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STUDENT GOVERNMENT FORUM

April 30th, 1993

Sponsored by Rep. Leo Trich, Jr. With the cooperation of Washington and Jefferson College

10:00 a.m. - Registration; new W & J Campus Center, East Wheeling Street

10:15 a.m. - Welcome [Leo + League of Women Voters]
10:30 a.m. - Group Sessions Begin

11:00 a.m. - Break

11:15 a.m. - Question & Answer Session with Panel Members

12:00 - Lunch; W & J Commons Guest Speaker;

- Guest Speaker; Martin W. Rodgers, Legislative Assistant to Senator Harris Wofford, Old Main Chapel

- Program Adjournment

(Students should be picked up behind Old Main on East Wheeling Street)

* Confirmed:

Bill Keene-Washington City Councilman Mike Kopko-Canton Township Supervisor Harold Fergus-East Washington Borough Mayor Joe Ford - Washington County Commissioner

Not contirmed:

Jane Hopwood - McGuffey School Board Member Austin Murphy - U.S. Compressman

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HARRISBURG, April 23 -- Student and faculty representatives from four area high schools will meet local, state and federal elected officials at a Student Government Forum sponsored by state Rep. Leo Trich, D-Washington.

The all-day forum is scheduled for Friday, April 30 at Washington and Jefferson College. Junior and senior high school class officers and student government members from Washington, Trinity, McGuffey and Chartiers-Houston high schools have been invited to attend.

In addition to Trich, other panel members include Bill Keene, Washington city councilman; Mike Kopko, Canton Township supervisor; East Washington Mayor Harold Fergus; Joe Ford, Washington County commissioner; and U.S. Rep. Austin Murphy. The luncheon speaker will be Judge Thomas J. Terputac of the Washington County Common Pleas Court.

"The student government forum provides an excellent opportunity for area high school leaders to interact with elected officials and learn more about the rewarding aspects of public service. Conversely, the elected officials enjoy meeting with some of the civic leaders of the future," Trich noted.

Guest speaker for the event is Martin W. Rodgers, legislative assistant to Sen. Harris Wofford. Rodgers will discuss President Clinton's national youth service proposal and Wofford's role in developing the program. Rodgers previously has worked in the Office of the President of the Children's Defense Fund and volunteered with the Points of Light Foundation.

"We are pleased Mr. Rodgers will be able to attend this year's forum and update all of us on President Clinton's youth service program. I am hopeful some students from our community will want to participate in the program this summer, " Trich added.

The panel will answer questions and speak candidly about the negative and positive aspects of serving in a public office. Additionally, the students will separate into groups and get a chance to speak directly with a member of the panel.

Assisting Trich in setting up the student forum were Carol Srokose, Trich's administrative assistant, and student teacher Craig Hummel.

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Approximately forty students and six faculty members, representing four area high schools, took part in a Student Government/Political Forum, sponsored by State Representative Leo Trich, Jr., D-Washington, in cooperation with Washington and Jefferson College. The day-long event, held at the Olin Fine Arts Center, attempted to serve as an information seminar, giving area young people a glimpse of life in the "political arena", as well as presenting career opportunities in government work.

The program included a frank discussion on some of the negative aspects involved for those serving in public office, but also stressed the very positive and rewarding concepts of public service. The participants were then placed into smaller "session groups" for more direct one-on-one interaction between students and local elected officials. Taking part were Harold Fergus, Mayor of East Washington; Councilwoman Suzanne Gomez of Washington; John Stavovy, Trinity School Board Chairman; Tim Warco, Washington County Coroner and Rep. Trich.

During the lunch break, the guest speaker was Washington County Judge David Gilmore who spoke on the subject of positive challenges in today's political scene. He also shared some of his own views on judicial election reform issues.

The afternoon session saw United States Department of State spokesman, Douglas A. Silliman of Washington, D.C., briefing the students on career opportunities within the State Department, both here in the United States and overseas.

Those area students taking part, most of whom were Student Council and Class Officers at their respective schools, included:
Chartiers-Houston - Stacie Refosco, Renae Daniels, Derek Blough,
Jackie Phillips, Bill Fahrner, Dave Anthony, Jen Polly, Dana Dalesio,
Caroline Shields, Sandy Yanchak; McGuffey - Johnny Six, Mike Burchik,
Amy Cline, Jody Baxendell; Trinity - John Unice, Bethany Ross,
Jennifer Bonnema, Marnie Butler, Jennifer Johnson, Pam Popovich,
Krista Junko, Colleen Burns, Andrea Bullotta; Washington - Frannie
Spiegel, Scott Stillwell, Kellie Brezinski, Britney Strope, Jason
Humbert, Holly McAllister. Participating faculty members included:
Chartiers-Houston - George White; McGuffey - Karen Manni; Trinity Larry Myers, Bill Haines, Bob Thorton; Washington - Emmalee McMurtry.

Assisting Rep. Trich with the Student Government Forum were Michelle Abate and Craig Hummell, students at Washington and Jefferson College.

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STUDENT POLITICAL FORUM

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10:00 am - Registration; Olin Fine Arts Bldg., East Wheeling St.

10:15 am - Welcome

10:20 am - Program Begins

10:50 am - Break

11:00 am - Group Sessions Begin

11:30 am - Question & Answer Session with Panel Members

12:00 - Lunch; at W & J Commons Guest Speaker - Honorable David Gilmore, Judge, Court of Common Pleas

1:15 pm - Guest Speaker - Douglas Silliman, U.S. Department of State; at Olin Fine Arts Bldg.

2:00 pm - Program Adjournment (Students should be picked up at 2:00 at Olin)

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