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To Florida West Coast Symphony
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*The Debutante Ball Committee
extends to*

*an invitation to be presented
as a Debutante
for the 1982-1983 Season
and to participate in
the opening of
The Florida West Coast Symphony's
thirty-fourth year*

Young Sarasota, Manatee Women To Make Formal Bow To Society

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Debutante Balls have long been an established tradition in society. Young women being introduced socially "came out" at formal and elegant parties.

For the first time since the early 80's, the Debutante Ball will again be a part of this area's social season, designed in the tradition of Debutante Balls in cities around the world.

The committee of local residents who are reviving the custom maintain that it offers young women in the area one more option, that of social independence in today's world. "It's skill-building on a different level," said Pamela Allen-Jones, who, with her husband, is in charge of programs. "It's another sphere in which to grow and achieve for girls."

An event of commitment and recognition, Debutante Balls most usually benefit a major cultural or human service organization. Beneficiaries of the Sarasota Bradenton Debutante Ball of 1983 will be the Florida West Coast Symphony's Youth Orchestra.

Formal announcement of the debutantes will be opening night of the Symphony, Nov. 12 and 13, 1982. Subsequent to the formal announcement, a season combining parties and protocol will take place. The Ball will be April 29, 1983 at the Van Wezel and will 12 outstanding young women will be presented.

With Sarasota Bay as a background, guests will dance to the music of Peter Duchin and have late supper, prepared by Peter Ely.

Young women who are entering their senior years of high school in the fall preceding each May presentation may inquire in writing as to the selection criteria through the Florida West Coast



Honorary Chairman Mrs. J. S. Nicholls, Seated
... with Harry Schall And Mrs. Phil Haffner

Symphony Office at least one year in advance.
Serving on the Ball committee are: Mrs. J. S. Nicholls, III, honorary chair-

man and Symphony liaison; Mrs. Maxwell Cooke, Ball chairman; Mr. and Mrs. William N. Webb, arrangements; (Please Turn To Page 8E)

William P. Michel, decorations; Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Blalock and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Penner, dinner committee co-chairmen; Mrs. Phil Haffner, favors; Mrs. Daniel Kimbrel, invitations; Mr. and Mrs. R. Earle Jones, program; Mrs. Richard Parke Brown, protocol; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Barnes, publicity; Mrs. Robert E. Windom, reservations; Mrs. Happy Davison, social secretary; Harry H. Schall, treasurer.
Tickets to the Debutante Ball \$200 per couple, \$70 per couple (under age 30).

Deb Ball Committee



Debutante Ball Chairman, Mrs. Maxwell Cooke
... with Joy Dibble Jerome Butler, Kirsten Cortes of Youth Orchestra



Reservations And Publicity
... Mrs. Robert Windom, right, John And Ruth Barnes



Chairmen Of The Program
... Mr. and Mrs. R. Earle Jones



Mrs. Richard Parke Browne
... Protocol, with Chris Moore, Orchestra



Mr. and Mrs. William N. Webb
... chairmen of arrangements

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Montage

Pat Buck



It's been 25 years . . .

since the lovely setting of the John Ringling home provided the perfect ambience to introduce young women to society at a Sarasota Debutante Ball. And following the closing of the house to such private affairs, subsequent "coming out" parties at the Exhibition Hall were less enthusiastically received and the local debutante tradition ceased to exist.

But, with a benefit as its objective and a new approach for 1982, a new Debutante Ball organization has sprung up and April 29, 1983, will find a dozen debutantes from Sarasota and Bradenton making their bows at the Van Wezel and dancing in an elegant, tented "ballroom" to the music of Peter Duchin and his orchestra.

The Youth Program of the Florida West Coast Symphony Orchestra will be the beneficiary of all proceeds of the Debutante Ball — which are expected to be an annual highlight of the social calendar — and the 1983 Ball's honorary chairman will be retiring Symphony president Mrs. J. S. Nicholls, III. She will also serve as Symphony liaison.

Other officials announced are Mrs. Maxwell Cooke, Ball chairman; Mr. and Mrs. William N. Webb, arrangements; William P. Michel, decorations; Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Blalock, Bradenton, and the Joseph Penner, dinner committee co-chairmen; Mrs. Phil Haffner, favors; Mrs. Daniel Kimbrel, invitations; Mr. and Mrs. R. Earle Jones, program; Mrs. Richard Parke Brown, protocol; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Barnes, publicity; Mrs. Robert E. Windom, reservations; Mrs. Happy Davison, social secretary, and Harry H. Schall, treasurer.

Sarasota and Bradenton's debutantes will be chosen by a Selection Committee from the senior high school classes of the area's public, private and parochial schools. Area young women who attend boarding schools will also be

eligible. The criteria will be young women who "... display significant leadership ability and academic achievement in school and community. Each young woman must be knowledgeable, creative and an active participant in her community, as well as a supportive member of her family and community."

At a press party to announce the project, Girls' Club director Pamela Allen-Jones read a "Statement of Purpose" which disclosed, in part: "The purpose of the Debutante Ball organization is to develop cultural and social commitment of a select number of young Sarasota and Bradenton women, their families and their extended families . . . achieve a sense of responsibility to the cultural and social growth of this and other communities in which they may reside . . . selection process will not deny any young woman the opportunity to participate based on racial, religious or economic background."

The selection committee — whose members will not be announced — will be "composed of seven men and women members of all ages, races, religions and economic backgrounds residing in Sarasota and Bradenton." Submission of names to the committee will be via the Florida West Coast Symphony Office mailing address by any interested party.

Bill and Barbara Michel were hosts at their charming Bird home for last week's announcement party and the perfect, centerpiece touch, a lovely vase of delicate sweetheart roses each bearing a hand-lettered "Debutante Ball" tag, was indicative of the attention to gracious detail and the style with which the community's latest social venture will be executed.

Debs to bow in April

Area's first debutante ball will benefit young musicians

Special to The Herald

Invitations have been mailed to 15-year-old women in Manatee County to debut in the area's first Debutante Ball April 29.

The ball is being held as a benefit to the Florida West Coast Symphony's Youth Orchestra, in a "youth serving youth" gesture. Thirty outstanding young women from Manatee and Sarasota Counties are candidates for the honor.

Formal announcement of the 12 young women selected as debutantes will be Nov. 12 and 13, the Florida West Coast Symphony season's opening concert. A season combining parties and protocol will follow.

As is the tradition in other cities, young women entering their senior year of high school are selected as debutantes on the basis of interest, residency in this area, academic and leadership qualities, family interest in the arts, and commitment of the young woman and her family to participate in the debutante training.

The young women will debut on the lawn of Van Wezel Performing Arts Center, in tents laden with roses and aglow with cut crystal chandeliers. Dress will be formal. The debs will wear white gowns; their fa-

thers will wear white ties.

Peter Duchin and his orchestra will provide the music and Peter Ely will prepare the feast.

Between selection of the debutantes and their presentation in April will be a round of rehearsals, ballroom dancing instructions, parties and photo sessions. The young woman must choose two male escort, subject to approval of the selection committee, to assist in the presentation ceremony.

The Debutante Ball statement of purpose reads: "... to develop cultural and social commitment of a select number of young Sarasota and Bradenton women, their families, and their extended families."

"The further purpose ... is to help these social identity, to develop cultural and those areas, and to achieve a sense of responsibility to the cultural and social growth of this and other communities in which they may reside."

Chairperson of the Debutante Ball committee is Mrs. Maxwell E. Cooke. Honorary chairperson and symphony lia-

son is Mrs. J. S. Nicholls III.

Other officers include: Mrs. Gladys Burlingame, secretary; Mrs. Harry Schall, treasurer; Mrs. Richard Parke Brown, protocol; Mrs. Happy Davison, social secretary; Mr. and Mrs. William N. Webb, arrangements; William P. Michel, decorations; Mrs. Phil Haffner, favors; Mrs. Daniel Kimbrel, invitations; Mr. and Mrs. R. Earle Jones, program; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Barnes, publicity.

Mrs. William Snow, scrapbook; Mrs. Robert E. Windom, reservations; Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Blalock and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Penner, dinner committee.

The debutante selection committee is composed of seven men and women of different ages, races, religions and economic backgrounds residing in Sarasota and Bradenton. The names of committee members remain anonymous, even to members of the Debutante Ball Committee and the Florida West Coast Symphony Association.

Cost for the public to attend the gala will be \$200 per couple and \$70 per junior couple (under age 30). Ticket sales will be announced at a later date.



(From left) Mrs. Robert G. Blalock, Bradenton, with Maestro Paul Wolfe and Anita Brookner, concertmistress



The Debutante Ball
Mrs. Richard Paske Brown
requests the pleasure of your company
at a party
in honor of the 1982-83 Debutantes
on Sunday, the 5th of October
at six o'clock
The University Club
Laurel
Please reply
388-2114





Stephanie Adams

Ivettise Berio



Seale Des Champs



Edythe Durbeck



Pamela Sue Fleck



Susan Fulton



Michelle McCarthy



Pamela Maddox



Maryann Matthews



Treanne Michel



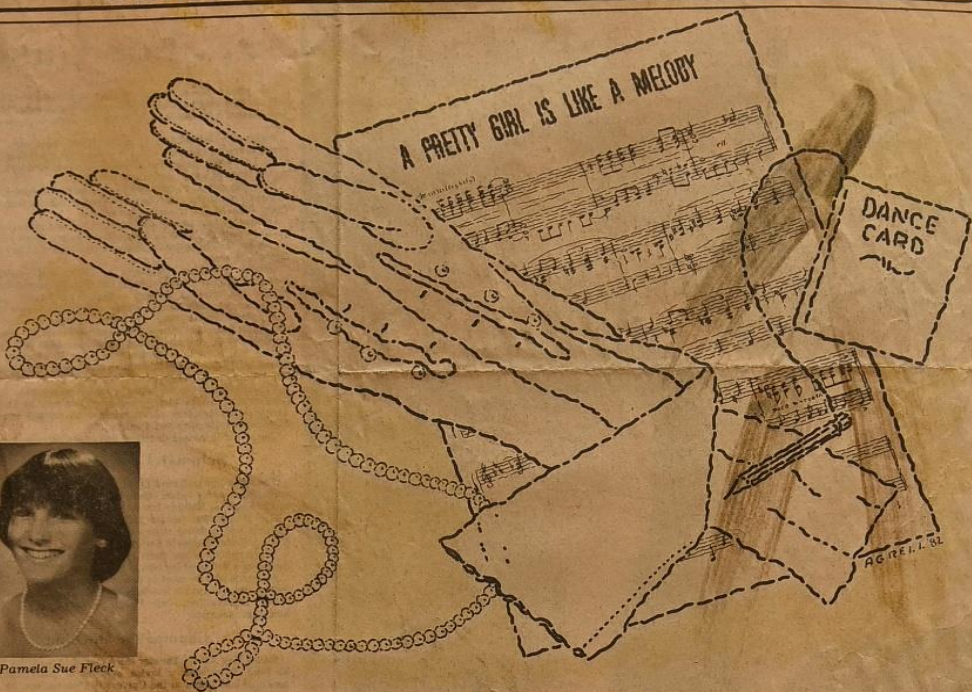
Stephanie Nicosta



Pamela Short



Elizabeth Swain



Receptions Planned To Honor 1982-83 Debutantes

Herald-Tribune Reporter

Officials of the Florida West Coast Symphony announce the candidates for the 1982-83 Debutante Season in Bradenton and Sarasota, who will be officially introduced to the community at the Symphony's Opening Night, Nov. 12. In making the announcement, Marianne Nichols, president of the Debutants Ball Committee of the Symphony, said that the "involvement of these outstanding young ladies with the Florida West Coast Symphony is an exciting commitment for them and an outstanding opportunity for the Symphony."

Thirteen young women from the Sarasota and Bradenton communities have been selected by the liaison committee of the Symphony Association. They were selected from young ladies entering their senior year of high school on the basis of

their residency in the area, academic record, qualities of leadership, interest in the arts, and community commitment of the family, as well as the candidates' character.

The first reception for the Debutantes will be held in the foyer of the Van Wezel Hall after the first concert of the Symphony at the Van Wezel Saturday evening, Nov. 13. The Debutantes will act as ushers for that performance and the performance of the Symphony at Neal Auditorium in Bradenton Friday evening, Nov. 12.

Mrs. William Snow and Mrs. John Barnes are co-chairmen for the reception.

The 1982-83 Debutantes are:
Stephanie Audrey Adams, daughter of Mr. Jeanne H. Adams and Dr. Rodney Adams Jr. of Bradenton, is a senior at Manatee High School. Her activities include the Anchor Club, treasurer

of Z-Club, Latin Club, Student Council, homeroom representative, volleyball and track team. Her community activities include Mam'Selles, volunteer for Cancer Society, Girls Club volunteer, and nursing home volunteer.

Her father is president of the American Cancer Society in Bradenton. Her mother is a P.T.A. St. Joseph School, staff assistant to Congressman Andy Ireland, Manatee Community Service League and American Association of University Women, Alpha Gamma Delta Alumnae and the Alabama Pharmaceutical Association.

Ivettise Berio, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Joe M. Berio Jr., is a senior at Cardinal Mooney High School. Her activities include the Spanish Club, Drama Club, Pep Club, Keyettes, Telethon volunteer, and a CMHS representative at the Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation Seminar. Her community

activities include dance student at Florida Ballet Arts School, performer with Concert Ensemble of the Florida Ballet Arts School, Burdines Teen Board member, Senior Cotillion and Campus Life.

Her parents are members of the American Cancer Society, Incarnation Parish, Incarnation School, Sarasota County Medical Auxiliary, Sarasota County Medical Association, Cardinal Mooney High School and the Florida Ballet Arts School.

Seale Marie Des Champs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. English Des Champs of Bradenton, is a senior at St. Stephen's High School. Her activities include Student Council class representative, Gourmet Club, art representative and is on the soccer, basketball, track and volleyball teams.

Her community activities include E.Y.C. secretary, Mam'Selles, and Christ Church Altar Guild. Her parents are members of the Entre Nous Service Club, Kiwanis, West Coast Symphony, Christ Episcopal Church Vestry and Guild.

Edythe Alicia Durbeck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Windsor Durbeck of Bradenton, is a Manatee High School senior. Her activities include president of the Anchor Club, Drill Team and member of P.T.S.A. board. Her community activities include Historian of Mam'Selles.

Her parents are members of the Yacht Club, Manatee Players, Girls Club Board, Art League, the P.T.S.A. board and Community Service League.

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Pamela Sue Fleck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron H. Fleck of Sarasota, is a senior at Riverview High School. Her activities include Class Boards, Honors Program, and she is a Kiltie Band Highland Dancer. She is also a Humane Society Voting Member and a communication assistant for Senior Friendship Center.

Her mother is on the Committee of 100, OHT, School Board, secretary of United Way, The Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors, Barnett Bank Board of Directors, the Manufacturers Association, the Roofing Association and the Florida Tile Council. Her father is on the Boys Club Board, Jewish Federation, the Riverview Boosters, and on the Directors Advisory Council of E.F. Hutton.

Susan Carmichael Fulton, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Fulton of Sarasota, is a senior at Riverview High School. Her activities include captain of J.V. Cheerleaders, Junior Honor Society, Phi Beta Chi, Youth for Christ, Debate Team and National Forensic League. Her community activities include 4-H president, delegate to National Episcopal Youth Event, Acolyte and Choir member in Church, County Fair and Miss United Teenager Pageant.

Her mother is a member of the Junior League, founder and director of Legation, and music minister at Church of the Holy Spirit. Her father is founder of the 4-H Foundation, board member of First National Bank of Boston and secretary of Cattleman's Association.

Michelle McCarthy, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Owen M. McCarthy, is a senior at Manatee High School.

Her activities include Senior Class secretary, winter Homecoming chairman, Student Council, senior class board, vice president of the Z-Club, Pep Club, president of Mam'Selles.

Her father is physician for Manatee County Youth Football and Manatee High School Sports.

Pamela Maddox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Maddox of Sarasota, is a senior at Riverview High School. Her activities include Campus Life, French Club, Key Club and Senior Board.

Her parents are members of the Junior League, Republican Executive Committee, Kiwanis, and Chamber of Commerce.

Maryann Matthews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Lamar Matthews Jr. of Sarasota, is a senior at Riverview High School. Her activities include Brass Band, Kiltie Band, 1st chair, Riverview Marching and Symphonic Band. Her community activities are the Youth Orchestra, past member of Junior Symphony and Church Handbells, Brevard Music Center.

Her father is on the Manatee Junior College Foundation, co-host for the regional Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon, and Gulf Coast Kiwanis. Her mother is a member of the Junior League, the Gulf Heritage Association and an appointee to the Historic Tallahassee Preservation Board.

Her mother is a member of the Rotary Annex. Her father is member of the Rotary and president of St. Armands Circle Association. They are also involved with the New College Mustangs Ball and Auction and Women's Committee of the West Coast Florida Symphony.

Stephanie Ann Nicosta, daughter of Ralph Nicosta of Bradenton, is a senior at Bradenton Christian High School. Her activities include Art League and Pep Club and Miss Sarasota Softball.

Her father is former director of Bradenton Christian School, former director of Manatee Youth for Christ.

Pamela Jeanne Short, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Short of Sarasota, is a senior at Riverview High School. Her activities include Highland Dancer in the Kiltie Band, Tri-Hi-Y, Campus Life, Key Club and Sophomore, Junior and Senior Board. Her community activities include the Cotillion and Maas Brothers Teen Board.

Her parents are members of Sermona.

Elizabeth Anne Swain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Swain of Sarasota, is a

senior at Sarasota High School. Her activities include the Symphonic Band, Adirals, Changing Tides Advanced Mixed Chorus. Her community activities include Sarasota Concert Band and Florida West Coast Youth Orchestra.

Her father is conductor of the Sarasota Concert Band and a member of the Board of Directors of Florida West Coast Symphony. Her mother is principal clarinet, Florida West Coast Symphony and principal clarinet, Sarasota Concert Band.

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REPORT

Catching Up On Social Sarasota



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Debutantes Make First Public Appearance At Symphony Opening

Thirteen young Sarasota and Bradenton women, selected as debutantes for the 1982-83 season, made their first public appearance Friday and Saturday at Neel Auditorium and Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall. The young women greeted the public as they arrived for opening night. On Saturday, a reception followed the official introduction of the debutantes to a crowded room of family, friends, and friends of the symphony in the grand foyer at Van Wezel. The young women were dressed in gowns especially

designed for the evening. The Debutante Ball will be held at Van Wezel on April 29, 1983. Proceeds will benefit the Florida West Coast Youth Orchestras. Pictured back row, from left, Ivelisse Berio, Seale DesChamps, Treanne Michel, Pamela Short, Pamela Maddox, Michelle McCarthy, Susan Fulton, Edythe Durbeck, Maryan Mathews, Pamela Fleck. Front row, from left, Stephanie Nicosia and Stephanie Adams. Elizabeth Swain was not present for the photograph.

*The Debutante Ball Committee
Cordially invites you
to attend a reception
honoring the Debutantes
of the 1982-83 season
on the thirtieth of November
immediately following the concert
The Grand Foyer
Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall
half afternoon
in the evening
Dress optional*

Debutante Reception To Follow FWCS Concert



Staff Photo By Sally Pettibon

The focus will be roses, music and lovely young women at a reception Saturday, hosted by the Debutante Ball Committee. The party will follow the opening concert of the Florida West Coast Symphony and will be held in the grand foyer of Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, with special music provided by Andy Wright. In charge of arrangements for the reception, from left, Mrs. John W. Barnes and Mrs. William H. Snow of the Debutante Ball Committee, shown discussing musical arrangements with Andy Wright. Thirteen debutantes from Sarasota and Bradenton will be introduced next April 29 at the ball.



Miss Elizabeth Anne Swain



Miss Stephanie Audrey Adams



Miss Ivelisse Josefina Berio



Miss Pamela Joanne Short



Miss Seale Marie DesChamps



Miss Stephanie Ann Nicosia



Miss Edythe Alicia Durbeck



Miss Treanne O'Leary Michel



Miss Pamela Sue Fleck



Miss Maryan Esther Mathews



Miss Pamela Lee Maddox



Miss Michelle Elizabeth McCarthy



Miss Susan Carmichael Fulton

In April, 1981 the Debutante Ball Committee for Sarasota and Manatee Counties contacted the Board of Directors of the Florida West Coast Symphony with a proposal to present a Debutante Ball for the benefit of the Youth Orchestras of the Florida West Coast Symphony. The Debutante Ball Committee, Inc. is an organization formed for the purpose of selecting a group of young women from Sarasota & Manatee Counties as debutantes to be presented at a Debutante Ball each spring. This year's Debutante Ball will be held at Van Wezel Hall on April 29th, 1983; proceeds will benefit the Florida West Coast Youth Orchestras. We are grateful to the Debutante Ball Committee, Inc. for their efforts on behalf of the youth of our two counties and invite you to attend a reception in honor of the Debutantes of the 1982-83 season in the Grand Foyer of the Van Wezel immediately following the evening concert on November 13th.



From left, Christopher Confessore, Michael Giordano, James O'Neil, Scott Johnson, Rick Ord, William Moore, and Todd Linehan

Escorts For Sarasota-Manatee 1983 Debutantes Announced

Herald-Tribune Reporter
The Debutante Ball Committee announces the following young men as escorts to the 1983-84 debutantes:

Glen Perdue, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Perdue of Bradenton, escort of Stephanie Adams. Perdue is a member of the U.S. Marine Corps. Miss Adams' second escort is Phillip Drinkard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip L. Drinkard of Bradenton. Drinkard is a senior at Manatee High School.

Escorts of Ivelisse Berio are James Douglas Zanone and Scott Arthur Des Rochers. Zanone is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Zanone and is a senior at Cardinal Mooney High School. Des Rochers is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert A. Des Rochers and is also a senior at Cardinal Mooney High School.

Seale Des Champs will be escorted by Scott A. Garland, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Garland of Bradenton. Miss Des Champs' second escort is Stephen Albee, IV of Bradenton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Albee. Both young men attend Manatee High School.

Ronald L. Finger Jr. and William G. Manson will escort Edythe Durbeck. Finger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald L. Finger of Bradenton and attends Manatee High School. Manson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Manson and also attends Manatee High School.

Escorts of Pamela Fleck are Rick Alan Ord and Dallas Stephen Clement. Ord is the son of

Mr. and Mrs. Denny Ord of Port Charlotte. Ord attends Riverview High School. Clement is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Preston Clement of Sarasota and attends Pine View.

Thomas Kent Struckmeyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry A. Struckmeyer of Sarasota, and Jay Allan Beadoin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Beadoin of Sarasota, will escort Susan Fulton. Both young men are seniors at Riverview High School.

John Taylor Linton of Bradenton and Michael Fulghum of Bradenton will escort Michelle McCarthy. Linton is the son of Dr. and Mrs. William Linton, Jr. and is a senior at Manatee High School. Fulghum is the son of Dr. and Mrs. David Fulghum and attends Manatee High School.

James O'Neil is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. O'Neil, Jr. and attends Manatee Junior College. O'Neil will escort Pamela Maddox. Second escort to Miss Maddox is Michael B. Giordano, son of Mr. and Mrs. David A. Giordano of Sarasota. Giordano is a senior at Riverview High School.

Maryann Matthews will be escorted by Scott W. Johnson of Sarasota and John P. Harilee of Bradenton. Johnson is the son of the Reverend and Mrs. David Johnson and attends Riverview High School. Harilee is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Harilee and attends Manatee High School.

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From left, Stephen Albee, John Hartlee, William Manson, Scott Garland, and kneeling, front, Anthony Cuva



From left, Bruce Rise, Michael Fulghum, Tony Bloemasma, and John Linton



From left, James Zanone, Glen Perdue, Scott DesRochers, and Phillip Drinkard



From left, Jay Beadoin, James O'Neil, Ronald Finger, and, seated, Thomas Struckmeyer

Escorts

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High School where he is a senior.

Anthony John Cuva and Eddie Luis Lima will escort Treanne Michel. Cuva is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Cuva of Bradenton and is a senior at Cardinal Mooney High School. Lima is the son of Mrs. Aria Whitney of Sarasota.

Stephanie Nicosia will be escorted by Tony Bloemasma and Bruce William Rise. Bloemasma is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bloemasma of Bradenton and attends Bradenton Christian High School. Rise is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Rise, Jr. of Bradenton and is a senior at Manatee High School.

William Budd Moore and Todd Daniel Linehan will escort Pamela Short. Moore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Moore of Sarasota and is a senior at Riverview High School. Linehan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Linehan of Sarasota and also attends Riverview High School.

Escorts of Elizabeth Swain are Christopher M. Confessore and Thomas E. Swain. Confessore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Confessore of Sarasota and attends Riverview High School where he is a senior. Swain attends Tallahassee Community College and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Swain of Sarasota.

The Debutante Ball is scheduled for April 29 and is a benefit for the Youth Orchestras of the Florida West Coast Symphony. Mrs. Maxwell

Cooke is chairman of the event.

This evening in the Hyatt Ballroom, a Valentine Dinner-Dance will be given in honor of Stephanie Audrey Adams, Seale Marie Des Champs, Edythe Alicia Durbeck, Michelle Elizabeth McCarthy, and Stephanie Ann Nicosia by their parents. This will be the first appearance of the Debs.



Miss Stephanie Audrey Adams
Daughter of Mrs. Jeanne H. Adams and
Dr. Rodney Adams, Jr. Bradenton



Miss Ivelisse Josefina Berio
Daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Mose M. Berio, Jr.
Sarasota

Debutante

Miss Seale Marie Des Champs
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. English Des Champs
Bradenton

Benefit



Miss Edythe Alicia Durbeck
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Windsor Durbeck
Bradenton

Miss Pamela Sue Fleck
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron H. Fleck
Sarasota



Miss Susan Carmichael Fulton
Daughter of Reverend and Mrs. Charles Fulton
Sarasota



Miss Pamela Lee Maddox
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Maddox
Sarasota



Miss Treanne O'Leary Michel
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Michel
Sarasota



Miss Stephanie Ann Nicosia
Daughter of Mr. Ralph Nicosia
Bradenton

The latest addition to the Community's social agenda is the Debutante Ball. A benefit for the Florida West Coast Symphony's Youth Orchestra - Youth Serving Youth.

The purpose of the introduction of a Debutante Ball, according to committee members is "to develop a select number of young women, their families and their extended

families. The further purpose of the Ball is to help these young women find their own cultural and social identity, to develop potential in those areas and to achieve a sense of responsibility to the cultural and social growth of this and other communities in which they may reside."

The young women selected to be members of this year's exclusive group must be in their senior year

of high school. Each must have her primary residence in Sarasota or Manatee County. Each must display leadership ability and academic achievement in school and community, must be knowledgeable, creative and an active participant in the community, as well as a supportive member of her family and community.

Debutantes will be officially introduced to the community on November 12 and 13, the opening night of the Symphony concerts.

While the Ball will be held on April 29 on the lawn of the Van Wezel where in specially erected tents, the young women escorted by proud father will make their entrance for presentation to family, friends and society.

The debutante selection committee is and will remain anonymous, but other serving on the

various committees include: Mr. J. S. Nichols, III, honorary chairman and Symphony liaison; Mrs. Marwell Cooke, ball chairman; Mr. and Mrs. William Webb, arrangements; Decorations, William P. Michel, dinner committee co-chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blalock, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Penner.

Mrs. Phil Haffner, favors; Mrs. Daniel Kimbrel, invitations; Mr.

and Mrs. R. Earle Jones, program and Mrs. Richard P. Brown, and Mrs. Alan Buck, protocol. Mr. and Mrs. John W. Barnes, publicity. Mrs. Robert E. Windom, reservations, Mrs. Happy Davison, social secretary and Harry Schall, treasurer.

All funds raised through the Debutante Ball will be donated to the Youth Program of the Florida West Coast Symphony. Photos by Frank Ross.

Miss Maryan Esther Matthews
Daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. Lamar Matthews, Jr.
Sarasota

Miss Michelle Elizabeth McCarthy
Daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Owen M. McCarthy
Bradenton

Miss Pamela Jeanne Short
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Short
Sarasota

Miss Elizabeth Anne Swain
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Swain
Sarasota



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Maryan Matthews



Michelle McCarthy



Pam Fleck

Tennis Togs To Ballgowns - '83 Debs Take It All In Stride

By DEE GRAHAM

Herald-Tribune Reporter

They're young, they expect to achieve what they want from life (although they're not quite sure what that is), and they're used to taking life pretty much in stride.

They are the debutantes of 1983.

Speaking candidly about themselves one afternoon recently, Pam Fleck, Michelle McCarthy and Maryan Matthews proved at least three of these 1983 debutantes are as alike - and as different - as, perhaps, the typical upper middle class population of Manatee and Sarasota counties.

One is Jewish, one Catholic and one Baptist. One comes across as politically liberal, one middle of the road, and one just a mite conservative. One is starting a public service organization to fight drunk drivers, one is president of a high school sorority and one spends most of her time working seriously on her music.

ONE IS THE oldest of her siblings, one the middle child and one the youngest. However, each of the teenagers has her own car to drive, expects to be accepted to college soon and, perhaps most surprisingly, did not originally want to become a debutante. The honor was the idea of their parents... or someone else from the community who nominated them.

"It's much better than we all expected," said Michelle, a Manatee High School senior from Bradenton.

According to Pam, "my parents pushed me into it in the beginning, but our names were sent in through groups." However, she admitted she enjoyed the parties and meeting the others despite the "stuffy" atmosphere of some of the events.

"I didn't expect it to be as much fun as it is," added Maryan, who along with Pam attends Riverview High School in Sarasota.

IN THE BEGINNING, the girls explained, they didn't know who else would be attending the functions as debutantes, so even meeting others from the same school was a surprise. In the case of Pam and Michelle, however, the two had known each other as young tennis buffs at the Nick Bollettieri Tennis Academy, the "in" training ground, with a national reputation, for youngsters with potential on the courts.

But competition with serious junior netters was more than either of the future debutantes cared for, so each of them had quit the program, they admitted.

"I was there just for fun," remembered Pam. "It was too much when I was younger. The competition ruined it for me. I wanted to meet people."

And meeting people is what the debutantes are up to these days, although a party planned by the girls for themselves without the formality of adult trimmings has yet to come about due to busy schedules.

FOR MICHELLE, that means such activities as features editor of the school newspaper, officer of several school or service clubs and senior class secretary. Pamela, who is currently organizing Students Against Drunk Drivers on the Riverview campus as part of a class project, also lists band, the Highland Dancers, Honor Society, Senior Board and even working for her father's business as things that have consumed her interest this year.

Maryan, however, for now concentrates primarily on her

music. She plays the trombone, participating in various music programs at Riverview, but claims she does not want to continue in the field in college because of the amount of work required, even at the high school level.

"I'm sure it will get worse in college," she said, joining her sister debutantes in admitting she had no real plans as to what she would major in when accepted to college this fall.

CONCRETE CAREER goals, in fact, were nowhere in sight for any of the three, although they each expected - without question - that they would be able to get married, have a family and have a career, if they chose to do so.

Pam, however, spoke up to say she currently would prefer raising animals to children, even though she has not considered becoming a veterinarian.

And while they obviously expect prosperous lives for themselves, these young women all said they believe any woman who decides she wants to succeed can do so, with or without the protection of the Equal Rights Amendment. And when it came to that future marriage, the young women have definite ideas of how that relationship will work.

"A woman should always have a career if she wants one," said Pam.

"Women's rights are equal. If they want something, fine," said Michelle.

Only Maryan said she thought women's rights "get carried away."

PART OF THE reason for their confidence, they explained, is the advantages girls currently have over boys when it comes to getting accepted to universities.

"The opportunities for women now are much better," explained Michelle, adding, however, that the boys she knows "still want girls to stay at home. Maybe they'd be afraid we might do better than they would."

Pam backed her up, saying, "My boyfriend still thinks the old fashioned way. Boys still feel like they're the smart ones."

Despite their own assertion of women as equals to men, none of the three debutantes have ever asked a boy out except to a specific function where an escort was required. And none of them would have thought it an easy task, although Pam admitted she might ask a boy out to dinner under the right circumstances.

Who pays? Probably Dutch treat, she admitted.

FOR MICHELLE and Maryan, on the other hand, asking a boy out just because they wanted to was pretty much out of the question. And, even with the changes towards equality, none of the young women grew up being allowed to call boys on the telephone.

"It would depend on who the guy was," said Michelle, who has had to ask dates to dances given by her sorority, as well as to be her escort to debutante functions. "Most of my escorts are very good friends of mine."

"We asked our escorts," added Maryan, "but they are people we've known for a long time."

What about a future marriage to a husband from this generation of young men? What happens when both of the couple have equal careers and equal incomes, but opportunities come for the partners in opposite parts of the country? Whose job takes priority?



The Ball April 29 Is Only One Of The Things Keeping Today's Deb Busy

QUALIFYING THEIR statements by saying whichever opportunity was greater would be the one chosen, none of the girls said they absolutely would follow their own career. In fact, the future husbands already seemed to have a heavy hand on the decision-making.

Speaking out with the most independence, Pam's suggestion was probably the most easily made. She said, all things equal, her decision would be to follow the career move that would take the couple to the place having the best weather.

"Hopefully, I would marry someone who would treat me as an equal," she said.

For now, however, the debutantes are concentrating on making good enough grades to be accepted into the schools of their choice, none of which are junior colleges. Their priorities are for their education and their families. And they have the usual complaint of young people that there is little for teenagers to do here.

"NOW IS THE time in our lives to go out and have fun," said Michelle. "My activities have taught me how to budget my

time better. If I just depended on school work, I wouldn't know how to budget time effectively."

When it comes to summertime, the three again will head in different directions. For Pam, vacation will bring an organized tour of Europe, while Michelle expects to look for a summer job, and Maryan, who previously traveled to Ireland as a babysitter for a local family with relatives in that country, is looking forward to a summer with her own folks at home.

So what do the debutantes of 1983 really have in common? According to Maryan, "We are all (high school) seniors, and we are all looking for friends and people our age."

There's one other thing. They'll be dressed in white gowns and pearls when they are escorted onto the dance floor at the Debutante Ball April 29 by their fathers. And they'll be fanning the sparks of a social tradition considered dead during the tumultuous '60s and '70s, but revived in the '80s.

Maybe for their parents' pride, or maybe as a social statement: in 1983, bowing to society is a courtesy, not a requirement for future success.

Student Forms Group Against Drunk Drivers

By MARK ZALOUDEK
Herald-Tribune Reporter

A high school senior upset by the national problem of drunk drivers has launched the area's first chapter of SADD. Students Against Drunk Drivers.

The 17-year-old Riverview High School student is no teetotaler herself, but she said she is convinced it just does not pay to get behind the wheel after drinking at restaurants or parties.

A public awareness campaign she has begun at school may be paying off already. Earlier this week, she distributed pamphlets to other high school students explaining how much alcohol it takes to become legally drunk, based on a person's weight.

"Usually things that get handed out end up on the floor, but I didn't see one drunk driving card on the ground and I was very surprised. I think people are concerned," said Pam Fieck who is chartering what is believed to be Florida's second SADD chapter, which has been patterned after MADDD, Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

She also has found the support of nine other students in beginning her ambitious project. "I've only had two meetings and hopefully each meeting friends will bring more friends..." she said with optimism, adding her goal is 60 students.

She eventually wants to see SADD expand to include a rap group to help teenagers deal with the tragedy of loved ones hurt or killed by drunk drivers.

The project blossomed from Pam's social studies course, "Problems in American Democracy," where she researched the societal ramifications of drunk driving and the efforts made by locally and nationally to get drunk drivers off the road.

She suggests teens and their parents sign a "contract" in which each one promises to provide a ride home to the

other if they find themselves drunk. Pam hopes to emphasize among her peers that they don't even have to feel drunk to be drunk in the eyes of the law. "You can be legally drunk without feeling the effects of it," she noted.

Although drunk driving can be a problem at any age, Pam has aimed her social message at her peers, hoping they will

get involved through poster contests, bumper sticker contests, essay contests and classroom discussions, all this week. Pam even secured cash prizes from local businesses to encourage other students to participate.

Before she graduates this spring, Pam is laying the groundwork to initiate SADD chapters at other local high schools.



Staff Photo By George Wilson

Music Club Hosts Scholarship Winners

Sarasota Music Club FFMC and NFMC affiliate held its annual luncheon recently at the Sarasota Yacht Club. Senior winners who will use their prize money to continue musical educations are Mathew Flood, pianist, first prize, \$1000; Elizabeth Swain, clarinetist, second prize of \$500; Chris Confessore, bassoonist, third prize of \$300. Undergraduate winners who will receive \$100 summer music camp scholarships are Jerome Butler, bass violist, and Sheryl Crew, oboist. Officers of the music club installed at the luncheon are Irene Taft, president; Dorothy Coe, first vice president; Alfred A. Calamoneri, second vice president; Lucille Laughery, recording secretary; Alfreda Carpenter, treasurer; John Clopine, assistant treasurer; Blondina Long, corresponding

secretary; and Jean Johnson, registrar. At the presentation, from left, Alfred Calamoneri, Irene Taft, auditions chairman, Jerome Butler, Sheryl Crew, and Chris Confessore.



Conductor Tony Swain

...and winners Dizney, Swain, Moore, Booth and Confessore

Concert Band Awards Scholarships To Seven Youths

Seven scholarships have been awarded to student musicians by the Sarasota Concert Band and Friends of the Band Association.

Terrl Booth will continue her music studies at Manatee Junior College; Elizabeth Swain, Chris Confessore, Laura Dizney, Scott Johnson and Chris Moore will enter Florida State

University and Neal Knoblock will go to Wheaton College.

The band this month also honored members of the Andrew J. Crew family who have performed with the group for a number of years and Estelle Lilly, a musician and treasurer, for her many years of participation.

Riverview's Graduates Are Urged To Be Participants In Democracy

By MARK ZALOUDEK
Herald-Tribune Reporter

U.S. Army Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier urged members of Riverview High School's graduating class Thursday to participate in the democracy they cherish.

"Teamwork is what makes our country tick," said the high-ranking military official who gained worldwide attention in December 1981 when he was kidnapped by political terrorists while on assignment in Italy. Dozier was rescued 42 days later by Italian police.

"Don't be just a spectator with regard to what's going on. Be a participant just the way you have at Riverview. This is a class of champions," he said, having earlier congratulated the school's baseball team for winning the state championship in its division.

Dozier urged the 680 graduates seated in a packed Roberts Arena to exercise their right to vote, become involved citizens in their communities and recapture the work ethic that once made America the envy of the rest of the world.

Principal Ed Brown and members of the Sarasota County School Board awarded diplomas to the following members of the Class of 1983:

Class President (HD), Melissa Karp; Secretary (F), Karen Murphy; Treasurer (HD), Charles Alario (HD); Class Vice President (HD), Laurie Bauer (HD); Class Vice President (HD), David Burdette (HD); Class Vice President (HD), Alan Berger (HD); Class Vice President (HD), Keith Gallagher (HD); Class Vice President (HD), Scott Johnson (HD); Class Vice President (HD), Judith Darling (HD); Class Vice President (HD), Yui Dong Lee (HD); Class Vice President (HD), Stephen Lanza (HD); Class Vice President (HD), Josephine Marchant; Vice Pres., (HD), Andrea Martin; Treasurer (HD), Mark Meyer (HD); Class Vice President (HD), Joan Doble (HD); Class Vice President (HD), David Woodham (HD); Class Vice President (HD), Pamela Plank (HD); Class Vice President (HD), Glenn Peachey (HD); Class Vice President (HD), Eric Hall (HD); Class Vice President (HD), Wendell Fenne (HD); Class Vice President (HD), Debra Hill (HD); Class Vice President (HD), Andrea Sizer (HD); Class Vice President (HD), Kristin Marie Koloski (HD); Class Vice President (HD), Julie Larkin (HD).

Cardinal Mooney Honors Students At Ceremony

Herald-Tribune Report
Cardinal Mooney High School Principal Sister Mary Lucia and her staff made sure they gave recognition where it was due last week in an awards ceremony at the Longboat Holiday Inn.

Valedictorian David Cournoyer and Salutatorian Jylmarie Filipowski were the first to receive awards, followed by other scholastic awards: Business education - Patricia Vogel; English - Treanne Michel; Mathematics - Jylmarie Filipowski; Physical education - Todd Wallin; Religious studies - Shirley McGuire; Science - Michael Watson; Social Studies - David Cournoyer.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Phi Beta Kappa - David Cournoyer, Jylmarie Filipowski, Michael Watson, Richard Weller, National Honor Society - Ivellene Berth, Kathleen Burns, David Cournoyer, Shirley McGuire, Treanne Michel, Daughters of the American Revolution - David Cournoyer; Outstanding Science and Math Student from the Selby Foundation - Jylmarie Filipowski; Christian Citizenship Award - Knights of Columbus - Maria Pia Giannini; Paul Joseph Morandi Memorial for Christian Leadership - Maria Pia Giannini; National Scholastic Art Awards - Michael Dean.

Scott DesRochers; Connie Mack Art Award - Treanne Michel; The "Semper Fidelis" Award for Musical Excellence - Edward Cirieco.

ADDITIONAL AWARDS

Business Typing Awards - Michelle Avion, Pearl Levy, Pat O'Connor; Perfect Attendance Awards - for senior year: James Desmarais, Andrew Franz; Service Awards - Student Council - Jeffrey Kral, Christopher Conboy, Ronald Kozlowski, Kellie Houser, Greta Reeser, James Zanone, David Cournoyer; Senior Class - Kevin Brockman, Elizabeth Baldwin, Treanne Michel, Shirley McGuire, Maria Pia Giannini, Kimberly Fett, Beth Jarvis; Art Service - Setting up the Art Show - Stephen Furey; Drama - Elizabeth Baldwin, Kathleen Burns, Lynn Ferris, Karen Galindo, Stephen Furey, Greta Reeser; French Club - Julianne Meyer, Key

Club - Ken Short, John Williamson.

Yearbook - Kevin Brockman, editor; Ronald Kozlowski, photographer; Bryn Alan, Photography Service Award; Staff: Kevin Brockman, Thomas Collins, Christopher Conboy, David Cournoyer, Michael Dean, James Desmarais, Lynn Ferris, Stacy Flanagan, George Hoskinson, Kellie Houser, Bea Ivanyi, Ronald Kozlowski, Jeffrey Kral, Nannette Sevigny, James Zanone.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Father Connie Dougherty - David Cournoyer; Kiwanis South - Treanne Michel; Sarasota Kiwanis Foundation - Kathleen Burns, David Cournoyer; Elks Club of Venice - Michael Watson; Elks Club of Sarasota - Larry Lackey; Uni-

versity of South Florida Freshman Scholarship - Jylmarie Filipowski; Polish-American Club of Sarasota and Manatee Counties - Jylmarie Filipowski; De Korch-Scholarship package - Shirley McGuire; Georgia Southern football scholarship - Paul Robert; Benedictine College football scholarship - Patrick Curtin; James Zanone; Dennison University football scholarship - Darren Slattery.

The following students had honor for all eight semesters of high school: Tina Auteri,

Academic Scholars Fund - David Cournoyer and Michael Watson; Selby Scholarship to Florida Institute of Technology - Michael Watson; Women's Exchange Scholarship - Kathleen Burns; The President's Honor Award to John Carroll University - Thomas Collins; David Kellon Memo-

rial Scholarship from B'hai Brith - David Cournoyer - 2nd place; Mary Baldwin College-Scholarship Package - Colleen Carrigan; Queen's College-Scholarship package - Shirley McGuire; Georgia Southern football scholarship - Paul Robert; Benedictine College football scholarship - Patrick Curtin; James Zanone; Dennison University football scholarship - Darren Slattery.

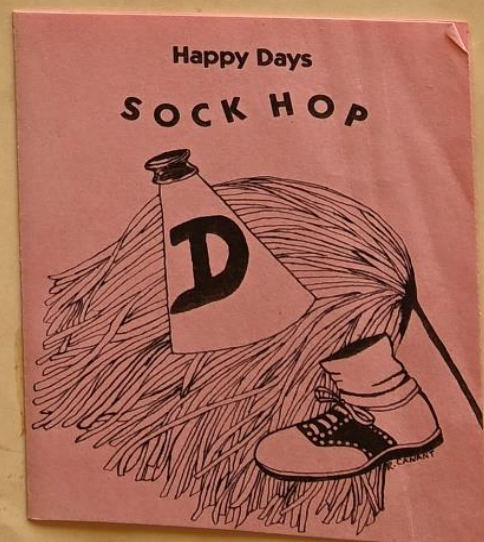
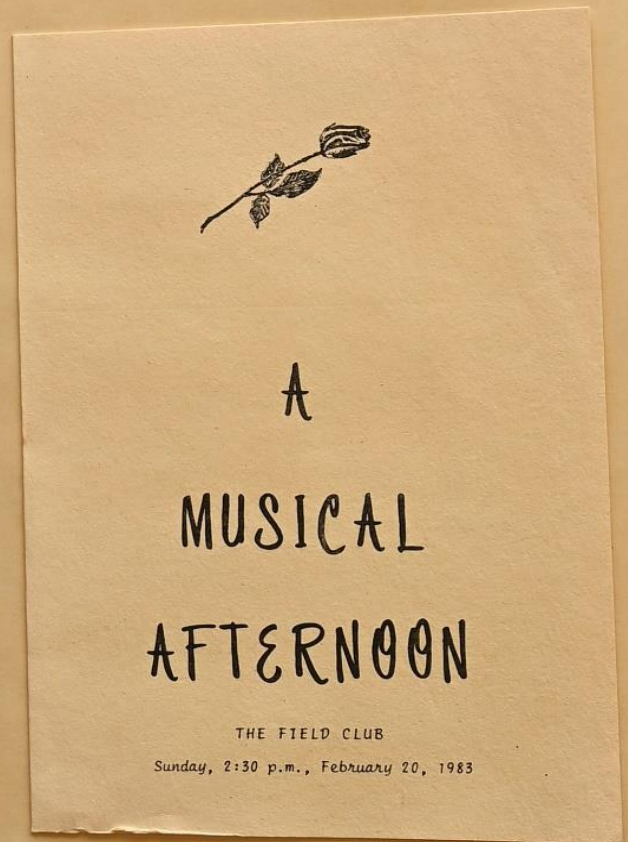
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Winners Announced

The Sarasota South Kiwanis Foundation recognized their scholarship recipients recently. Winners included, from left, Treanne O'Leary, from Cardinal Mooney High School who will start at Rollins College or Parsons in New York pursuing a fashion or interior design career; Sheri Lynn Bennett, from Riverview High School, who plans to attend the University of South Florida for a medical degree, and Ngoc Nguyen, also from Riverview High School, planning to attend University of South Florida for a medical degree. Other award recipient not pictured is Kristin Marie Koloski, who is vacationing in New York, planning to attend St. Leo College.



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Miss Treanne O'Leary
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Miss Michelle Elizabeth McCarthy
Miss Stephanie Ann Niccio
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The Program

Re'cit, Sicilienne et Rondo	Eugene Bozza
Chris Confessore	
"Allegro" from Sonata in F minor	Telemann
Maryan Matthews	
"Rondo" from Concerto #2 in E flat, K. 417	Mozart
Scott Johnson	
Concerto in A, K. 622	Mozart
Elizabeth Swain	
Accompanied by Sandra Lawler	
Donnybrook (Trombone Quartet)	Ostransky
Mark Metzler	
Ed Gudemann	Mike Puoh
	Maryan Matthews
"Sonata" from Die Bänkelsängerlieder	Anonymous
(Brass Quintet)	
Scott Johnson	Kelly Fogel
Chris Moore	Maryan Matthews
	Lisa Confessore
Solo Suite (Woodwind Quintet)	Mitchell Clarke
Denise Reinstrom	Chris Confessore
Scott Johnson	Laura Alfredo
	Sheryl Crew

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Miss Treanne O'Leary Michel
Mrs. and Mrs. William Paul Michel
request the pleasure of your company
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on Sunday, the twenty-fourth of April
half after three o'clock
Sarasota University Club*

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The April Chronicle

By M. Stannard Doyle

Duchin To Lead Band For April Debutante Ball

Special To The Herald-Tribune
When the 1982-83 Debutantes are presented Friday evening, April 29, at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, Peter Duchin, leader of one of the most popular dance bands in America, with advance bookings 10 years, will help to make the evening, "The Loveliest Night of the Year." This evening will benefit the Youth Orchestras of the Florida West Coast Symphony.

"I play everything—whether it's a polka, a rock piece or a Gershwin ballad," he explained. "If it's well written, it's a delight to play. What music is about, is having fun." With him, much of that fun has to do with understanding and communicating with the audience.

Peter Duchin is best known as the musical director of New York's Waldorf Astoria and as a bandleader for proms, debutante balls and large society and corporate gatherings.

DUCHIN'S PIANO playing is easy listening. It's the kind of music you can listen to and then hum. The music is light and easy. He plays for everyone. (But it is as a society bandleader that Peter Duchin has built his primary reputation.) And he has raised that somewhat limited form to a high level. He has arrived at his station naturally enough. The name Duchin brings memories of his father, Eddy Duchin and his talent at the piano, when he entertained generations during the '30s and '40s.

Although Duchin's early childhood was marred by tragedy—he never knew his mother and his father died of leukemia when he was still young—his subsequent life was quite successful. He grew up in the home of his godparents, the Averell Harrimans, in New York, and later studied political science in Paris. After his military service, he organized his first band, and was booked into the St. Regis Hotel in New York for a two-year engagement.

HE HAS PLAYED at the White House, in ballrooms, on campuses and for celebrities. When Frank Sinatra made his first comeback in Las Vegas, it was in front of a Peter Duchin band. When Queen Elizabeth II attended a formal ball during the American Bicentennial, Peter Duchin set the tempo. At the inaugural balls of Presidents Kennedy, Johnson and Carter, he provided the music. Lady Bird Johnson picked his orchestra for both of her daughters' weddings, as well as for the great ball given in the East room by President Johnson in honor of Princess Margaret.

AS AN ACTIVIST, he has utilized his name and talents to help enforce Federal Legislation which will help safeguard the nation's environment through the Environmental Protection Agency. Board memberships include: Boys Harbor, the Dance Theater of Harlem, Young Audiences, the Boy Scouts of America, American Council on the Arts, American Jazz Alliance (co-founder), and the National Symphony Orchestra.

Duchin has said, "You cannot spend your life taking things from people. You've got to give something back. If you just sit and take, that's not very constructive."

DESPITE HIS arduous business, he found the time to research and author the first major new work of Christmas music published in many years. It contains new, simple versions of well-loved music, accompanied by original 19th century illustrations. Appropriately named, "A Musical Christmas with Peter Duchin", the cover illustration was painted by Jamie Wyeth—an update of his grandfather N.C. Wyeth's celebrated Santa Claus.

When public speaking—and asked what advice he would give a community for advancing the arts, he said, "Have respect for art. Spend money on the artist, and have civic organizations foster young talent."

He always says the key to a lovely evening is flexibility—having the capacity to skim through decades of musical tastes—and knowing that no matter what the changes of the times are—the song most often requested is and has always been, "As Time Goes By."



Peter Duchin

Sarasota Honoring Debutantes

FAIR REACHING... With Sarasota covering quite a large section of this spot on the Florida map, there is a certain amount of interest slanted at this city's 1983 Debutante Ball. Now it seems the event is recognized in the April issue of the socially prominent magazine *Town & Country*.

The following notice appears in its Chronical listings: "SARASOTA: The 1st Annual Debutante Ball, sponsored by the Debutante Ball Committee to benefit the Youth Program of the Florida West Coast Symphony Orchestra. The ball will be held in a tent on the bay behind Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall. Music will be provided by Peter Duchin. Mrs. Maxwell Cooke, chairman, and Mrs. James S. Nicholls, honorary chairman. CITIZENS OF THIS CITY who have young relatives or friends among the 13 debutantes and their escorts will



Around The Town

Helen Griffith

doubtless find interesting this far-reaching inclusion amongst the magazine's customary monthly listings of noteworthy events in various states. This year's debutante season will climax with the April 29 ball. For some weeks now, many imaginative and fun-filled parties for the "Buds" have been... and still are... more mundane daily activities. There has already taken place a dinner dance, a musical afternoon, a tropical evening, a western party, a sock hop, to name a few. There have also been individual luncheons given by friends. A pre-pre patrons' party was a recent event, and on April 23 is to be the big patrons party. Among the invitations, at this time, is to the tea dance of Mr. and Mrs. William Paul Michel of Longboat Key at the University Club Sunday, April 24, in honor of their daughter, Miss Treanne O'Leary Michel.

AS FOR the Debutante Ball, the catered dinner at 8 p.m. will be served under the tent laden with roses and aglow with candlelight. The committee is depending on the beauty of the sunset over Sarasota Bay to complete the picture. The debutantes, each accompanied by two escorts and on the arm of their fathers, will descend the outside stairway of the Van Wezel. They will be wearing the traditional white gown, long white gloves and pearls. They will then be presented to their family, friends, and community. Several out-of-town guests are expected; one deb's grandparents from as far away as Puerto Rico. As is the tradition at a wedding reception when the bride dances the first dance with her father, so will each debutante dance the first waltz with her father... to the music of the internationally distinguished Peter Duchin orchestra. There have not been many white tie occasions in this area in late years, but white tie, black tie and medals will be in order at this very special occasion, which will continue until midnight.



Staff Photo By Glenn Trout

MR. AND MRS. Peter D. Knowles were hosts in their home on Bird Key April 4 for an advance patron party in conjunction with the 1983 Debutante Ball. A black tie patron's party will be held April 23. The Debutante Ball takes place April 29 outdoors at Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall and includes an elegant dinner party and dancing to the Peter Duchin Orchestra. Proceeds will benefit the youth program of the Florida West Coast Symphony Orchestra. Discussing the debutante season, from left, Mrs. Bruce E. Wallis, patron chairman, with Mr. and Mrs. Peter D. Knowles. Mrs. Maxwell Cooke is serving as Debutante Ball chairman, with Mrs. James S. Nicholls, honorary chairman.



Staff Photo By Tannen Maurer

INVITATIONS TO the Debutante Ball are in the mail. The event takes place April 29 at Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall. Handling mailing chores are committee members, from left, Mrs. Charles B. Fulton Jr., Mrs. Robert E. Windom, Mrs. Daniel Kimbrel, and Mrs. Gordon G. Nidiffer.



The Debutante Ball
The Debutante Ball Committee
requests the pleasure of your company
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honoring the
Patrons of the Debutante Ball
Saturday evening, the twenty-third of April
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Doctor Michael Sumate

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Tuesday, May 3, 1983

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Section C



In photo left, Symphony board and Debutante Ball committee member Mariann Nicholls greets Mark Anderson and Lisa Webb in the foyer of the Van Wezel. Signing in, from left in top photo, Ashley Grant, Margaret Barnes, Ashley Harlee, Kristin Marcin, with committee members Mr. and Mrs. Al Webber and Florence Schneider.



The Debutante Ball

About 500 guests attended the Debutante Ball held Friday night at Van Wezel.

With the magical setting of Sarasota Bay in the background, 13 area debutantes in elegant white gowns bowed to society.

The young women descended the outside stairway of Van Wezel for their introductions and the music of the Peter Duchin Orchestra provided a memorable evening of dancing under the stars.

In festive tents decorated with roses, guests dined on a sumptuous feast prepared and served by Peter Ely and staff.

The Florida West Coast Symphony Youth Orchestra

will benefit from the event. Mrs. Maxwell Cooke was general chairman.

A tradition of youth serving youth has begun in Sarasota as the Debutante Society looks forward to next year.

The 1983 debutantes are Stephanie Adams, Bradenton; Ivelisse Berio, Sarasota; Seale Marie Des Champs, Bradenton; Edythe Durbeck, Bradenton; Pamela Fleck, Sarasota; Susan Fulton, Sarasota; Michelle McCarthy, Bradenton; Pamela Maddox, Sarasota; Maryan Matthews, Sarasota; Treanne Michel, Sarasota; Stephanie Nicosia, Bradenton; Pamela Short, Sarasota; Elizabeth Swain, Sarasota.



Debutante Ivelisse Berio, left, with escorts Jim Zanone and Eddy Lima, and debutante Treanne Michel in photo above; Sarasota Mayor Annie Bishopric and music master David Cohen were among guests, photo right; Mrs. William Webb has a word with pianist Peter Duchin, photo left.



The Debutante Ball
c/o Florida West Coast Symphony
709 North Tamiami Trail
Sarasota, Florida 33577



The Debutante Ball Committee
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Nineteen hundred and eighty-three
The Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall

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The Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall

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The Debutante Ball was an elegant, lovely affair. Debutantes Stephanie Adams, Ivollise Berio, Seale Des Champs, Edythe Durbeck, Pamela Fleck, Susan Fulton, Michelle McCarthy, Pamela Maddox, Maryann Matthews, Treanne Michel, Stephanie Nicosia, Pamela Short, and Elizabeth Swain looked charming

Dr. Rodney Adams, Jr., and daughter Stephanie, in the top photo, descending the stairway at the Van Wezel before debutante Stephanie is introduced to the waiting guests. In left photo, Mr. William P. Michel with Treanne Michel are ready to greet their guests. At right, Elizabeth Anne Swain enjoys the first dance with her father, Tony Swain.

Debutante Ball

Photos by Frank Ross.



In the top photo, a bevy of beauties after formal introduction has been completed, with their fathers and escorts. Lower left, Mayor Anne Bishopric with Mrs. David Cohen and former Mayor Cohen, chat with Bill and Getty Snow. At lower right, Suzy Short, cousin of Deb Pam Short, talks things over with Kevin Hollister.

in their white dresses, as they descended the outside staircase at the Van Wezel, escorted by proud father and flanked by handsome escorts. Peter Duchin and his orchestra provided the background music as Mr. William Webb announced the debutante as she made her bow.

Flowers were presented to each mother of a Debutante and then the first dance was for daughters and their fathers. A gaily striped tent alongside the Van Wezel, decorated with an abundance of fresh flowers and greens was ready and waiting



Top, among the interested guests were four patrons who had a good time chatting about this first Debutante Ball. Below right, enjoying a dance together are Dr. Rodney Adams with his daughter Stephanie.

for dinner guests. Guests dined well — dinner included Country pate, lobster, baked Alaska and champagne. There was continuous dancing before, during and after dinner, all to the great music of Peter Duchin and his orchestra.

The Ball committee did an impressive job — Mrs. Maxwell Cooke was the chairman with Mrs. James C. Nicholls III, honorary chairman. Mrs. Mark Burlingame, secretary, and Mr. Harry Schall, treasurer, Mrs. Richard P. Brown, protocol with Mrs. Allen H. Buck, assistant. Mrs. Happy Davison was social secretary, and Mr. and Mrs. William Webb were in charge of arrangements.

Other committee members included Mr. Mark Garrett, Mr. William Michel, Mrs. C. Daniel Kimbrel, Mrs. Robert Windom, Mr. and Mrs. R. Earle Jones, Mrs. Bruce Wallis, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Barnes, Mrs. Phil Haffner, Mrs. William Snow, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blalock and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Penner.

The list of other committee members, patrons and others who assisted in making this affair the great success it was, reads like a who's who in Sarasota and Bradenton. It was a memorable evening for debutantes and guests as well.



At top, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kimbrel, right, greeting with Mr. and Mrs. Robert de Duissere and with James C. Nicholls III observing.

In the center picture all the debutantes danced the first dance with their fathers. In the photo at bottom right, 13-year old Mike

McCarthy and Karen Svobek are surely talking about the future balls. At lower left, guests Jack Barless and Babbette Holmes.





Ring in the new year on Jan. 1, 1984 will be The Debutante Assembly and New Year's Ball, New York's oldest and foremost debutante presentation and dinner dance. Amidst the turn-of-the-century splendor of the Plaza Hotel, 40 debutantes - from Maine to California - as well as from Europe, will be introduced to international and national society of distinguished guests. PAM FLECK, daughter of BARBARA and AARON FLECK of Sarasota and one of the local 1983 debutantes, will be one of the debs.

The festivities commence with a reception in the Plaza's Terrace Gallery where the debutantes, accompanied by their mothers and members of the Ball Committee, headed by its chairman, MRS. ROBERT STITH WILLIAMS JR., welcome the evening's guests.

Following the reception, guests will adjourn to the gold and white baroque Grand Ballroom for the Grand March of the Debutantes and their escorts, and each Deb will be individually presented with her father. Highlighting the ceremony will be the Debutante and her father dancing the Vienna Waltz.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams have founded the internationally renowned gala, the Ball des Rosenkavaliers, held at the Palais Schwarzenberg in Vienna, Austria. American Debs will be presented to European society on June 28, 1984.

Pam Fleck



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When the 1983-84 Debutantes are presented Saturday evening, April 28, at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, PETER DUCHIN will again serenade. The Debutante Ball Committee invites the public to this event, which will benefit the Youth Orchestras of the Florida West Coast Symphony.

Peter Duchin is one of the nation's leading big-band leaders and a highly esteemed pianist. He has recorded 24 albums, written a folk opera, published arrangements for the piano and guitar and has over a hundred musicians on staff who travel and work with him. Hand-picked Duchin bands play at more than 400 affairs in 32 states each year, but Peter Duchin personally fronts only 100 of them.

The music is always selected to suit the crowd. "One of the things that distinguishes our band is that our music is eclectic," he said. "We don't have a program that I consider until I get to the place and see the people. The music is dictated by the people who are there. We're coming out here to show them a good time, and they should feel free to come up and ask for what they want to hear."

"We play over 3,000 songs," he added, but admits to a private passion for jazz and classical music. He has just added "Dynasty" to his list of credits. A few months ago, he and his orchestra played for Blake and Krystle Carrington's wedding, who had been divorced and remarried. "Even though we had to play the same music over and over, because of the enormous number of people, and it took a long time to shoot - it was truly a beautiful wedding. I'm glad we played," he said. "I think it's time they had a little music on 'Dynasty,' don't you?"

Duchin has listed some of his ingredients for the perfect party:

Music: It's got to be good - it sets the tone instantly.

Guests: I think it's good to mix people from different parts of the country or community. They should not necessarily know each other, but should have interests in common: A mix of attractive, intelligent and decorative types so that there is wit, spontaneity and beauty all in one room.

Hostesses: They should be caring that everyone has a good time. They should understand the importance of introducing people around, and of good seating arrangements at tables.

Decorations: Lots of flowers are neat, but I'm not wild about plants. It's just a personal thing with me. I am a man who loves to garden in the country, I hate to see them in the city. But I love lots of flowers.

"And probably a banal element - but the most important - is that everyone invited should want to be there... not from a sense of duty or obligation, but because they know it's going to be a fun party and they want to be a part of the fun. It's a message that is conveyed instantly when you receive the invitation; it's hard to explain, but it's something you just know or feel."



Peter Duchin will serenade the 1984 Debutantes.



Former Debutantes Return for Annual Ball

A delightful idea is to be included in the planning of the Debutante Season Finale. The Debutante Ball on the evening of April 28. Always, there's a first! The postdebs will be honored and their escorts will be there to complete the picture. Several returning from their respective colleges and universities. (Rollins, Stetson, Manatee Junior and the University of



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Florida). It has not been possible for those in distant schools, and they have sent their regrets.

One postdeb from Rollins is bringing several friends home for the big weekend. One friend will be making her debut in Cincinnati and another in Dallas as a Tyler Rose Queen (deb equivalent). The Sarasota deb has plans to join them for their big evening.

One interesting feature coming from the committee is it is hoped the postdebs will be attired in pink - only the 1983-84 debs have the privilege of appearing in white. If this seems archaic in this day and age, it only adds to the fun and excitement of this special occasion.

The Debutante Ball Committee is in hopes a tradition is being established. It promises to be a very special evening for family and friends of the 1983-84 Debutantes. A grand reunion of sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles and grandparents from Dallas, Washington, D.C., Jacksonville, Indiana and Tehran. Great care has been taken to make the Sarasota Debutante

Balls unique and personal. It will mean the renewing of friendships and a welcome to future debs, their parents and escorts.

The Van Wessel Performing Arts Hall with its formal exterior terrace and tropical view of Sarasota Bay is again this year the chosen "Garden" for the "Buds" to "Bloom," where will be given a spacious decorated tent treatment with PETER DUCHIN, the distinguished pianist and big-band leader, again serenading the newly introduced debutantes. Dancing to the sophisticated modern-styled music will predominate during the evening which includes cocktails at 7 o'clock, debutante presentation at half-after-eight and a seated supper at 9.

The whole beautiful event benefits to the Youth Orchestra of the Florida West Coast Symphony. The white tie, black tie and medals formality, as befitting even a modern Coming-Out Ball, also brings forth carefully chosen gowns. Modern times seem to have somewhat pushed aside the bold tradition of stark white being reserved for the debu-

lantes and black not given the nod of approval for feminine guests.

The debs have had the wonderful opportunity of being introduced and being acquainted with the FWCS and are now more aware of the superior Youth Orchestra Program, one of the finest in the nation. This is especially meaningful, because of the proceeds from the Ball going to the Youth Orchestras. "Youth Serving Youth" is a new concept of Debutante Balls. The debs have served as hostesses in the designer Showcase House and they have toured the FWCS when they could see the young students in rehearsal.

Three dancing classes were offered to the debs, their families and escorts. They were held in the Lutz Mundy Hall; the results, memorable and

fun. At a recent deb party it is reported that one mother was heard to say, "I can't believe this very special year is almost over for the family." Needless to say, some very close friendships have been formed.

