



Elizabeth Schutze, a sixth-chair violinist. (Staff photo by Gary Friedman)

## Families welcome musicians

FARMINGTON—Area residents opened their homes last weekend to 98 students from Interlochen Arts Academy who were in the district Saturday to perform a concert at Harrison High School.

"The whole thing was very successful," said Paul Barber, music director at Harrison and co-conductor of the program. "The biggest problem (in housing the students) was that mother and dad had to give their consent, so I had to call some of them."

Actually, more than enough offers to feed and house the overnight lodgers were received, he said, and there weren't enough students to meet the demand.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel D. Bernard of 2812 Minglewood, Farmington Hills, arranged to house two of the students, Elizabeth Schutze and Anne Wharton.

HOWEVER, ONLY one, Anne, actually stayed with the Farmington family because Elizabeth discovered she could stay with her own parents in Ann Arbor.

Elizabeth, Mrs. Bernard learned, had studied music six years but hoped to pursue a career in law. She was also sixth-chair violin.

Anne, a first-chair flutist, stayed with the Bernards Saturday night and then traveled to Rockford, Ill., to audition for a well-known music institute.

"We enjoyed having them, they were easy-going and pleasant. Nothing seems to faze them," Mrs. Bernard said.

THE INTERLOCHEN concert was funded by the Farmington Arts Council at no cost to the public. They played Smetana's Overture to "The Bartered Bride," George Gershwin's "An American in Paris" and the Symphony No. 5 by Shostakovich. The concert was part of "Interlochen Outreach", a series of tours

throughout Michigan designed to provide citizens with exposure to classical music.

Guest conductor for the tour is Frederick Fennell, assisted by the academy's resident conductor Bryan Hanson. Fennell is currently conductor in residence at the University of Miami. He was founder and conductor of the Eastman wind ensemble and was associate conductor of the Minneapolis Symphony for two years.

A faculty member for 18 years, Hanson is also associate conductor of the Northwestern Michigan Symphony of Traverse City and conductor of the Grand Traverse Chorale.

INTERLOCHEN is partially funded by the state, sharing a \$700,000 appropriation from the state legislature with Cranbrook Academy of Art, the Detroit Institute of Art, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Meadowbrook and the Michigan Opera Theatre.

Members of the orchestra come from 25 states, the District of Columbia, Canada, Japan and Korea. More than half (28 out of 65) of the players come from Michigan.

The orchestra rehearses 11 hours a week and presents approximately 12 concerts at Interlochen each academic year. "Interlochen Outreach" takes them to 12 Michigan cities.

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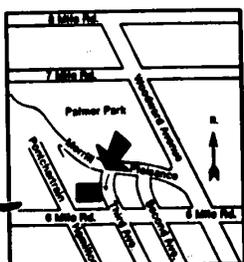
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