

Justice Teams Plan New Campus Visits

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Teams of Justice Department officials again will visit college campuses this year for dialogues with students, Jerris Leonard, head of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, announced yesterday.

Leonard told a conference sponsored by the Association of Student Governments that he himself would lead the first team to the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa on Sunday.

An aide said the department already has received about 20 new invitations for campus visits. Last year, Justice teams went to 40 campuses in 28 states.

Leonard said he found the visits last year rewarding. "My understanding of what students believe should be the nation's priorities has increased tremendously," he said. At the same time, he added, the teams had "a beneficial effect" in correcting misinformation among students about department activities and the law.

Leonard was one of several administration officials including Housing and Urban Development Secretary George Romney, Interior Secretary Rogers Morton, and Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Elliot L. Richardson—on the three-day ASG program which started yesterday. The group's third annual

"Presidents to Presidents" conference has brought more than 500 student body presidents and college administrators to the Washington Hilton gathering.

With students able to vote in next year's elections, Democratic presidential candidates—present or prospective—were also represented.

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) told the group that the main issues in next year's presidential election would be the state of the economy and "who do you trust?"

Asked by one student if he would consider a black running mate to be a political asset if he himself were a White House candidate next year, Humphrey replied, "I don't think anybody can make that prediction."

Sen. Edmund S. Muskie (D-Maine) was another scheduled speaker yesterday, but canceled out reportedly because of other commitments