

1983 ~ 1984



*The Debutante Ball*

*Saturday evening, the twenty-eighth of April  
Nineteen hundred and eighty-four*



The Debutante Ball Committee  
 cordially invites you  
 to attend a reception  
 honoring the Debutantes  
 of the 1983-1984 season  
 on the twelfth of November  
 immediately following the concert  
 in the Grand Foyer  
 Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall  
 nine o'clock - five o'clock  
 in the evening optional



Miss Kimberly Sue  
 Carlton



Miss Kimberly Dort  
 Clement



Miss Michelle Marie  
 King



Miss Genevieve Young  
 de Manio



Miss Libby Lovelace  
 Frye



Miss Jacqueline Cragg  
 de Manio



Miss Lisa Marie  
 Ellis



Miss Susan Patricia  
 Eason

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THE DEBUTANTES OF THE  
 1983-84 SEASON

The Debutante Ball Committee will introduce the debutantes of the 1983-84 Season at a reception in their honor in the Grand Foyer of the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, immediately following the concert of the Florida West Coast Symphony Orchestra on Saturday evening, November 12th. Mrs. William H. Snow is chairman for the reception, which members of the audience are cordially invited to attend. Mrs. William N. Webb is President of the Debutante Ball Committee, whose theme is "Youth Benefiting Youth." The beneficiaries of the project are the youth orchestras of the FWCS. Mrs. Maxwell Cooke, Chairman of the Debutante Ball, to be held April 29th, promises another magnificent evening.



## First Public Appearance At Van Wezel

# Meet The 1984 Debutantes

By MARJORIE FRITZ  
Herald-Tribune Reporter

The 1984 debutantes, gowned in pink, made their first public appearance Saturday night at a champagne reception in Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall. The reception followed the opening of the Florida West Coast Symphony's gala 35th anniversary season.

The event was hosted by The Debutante Ball committee, Mrs. William H. Snow, chairman. Mrs. Tony Swain provided music for the occasion. Robert Black, president of FWCS, introduced the debutantes.

The eight young women from Sarasota and Bradenton will be formally presented April 28 at the Annual Debutante Ball. Peter Duchin will provide the music. Funds raised will benefit the youth orchestras of the FWCS.

The 1983-84 Debutantes are:

**KIMBERLY SUE CARLTON**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mabry Carlton Jr., Route 2, Box 710, Gill Road, Sarasota County, Arcadia.

An early admissions student at Stetson University, Kimberly carries a 3.30 scholastic average. She is active in Drama Club, Student Government, softball, French Club and Sarasota County 4-H. She has a sister, Lisa, age 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton are active in the Sarasota County 4-H Foundation. A Sarasota County commissioner, Mr. Carlton is chairman of the Sarasota Centennial Committee and director of L.I.F.E. He is a member of the Gulf Coast Heritage Association, Sarasota County Taxpayers Association, Siesta Key Republican Club, Sarasota County Livestock Association and Florida Citrus Mutual.

**LISA MARIE ELLIS**, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edward A. Ellis, 679 Norsota Way, Sarasota.

A senior at Riverview High School, Lisa is a Highland dancer in the Riverview Kiltie Band, secretary of the Senior Board and a member of Key Club. In addition to maintaining a B average, Lisa is Sunday school instructor at St. Michael's Church and church nursery attendant. She has studied and performed piano for 11 years and attends Pine Shore School of Music. She has a sister, Karen, age 16.

Dr. and Mrs. Ellis are active in Cotillion Club and serve on the board of sponsors. Mrs. Ellis is Cotillion Club president. The couple serve as chaperones for the Riverview Kiltie Band. They are active in the Sarasota County Medical Society. Mrs. Ellis is president-elect of the auxiliary and is a Red Cross CPR instructor.

**MICHELLE MARIE KING**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle D. King, 6900 S. Gator Creek Blvd., Sarasota.

A senior at Riverview High School, Michelle is a member of Tri-Hi-Y and maintains a 3.4 scholastic average. She is a member of Jacobson's Teen Board. She has a sister Kelly, 13, and a brother Jeff, age 12.

King is president of United Way, a director in the Sarasota Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Committee of 100 and the Asolo Angels. Mrs. King is president of P.A.I.S.S. community advisory board and a director of Mental Health Association of Sarasota.

Kimberly is a senior at Riverview High School, a member of Tri-Hi-Y, Senior Board and Key Club. She maintains a B average and is active in Senior Cotillion. She has three sisters: Dallas, 18; Stephanie, 15; and Tanya, age 11.

Dr. Clement is a member of Sarasota Rotary Club and serves on the board of directors of Sarasota Family Y.M.C.A., Community Coalition for Families, Manatee Goodwill Industries. Mrs. Clement, a former Sarasota debutante, is a member of Founder's Circle of the Sarasota Garden Club and a volunteer in the Sarasota County Schools.

**GENEVIEVE YOUNG DE MANIO** and **JACQUELINE CRAGG DE MANIO** are twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Peter M. de Manio, 1279 Whitehall Place, Sarasota. Seniors at Riverview High School, both young women are members of Kiltie Band and play clarinet in the Symphonic Band. They are active members of Key Club and Spanish Club, serve on the Senior Board, and share interests in sports, especially tennis. Genevieve carries a 3.5 scholastic average, and Jacqueline a 3.6.

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Debutantes for 1983 include, from left, Genevieve de Manio, Michelle King, Jacqueline de Manio, Lisa Ellis, Kimberly Clement, Libby Frye, Susan Eason and Kimberly Carlton



## Around The Town

Helen Griffith

35th season opening concert of the Florida West Coast Symphony Orchestra. It is a true evening of celebration, and **PAUL WOLFE**, its director, will also be given special recognition. Violinist **JAMES BUSWELL** and cellist **TIMOTHY EDDY**, renowned faculty artists of the New College Music Festival, will be the special guest artists of the concert. The festival is also celebrating a landmark, its 20th anniversary season. What a happy inclusion of this cultural evening will be the group of 1983 debutants who next spring will still be feasting with the social events in their honor ending with the debutante ball. **BETTY SNOW**, member of the board of the F.W.C.S. is chairman of tonight's reception.

Tonight (Sat. Nov. 12) means a very special time of it over at Van Wezel Hall when the lovely 1984 debutantes will be introduced in the grand foyer where a reception and after-the-concert supper party will take place. It being (as we already have mentioned in recent column) the

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Mrs. Manio is on the faculty of the National Institute of Trial Advocacy and is a member of the Judicial Nominating Procedures Committee of Florida Bar. He is chairman of the speakers committee of the Sarasota Bar and a member of discovery committee and evidence committee of the American Bar Association.

Mrs. Manio is past president of the Luffing Lassies and serves on the board of directors of Coquille, the new auxiliary of the Sarasota Girls Club. She is also a volunteer at Selby Gardens.

**SUSAN PATRICIA EASON**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey E. Eason, 4635 17th Ave. W., Bradenton.

A senior at Manatee High School, Susan is a member of Student Council and co-captain of the volleyball team. She has been active as a cheerleader, band and choir member, and member of the softball team. She carries a B scholastic average. Her community activities include West Bradenton Baptist Church and Manatee Service Club. She is a former member of the Suncoast Twirlers National Championship Team. She has a brother, Steve, 26, and a sister Donna, age 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Eason are owners of The Beautiful Bride Shoppe in Bradenton. They are past King Neptune and Queen Athena of the King Neptune Frolic. He is past director of the Sarasota Chamber of Commerce and past president of Circus Hall of Fame. Mrs. Eason is past chairman of the Bradenton Christian Women's Club.

**LIBBY LOVELACE FRYE**, daughter of Mrs. William Kenneth Frye and the late Dr. William Kenneth Frye, 3410 Riverview Blvd., Bradenton.

A Manatee High School senior, Libby is vice president of Student Council, president of Inter Club Council, committee chairman in the French Club and a varsity cheerleader. She carries a B-plus scholastic average. She has two older sisters, Catherine Leigh and Laura Lynn.

A member of Christ Episcopal Church, Libby is active in Junior Altar Guild, Manatee Service Club, Mass Brothers Teen Board and Symphony Guild.

Mrs. Frye is active in the St. Anne Chapter of Christ Episcopal Church, Manatee Community Service League and League of Women Voters of Manatee County, and is a member of the board of New Options, a sponsor in Manatee County, a member of the auxiliary to the Manatee County Medical Society and a member of the Symphony Guild.





### Having a ball at the country club

Debutantes Susan Patricia Eason (left) and Libby Lovelace Frye were hostesses of the "Antebellum Ball" Friday night at the Bradenton Country Club, 4646 Ninth Ave. W. Escorting the belles of the ball in Confederate garb were (from left) Lance Christie, Kevin Peterson, Scott Kennedy and Jeff Lengel.



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Just to think it is now drawing near the time when various delightful carefully arranged local affairs will take place honoring the debutantes of the 1983-84 season. Leading these charming gatherings is the Nov. 12 reception being given by the Debutante Ball committee in the grand foyer of the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall. This to immediately follow the first concert of the season of the Florida West Coast Symphony. The important evening celebrates the 35th anniversary year of the Symphony and also the 20th anniversary of the New College Musical Festival. Two distinguished faculty artists with the festival will be featured at the concert, JAMES BUSWELL, violinist, and TIMOTHY EDDY, cellist.

## 2 from Bradenton to debut in April

Eight young Bradenton and Sarasota women, selected as debutantes for the 1983-84 season, made their first public appearance last Saturday at the opening of the Florida West Coast Symphony's 35th season. Gowned in pink, the debutantes were introduced to the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall audience by Robert G. Black of Bradenton, FWCS president. A champagne reception followed, hosted by Mrs. William H. Snow, debutante ball committee chairman. The debutantes will be formally presented April 28 at the annual debutante ball. Proceeds will benefit the FWCS youth orchestras.

Bradenton debutantes include: Susan Patricia Eason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey E. Eason; Libby Lovelace Frye, daughter of Mrs. Kenneth Frye and the late Dr. Frye. Eason is senior at Manatee High School, a member of Student Council and co-captain of the volleyball team. Frye, also a MHS senior, is vice president of Student Council, president of Inter Club Council, a varsity cheerleader and active in the French Club.

Sarasota debutantes include: Lisa Marie Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Allen Ellis; Kimberly Dort Clement, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Preston Clement.

Also: Genevieve and Jacqueline de Manio, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Peter M. de Manio; Michelle Marie King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle D. King and Kimberly Sue Carlton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mabry Carlton Jr.

Young women entering their senior year of high school are selected as debutantes by the debutante committee on the basis of interest, residency, academic and leadership qualities, family interest in the arts and commitment to the debutante training.



Susan Patricia Eason



Lisa Marie Ellis



Jacqueline de Manio

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Libby Lovelace Frye



Kimberly Dort Clement



Michelle Marie King



Genevieve de Manio



Kimberly Sue Carlton



Stephen Olson, Geoffrey Saunooke and Alexander Boyd

### Sarasota, Manatee Debutante Escorts



Bradford Baker, William Soscia, William Fortner and, seated, Richard Thorpe



Jeffrey Lengel, Scott Kennedy, William Christy, and Sean Dalton



George Dietz Jr., Richard Rehmyer, Kevin Peterson, and Lance Christie



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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



Marjorie North

Florida West Editor

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.



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 Wenzel 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-

tales 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 Lott 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.





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# The Debutante Ball

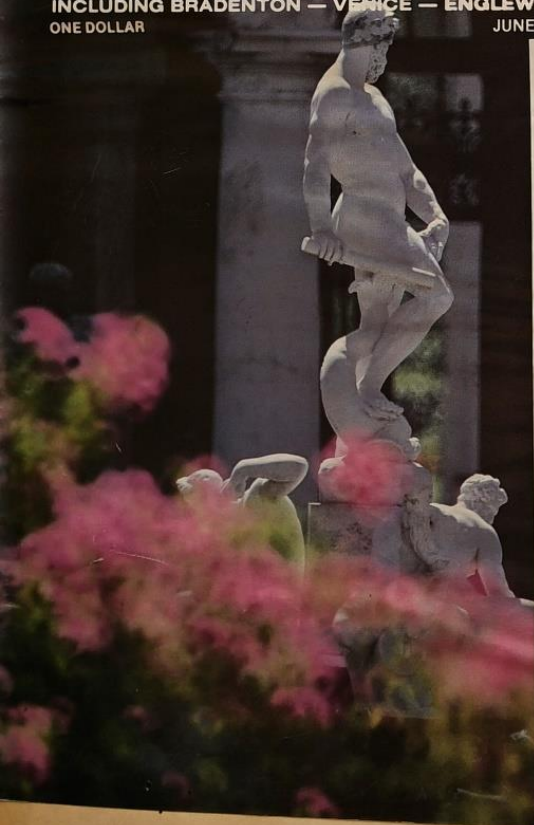


Miss Libby Lovelace Frye, daughter of Mrs. William Kenneth Frye and the late Dr. Frye, was presented by Mr. O.M. Griffith and escorted by Scott Reed Kennedy and Jeffrey Luke Lengel. Bottom left, Miss Kimberly Dort Clement, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Preston Clement with her father, Dr. Clement. Escorts were William Henry Fortner and Richard James Thorpe. Bottom right, Miss Susan Patricia Eason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Ernest Eason, with her father and escorted by Lance Eugene Christie and Kevin David Peterson. — photos by George Goethe



## SARASOTA SCENE

INCLUDING BRADENTON — VENICE — ENGLEWOOD  
ONE DOLLAR  
JUNE 1984



In the top photo, left to right, Miss Jacqueline Cragg de Manio and Miss Genevieve Young de Manio, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Michael de Manio, descend the stairway at the Van Wezel on the arms of their father. Miss Jacqueline's escorts were Alexander James Boyd and Robert Hayden Dickinson. Miss Genevieve's escorts were James Shaw Henry and Geoffrey Michael Saunooke. Center, left, Miss Michelle Marie King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Dean King, escorted by William Joseph Christy and Sean Patrick Dolan. Center right, Miss Lisa Marie Ellis, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Allen Ellis, with her father. Escorts were George Albert Dietz, Jr., and Richard Kevin Rehmyer. At bottom, left, Miss Kimberly Sue Carlton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mabry Carlton, Jr., with her father. Her escorts were Bradford Bristol Baker and William Louis Soscia.





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## What's Happening

### Debutantes Presented at Ball

Herald-Tribune Report

Eight young women from Sarasota and Manatee made their formal bows to society Saturday night beneath a starry sky on the grounds at Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall. Wearing traditional white gowns and pearls and carrying cascade bouquets of roses, the debutantes walked down the outside stairs on the arms of their fathers, followed by their escorts. Miss Libby Frye was escorted by O.M. Griffith.

As William Webb introduced her, each young woman paused at the landing then proceeded to walk midway down the sidewalk, turned to invited friends and relatives, and curtsied.

The presentations were made following introductions of several debutantes from 1983-84: Elythe Durbeck, Michelle McCarthy, Pamela Maddox, Treanne Michel, Stephanie Nicotia, Pamela Short, and Elizabeth Swain.

A formal welcome to 400 guests in attendance was given by Robert Bialock, president of the Florida West Coast Symphony. The Debutante Ball benefits the Youth Orchestra of the Symphony.

Peter Duchin and his Orchestra began

the strains of "You Light Up My Life" and the debutantes began the first waltz. Each of their mothers entered the dance area on the arm of their daughter's escorts to join in the first dance.

Dinner, catered by Peter Ely, was served at tables beneath a large tent, decorated with balloons and lights cascading from the ceiling. Centerpieces of roses, created by Richard Horn, adorned each table.

Mrs. William Webb is president of the debutante committee, and was assisted by Mrs. Maxwell Cooke, Ball chairman, and Mrs. J.L. Nicholas III, honorary chairman.

The 1983-84 debutantes are Miss Susan Eason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Eason of Bradenton, Miss Libby Frye, daughter of Mrs. Kenneth Frye of Bradenton and the late Kenneth Frye; Miss Kimberly Carlton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mabry Carlton of Sarasota; Miss Kimberly Clement, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. Preston Clement of Sarasota; Miss Jacqueline de Manio and Miss Genevieve de Manio, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Peter de Manio of Sarasota; Miss Lisa Ellis, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Ellis of Sarasota; Miss Michelle King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle King of Sarasota.



Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bialock, left, with Susan and Dewey Eason.



Michelle and Doyle King begin the first waltz.



Peter de Manio with daughter, Jacqueline, left, and Genevieve.



Kimberly takes the arm of her father, Dr. Preston Clement.



Libby Frye and O.M. Griffith.



Lisa and Dr. Edward Ellis, Kimberly and Mabry Carlton.

## Today's Highlights

The Bradenton Herald, Monday, April 30, 1984



### The tradition continues

Libby Frye and Susan Eason of Bradenton were among eight debutantes formally presented Saturday night at the annual debutante ball at Van Wezel Hall in Sarasota. Libby is the daughter of Mrs. Kenneth Frye, and Susan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey E. Eason. Proceeds from the ball will benefit the Florida West Coast Symphony's youth orchestras. From left to right: Scott Kennedy, Libby Frye, Jeff Engel, Lance Christie, Susan Eason and Kevin Peterson.

## Beautiful Weather For Debutante Ball Courtesy of Indian Princess Fat Belly

A quote: "Members of the 1984 Debutante Ball Committee and the New College Library Association Board have had a lot of fun about the Indian maiden I told you about and whom you mentioned in a recent column," declared John Barnes, committee member of Saturday night's ball. "Her prediction that the weather would be perfect certainly came true. Our friend Arrapahoe Indian Princess, Running Fat Belly, is a real person. She is the daughter of Chief Burton Kewayah, Tribal Council, Arrapahoe Indians, Garrison Reservations, on the border between North Dakota and Canada. It was near there that my company chose a site for the construction of a gas processing plant about 10 years ago."

"Such plants require large quantities of water and it was my responsibility to obtain the needed permits from the Federal and State governments, as well as the Provincial permits in Canada. The Indians claimed title to the water in the Garrison Reservoir because of the natural drainage across their lands, some of which they owned."

"I became acquainted with Chief Burton and with his little family, as well as with many other members of the Tribal Council. We once arranged a party for the Council and took Chief Burton to our New York office on one occasion because he was a very fine fellow and had never been out of the area except to go to a meeting or two across the border in Saskatchewan."

"His little daughter, then about 12, was quite attractive and said to me that she was able to do all kinds of magic things about the weather and to

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bring good fishing as well. She is about 23 or 24 now.

"Oh yes, we did obtain permission to use the water, and Chief Burton and I remain friends and hunting partners to this day."

Benefiting the Florida West Coast Symphony Youth Orchestra were the lovely debutantes on their memorable evening. The committee still being wrapped in congratulations for creating fine results, brilliant and gracious. Pink and white the honored hues, dancing balloons, flowers and table decorations followed suit. Pink was worn by the 1983 debutantes and the traditional white for this year's debut. The large tent, bestride of the Van Wezel Hall's Grand Foyer was fairly entwined in mini lights. Hundreds of feminine guests in ball gowns, their escorts in "black tie, tails or medals" (as requested) added to the gracious occasion. New York's distinguished Peter Duchin said "My musicians and I really looked forward to coming to play because of the enthusiasm of Sarasotians."

This columnist remembers when Peter, son of one of New York's most famous debutantes, followed the trend of clinging to a milder sedate tempo. Life was more conservative then. This year the distin-

guished musician followed closely a day's trend. Even suddenly mixing in some "corn bread, peas, ham hocks 'n' partridge" in his band's marvelous beat. After all, the tune-master was in the south, huh.

Early arrivals were rewarded with previews of fathers cuing their daughters on how to bow. Attorney Peter de Manio did "double debutante duty" ... seeing that his twin daughters, Genevieve and Jacqueline, would be bowing simultaneously when introduced ... no easy feat. The menu was the special idea of ball chairman Vivien Cooke and Peter Ely. The desert (w-o-o-e-i-e) recipe was borrowed from a Washington, D.C. chef and required the intervention of one of Vivien's friends there to obtain. The debutantes' escorts, everyone agreed, were an outstanding group of young men, quite mature, and responsible and respectful toward the girls and their families. Doubtless it was a first for them in the art of wearing white tie as to "the manor born."

"PRINCESS R.F.B." kept rain away. She made a surprise appearance Saturday evening, we learn, at a party given by RUTH and JOHN BARNES for PAULETTE CRABTREE, president of New College Association. Miraculously the wind subsided and the rain ceased just as the (mysterious) "Princess" arrived at the Barnes' residence. So she was able to perform her fire dance possible before the 30 or so assembled guests. Upon leaving, she assured her good friends, the hosts, that she and her father, an Arrapahoe Indian chief, were always happy to help deserving causes. Now I personally had "other fish to fry" that evening and have to take John's word for all this. He tells me, "It is possible she

may appear again, before the Debutante Ball committee this time."

After all, members of the Sarasota West Coast Symphony's Debutante committee credit John with the clear skies which prevailed on the evening of last year's event. That he accomplished this (and so he admits) by conferring with Princess R.F.B., whose full name never is written, only spoken, he advises. Sometime ago John asked this mysterious princess to explore the deities to provide sunny weather for the New College Library Association's Pique-nique sur la Baie and fashion show last week. The day kissed us all with the sun's rays and all was delightful on the lawn of the University of South Florida. 5-0-00!!