

# WHO'S WHO and doing what

By EDDYE K. KIM

NOTES FROM A DEBUTANTE'S DIARY  
by Jovanna C. Williams

(Jovanna Williams is the daughter of society editor, Eddy Kim, and was one of the lovely Debs of 1965 who made their formal bow to society at the Les Femmes Douze' beautiful Cotillion Ball in November.)



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IN JUNE, WHEN MY MOTHER asked me to keep a diary on the 1965 debut... so that I could write this article in December... I thought, "What for." But now I can see why, and I'll start out by saying it was all wonderful, exciting, and a great whirl! Although given the impression that a debutante season is nothing but a whirl; it is really much more than that.

It was, to me, the experience of meeting and being with new people and, especially, having the pleasure of meeting your parents' friends, some of whom you have known by name only; and suddenly your parents' friends are your friends too.

WHO IS A DEBUTANTE?.. A debutante is a girl, usually approaching her 18th birthday, whose parents and friends fete her with a tea, a luncheon, a dance or a big, big ball. The debutante has finished, or is about to finish high school. I discovered during the exciting whirl, that debutantes can be a pretty serious group of girls. They are all full of fun...and, like me, love every minute of it...but are now, for the most part, planning their careers, choosing their college, and deciding what degrees they'll go after.

Last June was quite a launching day for the eleven Cotillion debs who were officially announced following a mother and daughter tea, at the home of Mrs. Samuel Taylor, who is a member of the Les Femmes Douze (Ladies Twelve Club) which sponsored the Cotillion Ball.

Each month the Mothers' Club (mothers of the debs) planned an affair for us. In July there was a patio party, at the home of the James Snowdens for debs and their escorts.

In August, the record hop at Doolittle Recreation Center with debs and escorts. In September, a slumber (pajama) party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Jones. (For debs only!) October, a luncheon at the El Morocco Cafe, with Mothers, debs and members of the Les Femmes Douze Club. November, the month for the big Ball, was spent in practicing and more practicing to learn the Cotillion figures and the proper way to curtsy.

Mother will get me for saying this, but after coming out of orbit following the party my parents gave for me at the beautiful El Morocco Cafe, I decided it was past description, so I am not going to attempt to describe it here except to say it was the most wonderful thing that ever happened to me.

Guest lists are basic to all parties, especially during a debutante season, and the most treasured is the list of boys to be invited! Everything seems to hinge on the list of boys. Debutantes are necessary for the Cotillion...but not nearly as necessary as that list of boys. Also indispensable to the debutante is a list of the kind of clothes she will wear to what party. Even the mother and daughter tea. The list is the only way to keep organized and avoid panic. This bit of advice I pass on to the 1966 debutantes!

AS I GO OVER MY DIARY and see how many, many wonderful people sent gifts to help me celebrate the exciting season, I realize how fortunate I am. Among the most appreciated donations is one made in the name of the debutante to a charitable organization or the deb's High School (Alma Mater).

Thank you notes are, by the way, a tremendous part of the debutante's season. There are acceptances and regrets to write, thank you notes for presents and entertaining, when added up, run into a great deal of money!

I am happy I was asked to be a debutante, how could I have ever made it without the charming and hard-working members of the Les Femmes Douze? How did we get through it all? It was

## Apology To Sorority

In a recent issue of the Las Vegas Examiner, Editor-Publisher Phil Waddell made what he considered unjust criticism of the Alpha Rho Chapter of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority prior to their presentation of the Ebony Fashion Fair.

Realizing the injustice to the group, he wrote the letter that is printed here to Mrs. Dorothy West. However, for some reason, the apology has not yet appeared in the Examiner. In fairness to the ladies of the Chapter, the VOICE consented to print his letter.

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Mrs. Charles I. West  
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Dear Dottie:

I extend to you and the officers and members of Alpha Rho Chapter of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority my deep and sincere apology for what I personally term a grave injustice to the dignity of your organization.

It's not enough to say I was rather misinformed. Yesterday I failed to rely on my newspaper experience but today I shall bend the branches from the "tree of knowledge" and serve upon each of you, your rightful fruits.

Not only shall I attend your planned affair, I shall repair the bridge of our friendship sincerely and respectfully. I owe this to each of you and collectively as well as those within this community who believe in my weekly writings.

I shall not shun my respect for the truth. Please accept my apology in the form of my attendance and in the words I write in my next issue of the Las Vegas Examiner.

Sincerely Yours:  
Phil Waddell  
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Las Vegas Examiner

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very easy. Just ask our parents!! Our wonderful parents, who gave the parties, bought the dresses, drove the cars, or made it possible for us to drive, saw to it that we got some sleep and neated-up after us.

As someone has said, when the Cotillion is over, the 1965 deb becomes last year's news...but it was fun while it lasted!

ADDED NOTES FROM EDDYE KIM...

Please: An oversight of last week, the names of winners of door prizes at Ebony's Fashion Fair whom we did not mention.

Mrs. Helen Caruthers, a silver coffee service; Mrs. Alex Davidson, Crystal and silver martini set. Dinner for two at Pat's Chinese Kitchen and the most fabulous prize of all, a beautiful white Mink evening Jacket donated by the William Baer Fur Salon of the Tropicana Hotel and Beverly Hills, Calif., was won by Mrs. LeRoy (Carrie) Christensen.



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AROUND OUR TOWN...

Many schools are out and students are homebound for the holidays... Home from Weber State College in Ogden, Utah are the White brothers, Lee and Luther, both outstanding football players, and Dave Scott, who also plays at Weber in the position of halfback... An operation for Steve Roberson, who plays right halfback at Minot State College in Minot, No. Dakota.

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ment will finance or otherwise complete the project for the individual."

Architect Nathaniel A. Owings agreed with Hoadley. "The paternalism inherent in the idea of foundations or subsidies is destructive," Owings said.

In his speech, Humphrey said the anti-poverty campaign and related administration undertakings should contribute to improvement of the cities.

"Until we are capable of improving the lives of people, largely Negro, who live in these areas passed over by our national prosperity and affluence, we will be stymied in all other attempts to restore and develop our cities," he said.



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