Portland Teen To Represent Oregon At Respecteen National Youth Program

Doug Gaither 12, of Oregon, will be among 51 students--one from each state and the District of Columbia -who will lobby Congress on behalf of the nation['s youth at the sixth annual RespecTeen National Youth Forum, April 23-28, 1994, in Washington D.C. Doug is the son of Donna and Ronald Gaither.

Gaither, a seventh-grader in Linda Kuhlmann's class at Trinity Lutheran School, was chosen from more than 8,000 students nationwide who entered letters they wrote to members of Congress in the RespecTeen "Speak for Yourself" contest. The students' letters expressed their views on public policy issues. Gaither's letter to U.S. Representative Ron Wyden discussed improving the quality of education.

The "Speak for Yourself" curriculum was distributed to social studies teachers nationwide last spring. The program encourages students to examine issues that affect their lives and teaches them how they can play a role in government decision-making. The curriculum and National Youth Forum are sponsored by Lutheran Brotherhood, a fraternal benefit society.

During the Forum, the students will meet with their respective U.S. representatives, senators, and/or congressional aides to discuss their views on public policy issues. And, they will meet with key U.S. representatives and administration decision-makers to discuss pending legislation on issues that concern them. In addition, students will participate in a community service workshop and service development.

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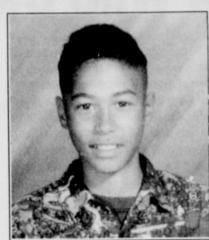
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Doug Gaither; 1994 RespecTeen National Youth Forum Oregon Reresentative

project. They will also hear Melissa Poe, the 14-year-old founder of Kids For A Clean Environment (KidsFACE) and environmental organization for kids, speak about youth activism and how young people can make an impact on decision-makers.

"How to be an active participant in the political process is something every U.S. citizen should learn about. The 51 young people attending the National Youth Forum are learning how they can make a difference, setting an example for others," said Steve Preus, director of Lutheran Brotherhood's RespectTeen program.

The National Youth Forum is part of a national program sponsored by Lutheran Brotherhood called RespecTeen. This program is aimed at helping parents, young people, congregations, schools and communities work together toward positive youth

Scholastics and athletics keep Doug as busy as he can be. In school, Doug enjoys math class and creative writing. He likes writing action stories in his creative writing class and also likes reading action and adventure novels. On the basketball court, Doug's athleticism really shines through. He was the only seventhgrader on the eight-grade "A" Team at school this season and he now holds the team's three-point record with 44 three-point baskets. He surpassed the old record by 16 baskets!

When not out practicing this three-point shot, Doug keeps active by playing baseball.

Doug has a brother named Ben who's 15-years-old and a five-yearold sister, Alyssa. On Sundays, Doug volunteer as an usher at this church and helps take care of the youngest church members in the nursery.

Improving the quality of education in the inner-city schools is an important issue to Doug. He proposes a program to bring successful people, or mentors, into the inner-city school to show the students they can achieve their goals and be successful. He also proposes shelters for troubled youths where they could feel wanted and a part of a loving, caring family.

Lutheran Brotherhood, based in Minneapolis, a fraternal benefit society with one million members nationwide. It offers a broad range of financial products and services to Lutherans. Through its fraternal (charitable and benevolent) resources it aids its members and their commu-

Portland To Receive New Critical Care Helicopter

A new emergency helicopter, which reduces by two hours the transport time for some patients, will arrive in Portland next week.

The new Bell 230 aircraft flies using both instrument flight rules (IFR) and visual flight rules (VFR). Life Flight pilots plan and fly the aircraft's course using instruments, computers and radar. Use of IFR allows Life Flight to fly in adverse weather conditions, such as fog, heavy rain and some snow conditions.

The new aircraft travels at a cruise speed of 155 mph, compared to the top cruise speed of 135 mph for Life Flight's BK117 and BO105," says David Long, Life Flight Network consortium administrator. "For some patients, that will make a big difference," notes Paula Derr, consortium liaison from Sister of Providence Health System. "This new aircraft will help us reach critically ill or injured patients and transport them to specialized medical centers faster.

For example, transporting a patient from Heppner to Portland via a helicopter rather than the current fixed wing aircraft, will save as much as two hours of travel time, thus we can save more lives." The consortium anticipates flying 1,000 to 1,200 helicopter transports and 150 airplane transports a year within Oregon and southwest Washington.

"The new helicopter will be fully equipped as a flying critical care and coronary care unit, and it will accommodate two patients the same as Life Flight's current helicopters," says



The new Bell 230 helicopter

Trish Tiffany, chief flight nurse. "A major difference is that patients will be loaded through a side door, rather than through a "clam shell" door at the back of the helicopter. The loading will take place in full view of the pilot and away from the tail rotor, which is considered the most dangerous part of the helicopter."

With the integration of Portland's Life Flight and Aircare flight programs, last November, the three Portland-based health systems are re-

sponding jointly to a nationwide need to reduce duplication of services and to collaborate on quality of care. Life flight Network's two helicopters will be rotated among the campuses of the three health systems. The program also includes a medically-equipped twin-engine turbo-prop fixed wing aircraft based at Hillsboro Airport, provided by Premier Jets. Life Flight Network serves a population base of 2 million people within 27 counties and

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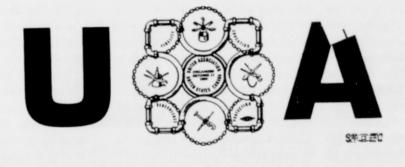
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Kitzhaber said. "It is therefore a par- have tried to convince us that there sitive to issues that have an impact on ticular honor to have been endorsed to are two Oregon--urban and rural, old the African American community. and young, black and white. But there is only one Oregon, and we all depend "The Black Lightship Confer- upon each other to build a future, " ence was happy to unanimously en- Kitzhaber said. "We refuse to fall

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