



LULU—Last week, Lulu Cleveland of Shungnak, Alaska spent the whole week attending "A Presidential Classroom for Young Americans" in Washington, D.C. The program is to give young Americans a chance to study the government in action at the nation's capitol. Lulu is an Upward Bound student attending East Anchorage High school in Anchorage. Shown in the picture are,

left to right, Mrs. Katie Egowa Beals, Project Director of the Upward Bound at the Alaska Methodist University in Anchorage; Reinford Matoon, principal, East Anchorage High School; Lulu Cleveland and Robert Portlock, Education Program Administrator of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Anchorage.

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Lulu at Presidential Classroom

For most high school seniors the opportunity to study government in the nation's capital for a week would be a unique experience.

For East High senior Lulu Cleveland the experience is going to be unparalleled because, although she has traveled extensively in Alaska, this will be her first trip Outside.

Saturday, March 6, Lulu flies to Washington, D.C., to take part in an educational program, "A Presidential Classroom for Young Americans."

She will represent her high school and the Upward Bound Program at the Alaska Methodist University in which she will be enrolled for the third consecutive year this summer.

Lulu is being sponsored jointly by the AMU Upward Bound Program and by the Bureau of Indian Affairs office in Anchorage.

There are six one-week classes in the 1971 Presidential Classroom program appropriately scheduled soon after Congress had reconvened for the legislative year and after the President had delivered his State of the Union Address.

At this time, legislation, budget, and programs for next year are getting underway and "official Washington," for the most part, is in residence.

Approximately 1,900 high school seniors will attend the six sessions this year. Enrollment is determined by the number of U.S. congressional districts in each state. Each session is divided into study sections of about 40 students.

Lulu will be attending the fourth class scheduled from Mar. 6 through Mar. 13.

Besides giving high school students the rare opportunity to study the three branches of government where it all happens, the Presidential Classroom serves to humanize what is to most young people a very impersonal force in their lives: the government.

Lulu and other students will spend one entire week surrounded by the people who are government, hopefully gaining an understanding of a system which all too often seems remote, bureaucratic and inaccessible.

Guest instructors for the week include senators, ambassadors,

nationally known members of the Washington press corps, lobbyists, and Pentagon chiefs. Last year's students rubbed elbows with such instructors as General William C. Westmoreland, Art Buchwald, Washington syndicated columnist, His Excellency Bui Diem, ambassador of Viet Nam, Senator Strom Thurmond, and Jack Warner, assistant to the director of the Secret Service, to name a few.

Perhaps the only discouraging aspect of such a gathering is that, out of millions of high school

seniors across the country, only a small percentage can attend.

Therefore, a criterion for selecting a Presidential Classroom student is that he or she "be capable of relating his experiences and new knowledge upon returning from Washington."

Lulu will have much to share with her East High classmates upon her return.

And, no doubt, as a Native Alaskan, she will have equally as many thoughts and experiences her Washington classmates would like shared with them.

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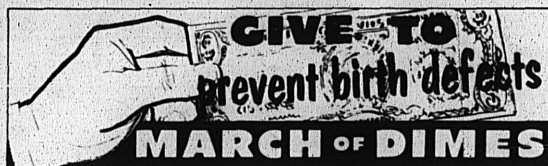
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