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SCHOOL NOTES

NEW YORK

A series of extracurricular programs brightened the between-semester period.

The first, sponsored by the Graduate Research Committee, focused on the problem-plagued transit system. Guest speakers were New York City Comptroller Harrison J. Golden and Felice Gruskin, director of Transit Riders in Pursuit, a transit watchdog group.

Another GRC program featured a heated debate on alternative housing strategies. Sydney Mayers, HGS trustee and educator, spoke on Georgist solutions to the urban housing crisis. Susan Raddosh, of the Metropolitan Council on Housing, addressed the topic from a Socialist stance. Their exchanges were at times heated and extremely well-received by the 50 students in attendance.

A third program brought 75 high school seniors to the school for a day-long session entitled "You and New York's Changing Job Market." Co-sponsored by the school and the New York City Council on Economic Education, the session included a panel of top executives from local corporations.

Information on upcoming programs at the school can be had by contacting Elizabeth Reeves at 212 697-9880.

LONG ISLAND

The two-hour seminar, You and the Property Tax, which explains how the tax works, its impact on Long Island homeowners and the implications of any movement toward a more Georgist approach, will be offered at the following locations:

--Bellmore--Merrick; Kennedy High School, Thursday, January 31 at 8PM.

--Glen Cove; Glen Cove High School, Thursday, March 7 at 8 PM.

--Islip; Islip High, Tuesday, February 5 at 8 PM.

--Lindenhurst; Lindenhurst Senior High, Tuesday, February 26 at 8 PM.

--Patchogue/Medford; Patchogue/Medford High School, Thursday, April 4 at 8 PM.

--South Huntington; Walt Whitman High School, Monday, March 4 at 8 PM.

For further information, contact Stan Rubenstein at 516 734-7543.

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PHILADELPHIA

Dr. Irene Hickman, former assessor of Sacramento, CA and currently an active member of the Missouri-based Public Revenue Education Council, recently spoke to a number of Philadelphia Georgists at the birthplace. Dr. Hickman emphasized the need to promote not only land value taxation but the entire Georgist message.

Mike Curtis, director of the Arden Activities, continues to make one-hour presentations on land rent to members of the Breakthrough Foundation. His efforts have recently been coordinated by alumnus Jim Joiner.

Some 45 people attended the dedication of the historical marker erected by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in front of the birthplace. Commission member Mrs. J. Welles Henderson, HGS trustee Edward Dodson, and Henry George Foundation trustee Richard L. Biddle performed the unveiling. Speakers included commission member Mrs. Robert S. Ross; Professor Arthur P. Dudden of Bryn Mawr College; Dr. Richard Tyler, historian for the commission; Professor Steven Cord, of the Henry George Foundation; Stanley Rubenstein, director of the New York School; and Charles E. Peterson, Philadelphia Architectural Historian.

LOS ANGELES

The Los Angeles School is moving through stage two of its plan to revitalize its teaching programs. Foremost in the project is the recruiting and training of teachers. The school now boasts an active faculty on nine -- all of whom have received a minimum of 60 hours of study before facing a class. Five of these are new instructors who graduated in 1984.

Six Georgists from San Diego drove to Los Angeles to attend the Christmas dinner and graduation ceremonies at the Los Angeles Press Club. Legislator William Filante spoke to a packed house on "Politics: It ain't much, but it's all we got." Filante had two other Georgist meetings in Los Angeles before he was allowed to return to Sacramento.

Director Harry Pollard addressed the Free Marin Supper Club in the L.A. area on "Why the Free Market Always Fails", or, "Why freedom is too important to be left to libertarians."

CABLE TELEVISION

UA Columbia Cablevision of Westchester has agreed to carry the basic Georgist course, Understanding Economics, on its public access channel. UE will appear on Channel 8 every Thursday at 8 PM through April 4.