

# 'Peter Pan' Returns To Excitement Of Never Never Land

Charlotte, N.C.—Most stage productions focus on making a real life situation even more real to the audience, while other productions talk of pure fantasy. In the new live touring arena musical spectacular, "Peter Pan," the challenge was to take the audience back to their childhood dreams to Never Never Land, and return them safely to the world of today.

"Peter Pan" appears for the first time as an arena musical spectacular January 30th through February 3rd, at the Charlotte Coliseum for 8 performances with Cathy Rugsby as Peter Pan. This family classic is presented by NBC Entertainment Corp. Every child has dreamed of pirates, Indians and dangerous adventures on a mysterious island. And each child was his own hero. He could not be defeated or even harmed. Most children dream of actually flying, and move easily from one adventure to another as it pleases them.

a fortress and his friends divide sides for pirates and Indians.

Whether it was childhood dreams, or playing at pirates and Indians in the backyard, it was all very real.

Many adults remember these dreams and games in the turmoil of today's world of harsh reality and wish they could return.

Perhaps this is the reason "Peter Pan" has always been so successful.

Millions of people will now have the opportunity to return.

Never Never Land with the first live presentation of the story as an arena musical spectacular. Peter Pan takes

the Darling children from their home, flies with them through the air, and around the arena to the massive settings on stage of that mysterious island crammed with adventures.

For over two hours, Peter Pan, the Boy Who Would Not Grow Up, who was king of the

mountain and never knew defeat, brings back the lost dreams of adults while every child in the audience knows perfectly well what Peter Pan is all about. He symbolizes now for them.

This touring extravaganza gives its audience that wonderful opportunity to recapture for at least a short period, dreams that turned to

reality and times that were much simpler.

Tickets are priced at \$3.00 \$4.00 and \$5.00. Youths 16 and under are admitted for half price on 4 of the performances. Mail orders are accepted for all prices at the Coliseum Box Office.

### CHARLOTTE BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Fleet Williams, 2501 Apt-D Pitts Dr., a boy.  
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Auge, 1949 Choyle Circle, a girl.  
Mr. and Mrs. James T. Ford, 2635 Zebulon Ave., a girl.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Kiser, 3115 Manchester Dr., a boy.  
Mr. and Mrs. Willie J. Fleming, 2638 Syracuse Ave., a boy.



RAY HERZOG, president of 3M company, presents award for individual achievement to Diane Marie Hill, 19-year old co-ed attending Saint Paul's College, in Virginia. In addition to the award, Miss Hill also received a \$2,000 loan scholarship to help complete her college education. Standing by to congratulate Miss Hill is Jack Nicklaus, golf pro, who won the Bing Crosby National Pro-Am in 1972 and 1973. The loan scholarship, presented at Pebble Beach, in California, during the four-day event, was co-sponsored by the Crosby Youth Fund and 3M Company.

### Black Co-Ed

## Diane Marie Hill Is Star Among Super-Stars

A nineteen year-old black co-ed became a star among the super-stars, at the 27th Annual Bing Crosby National Pro-Am golf tournament here this month.

has worked since she was 14 years old to help with family expenses. She is one of nine children, and the first in her family to ever attend college.

mination and effort. I worked throughout high school, and thought many times that I would continue to work and help my family, rather than think about college. But friends and a high school teacher encouraged me to try. And I did."

"We were poor," said Diane, "but the one thing I can always afford is deter-

Diane Marie Hill, sophomore, at Saint Paul's college, in Virginia, was dined and wined and honored during the four-day classic tourney, for her outstanding personal achievements, and received a \$2,000 loan scholarship to continue her college education.

Diane's award, scholarship and trip to Pebble Beach was co-sponsored by the Crosby Youth Fund and the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company (3M).

The Crosby Youth Fund, now in its 27th year, has distributed millions of dollars to student loan funds in 88 colleges and universities across the country. The funds are derived from the proceeds of the tourney.

Last year, Saint Paul's, a predominantly black four-year college, was one of the institutions selected to receive a total sum of \$5,000 to be made available to needy students. Diane was chosen, as a recipient, because of her financial need, and high academic accomplishments.

Greeted and congratulated by golf-pros, movie stars and famous personalities, Diane said she really felt special. "Almost everyone dreams about such experiences, one time or another," Diane added. "Like being among celebrities, and going places that you only get to see in the movies or on television. But this really happened to me."

"I'm convinced now," she continued, "that anything is possible, that is, if you believe in yourself, and you're willing to work for it." Work for it, she did. Diane



NEVER NEVER LAND-Peter Pan and Captain Hook cross swords in an exciting scene of the family musical coming to the Charlotte Coliseum January 30.

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