

OBSERVATIONS

FROM THE SIDELINES
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Fifteen young ladies were presented at the Links' Starlight Cotillion.

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THE STARLIGHT Cotillion of 1983 is now a memory, a beautiful memory. Fifteen young women, all achievers, all good students, all graduating from Portland high schools, were presented to the community by their parents and the Portland Chapter of The Links, Inc., at a formal ball held at the Red Lion Jantzen Beach on Sunday evening, February 13.

Making their deep curtsies in ball gowns of traditional white, the young women carried hand bouquets of red and white blossoms tied with red satin ribbon streamers. They were assisted by their chosen escorts formally attired in black. The young men attend the various high schools of the Portland area.

Courtney has maintained a 4.0 GPA since sixth grade is now graduating in her junior year with a senior standing at Beaverton High School. Courtney's escort at the cotillion was Hosea Johnson.

Sandra Sherelle Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Jones, was accompanied by Mark James; Sandra Leggett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Leggett, was accompanied by Sherman Cowley; Lisa Manning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vollie Manning, was escorted by Darrell Hodges; Kathy Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Martin, was escorted by Wendell Todd Robinson; Sheila Ann Pryor, daughter of Mrs. Lavada J. Pryor, had as her escort, James Washington; Kellie Nanette Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James

(Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Ed Whalen, local T.V. sportscaster, cooking along with several "other" celebrities—all of them showing off their culinary expertise. Ed was cooking with Dolores Atiyeh, and Eileen Fulton, star of TV's (Lisa) "As the World Turns." Fulton, with an apron over her shimmering silver evening gown, was turning out one version of her "Grits a la Fulton." The star is also National Chairman of March of Dimes Public Health Education.

When all was cooked and ready for tasting, there was our Geneva Jones of PP&L, tasting and testing and grading and voting as one of the food judges. Geneva tasted and tested the chocolate pecan pie Governor Atiyeh was whipping up and cross-tasted the Paris Brest fille Cusseau-Chocolat prepared by Portland Opera Director Stefan Minde and his wife Edith. Jones also teamed with Pierre Franey, *New York Times* food columnist, to taste the tomato soup spiked with vodka and herbs by Margie Boule and her partner Jim Bosley. About 450 persons dined that night for sweet charity.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Wanda Irving, special events coordinator for the Intercultural Office of Willamette University, announces the arrival in Salem of Dick Gregory to be speaker for the Third World Students Organization on the evening of February 24.

Irving states that Gregory, in his only Oregon appearance at this time, will discuss the racial climate and atmosphere on the Willamette campus. The well-known actor-turned-activist, interested in diet, exercise and social problems, is expected to spend just one full day in Oregon, including a two-hour visit

at Oregon State Prison to talk with inmates, according to Irving. His evening address will be given at Smith auditorium on campus. For details telephone 370-6300 in Salem.

King Sunny Ade (pronounced "a-day") will bring his 19 piece ju-ju band from Nigeria to Portland on February 24. They will play at the Masonic Temple's Grand Ballroom, so says Jim Carner, promoter of the event.

KeKettes, the restaurant serving Haitian Cuisine (they used to be on N.E. Union Ave.), will be serving Caribbean food when Sunny plays Ju-Ju at the Temple.

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The young people made their entrance to the ballroom from a lovely white garden gazebo decorated with baskets of hanging ferns and large pink satin hearts. Tiny twinkling lights, twined among greenery and potted flowers, lighted the runway leading the debs to their parents.

Rochell McElroy, general chairperson for the cotillion, was assisted by Lydia Roy and by a sizable committee of Link members. McElroy invited Michelle Gerald, reporter for KXL radio, to introduce the debutantes to the 400 persons in the gathering.

Monique Branscomb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Branscomb, was escorted by Robert Enge; Wendi Brown, daughter of Thelma Brown and Wendell Brown, was escorted by Obdell Coxeff; Kristina Colbert, daughter of Waneta Colbert and Melvin Colbert, was escorted by Thomas Foster Jr.; Rhonda Jean Coleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Coleman, was escorted by R. Drake Warrick; Marla Anisa Crolley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Crolley, was escorted by James A. Arnold, Jr.; Paula Conley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Field, was escorted by Ronald Webb; Felicia Elmore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cleave Elmore, was escorted by Randolph C. Fuller; Leslie Ann Goodlow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Goodlow, was escorted by Steve Adams; Courtney Maria Graham, daughter of Drs. Alvin and Marva Graham, received extra interest for her outstanding scholastic record.

Robinson, was escorted by Andre Pettet. It took nearly a dozen committees to attend all the details of the Links Cotillion, but this year, plaudits went to the decorations committee for the setting chosen by Lydia Roy, Geneva Jones, Jacqueline Brown and Rochelle McElroy. Clementyne Guy and Mildred Reynolds were co-chairs of the souvenir journals prepared for the debs and their families and friends. Johnnie Stokes is president of the Portland Chapter of Links.

DINNER AT 8:15 on Friday, February 11 at the Hilton Hotel was a Gourmet Gala arranged as a benefit for the March of Dimes. Dinners might help but it took \$175 for a place at one of the tables set in the ballroom that night. The *Observer* reporter and photographer caught a glimpse of lucky

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