have more fun doing it. We added competitions like singing new ideas for school issues, races to get ideas for selected topics in a given time, and human bingo (what else can we say?!) We all had a blast and received many positive responses from fall workshop veterans. We tried to raise money for cancer research through a paper drive, but the turn out was smaller than we had anticipated. Our Spring Convention will be held at Pitstick Pavillion in Ottawa in early March. Our Convention Secretary Christi Ryg will organize the event.

## KASKASKIA

### Amanda Rainey-Pres.

What's the latest on the Kaskaskia District? Well, you are about to find out. So far, we have had two successful functions down here in the south. First was our annual Leadership Training Workshop in late September, hosted this year by Collinsville High School. About 200 delegates were in attendance to hear a fabulous, spur-of-the-moment keynote address on the aspects of a true leader and four mini-sessions. The topics varied a little from the classic LTW format, but the board received encouraging reviews in favor of the new scheme of doing things on the evaluations. Following the LTW was our recent Hospitality Night on November 7. Alton High School coordinated and hosted the event, basing it around a casino format.

Next on our agenda will be the Consultant's Workshop to be held sometime in January. Though nothing has been etched in stone, our plan is to have Mr. Jim Connely return as our consultant. He provided a fabulous program last year and helped solve the problem to our habitual low attendance at the IASC Summer Workshop. Then, last but definitely not least, will be our district convention held in mid-March and hosted by Dupo High School at Parks College in Columbia. Plans are being finalized and Honor Delegates are being chosen.

All in all, the Kaskaskia District is having a great year. We invite all of you to visit any of our functions and look forward to seeing you at either the Area Conference or State Convention!

# SPOTLIGHT?!

## Excutive Board Directory

### LITTLE EGYPT

#### Mindie Harrison-Pres.

Hello, I am Mindie Harrison, president of LEDSC. Our district has been quite busy. We have had three district board meetings. We have done a constitutional review. Our membership drive is going fairly well also. Each board member has adopted four sister schools. They are to send lots of letters to these schools asking them to become a member and inviting them to events in the district.

On November 12th we had our Fall Workshop. This was a workshop for new members. I feel that the workshop went over really well. Carbondale High School, a school in our district, hosted a state drive-in workshop. Schools in this area were encouraged to attend.

The vice-president is busy getting the material ready for our next workshop. We will have our Credentials Workshop on December 6th at Benton High School. The next district board meeting is for those who are interested in serving on the credentials committee at the district level. We are also gathering materials for the District Hall of Ideas. I hope to see everyone at the State Convention in the Spring.

### CHICAGO

#### Markizh Johnson-Pres.

Chicago has been real busy this year. The first event was the Leadership Workshop which was held on September 30, 1995 at the U.I.C. (Chicago Circle Center) at 9:00 am to 12 noon. At the workshop we focused on improving leadership, communication, and critical thinking skills. Our guest speaker was Donald Sanders of the Chicago Housing Authority. We did various activities that strengthened listening skills and taught new techniques on group observation. This workshop was chaired by Markizh Johnson (C.D.S.C.A. President).

The second event, the Human Relations Workshop, chaired by Gustavo Miranda (C.D.S.C.A. Second Vice-President) was on November 18, 1995. The keynote speaker at this workshop was sponsored by AT&T through a program called "Don't Hate, Communicate." The activities that were done focused on improving self-esteem and developing effective communication skills. In addition to this, we held a can food drive and deposited over three hundred cans of non-perishable food to the Chicago Food Depository.

We're looking forward to the upcoming year and all the great workshops and conventions. We hope to see you around!

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# Calendar of Events

- January 20-21, 1996**      Advanced Workshop I, Allerton House; Monticello, IL.
- January 27-28, 1996**      Advanced Workshop II, Allerton House; Monticello, IL.
- February 10-11, 1996**      IASC Executive Board Meeting, Woodstock High School;  
Woodstock, IL.
- March 16, 1996**              Honor Delegate Workshop, El Paso High School; El Paso,  
IL.
- 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.
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