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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS LOOK TO THE '90s

High school juniors and seniors from New York City will gather at the New York Henry George School from June 26th through 30th to study "The Student's Stake in the Economy." Along with the School, sponsors of this year's summer Economics Institute for high school students are the United Federation of Teachers and the New York City Council on Economic Education. Coordinators from the three organizations, respectively, are Stan Rubenstein, Charles Cogen (Past President), and Dr. Albert Alexander (Executive Director). The program will include lectures, guest speakers, films, field trips, and discussions. Students are selected from nominations submitted by local Assistant Principals of Social Studies. Enrollment is limited to thirty.

The Institute's program begins at 9 AM on Monday, June 26th, with introductions by Mr. Rubenstein, Dr. Alexander, and Mr. Cogen. The theme of the morning's session is "Economic Policy Issues for the '90s." Speakers are Gus Tyler, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, on "Facing National Issues." Dr. Heather Dillenbeck, U.S. Trust Co., and Vincent Massaro, The Conference Board, will then address "Business and Manufacturing" issues from the consumer and service industry points of view. The next day, Tuesday, will be a field trip to the Federal Reserve Bank.

The theme of Wednesday's session is "Economic Issues in the Mayoralty Campaign." Samuel M. Ehrenhalt, Regional Commissioner of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, will address the Job Outlook in New York City. Edward Dodson, President of the HGS and economist at the Federal National Mortgage Association, will analyze the Homeless and Housing situation. Transportation will be discussed by Gary Caplin, Budget Director of the Mass Transit Authority, and the Environment will be looked at by Alan L. Smith, from Brooklyn Union Gas. Students will then form small groups for discussion. A field trip to IBM headquarters follows on Thursday, to view "The Business World of the Future."

"The Pacific Basin and the United States" is the theme of Friday, the final day. An overview will be presented by Dr. John Hein, Director of International Economics at The Conference Board. Hon. Mikiyo Mori, Vice-Consul from the Japanese Consulate, and Jeff Ge from the Chinese Information Service, will talk about Japan and Taiwan, respectively. This will be followed by a student debate on whether or not international free trade benefits the United States. Moderator for the debate will be Joseph Vincenzino, Sr., economist from Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

Before the conclusion of the week's program, seven winners of an essay contest will be chosen from among the thirty participants, and announced. The winners will receive \$100 each and a tuition-free course in basic economics to be given at the Henry George School from July 5th to 1lth. Funds for this special contest and awards were donated by School Trustee Constance Weinstein. As in years past, the School looks forward to introducing young students to the not-so-dismal science of economics.