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WASHINGTON -- How much did Virginia candidates and political committees spend in the 1982 federal elections? How can researchers obtain statistics on campaign financing?

Answers to these and other questions will be addressed by Larry Boyle of the Federal Election Commission in a series of presentations in the Williamsburg area from November 11 through 13. These presentations to educators and students are part of an educational outreach program recently implemented by the FEC to acquaint them with its research facilities, publications and audio-visual materials.

A former resident of Williamsburg and an alumnus of William and Mary, Mr. Boyle is an information specialist at the FEC. Among the educational groups Mr. Boyle will be addressing in the Williamsburg area are:

- Christopher Newport College on Thursday, November 11, in the Campus Center at 12 noon; and several high school government classes in the Newport News Public Schools during that morning and afternoon.
- The College of William and Mary on Friday, November 12, in Room 20, Morton Hall, at 3:30 p.m.; the annual conference of the Virginia Consortium of Social Studies Supervisors and College Educators at the Fort Magruder Inn at 9:00 a.m.; and government classes at Lafayette High School at 12:30 p.m.
- The annual conference of Virginia Social Studies Teachers on Saturday, November 13, at the Fort Magruder Inn for a display of FEC educational materials from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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The Federal Election Commission is an independent regulatory agency with jurisdiction over the campaign financing of federal elections. By using the Commission's resources, researchers can study a particular election in a Congressional district or state or focus on a political committee representing a specific interest group. Students can learn how to obtain election-related government documents, use computer-generated information, analyze campaign finance statistics, compare and contrast political campaigns, and draw conclusions based on data from different sources.

Attendance at the college presentations is open to the public. A question and answer session will follow each presentation.