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SUSAN ELIZABETH FORD

Biographical Data

The youngest of the Ford offspring and the only daughter, 17-year old Susan Ford is a senior at the Holton Arms School in Bethesda, Maryland.

She was born at Columbia Womens Hospital in Washington, D.C. on July 6, 1957. She attended the Episcopal Kindergarten of Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, the church in Alexandria, Virginia, to which the Fords belong. First through sixth grades were spent at Douglas MacArthur Elementary School, and seventh and eighth grades at Howard Middle School. (Both schools are in Alexandria). She started as a freshman at Holton Arms.

Susan is a sports enthusiast and enjoys skiing, water skiing, swimming, biking, horseback riding and tennis. Among other hobbies are cooking, photography and needlepoint. She also enjoys caring for a growing family of plants, which now number 30 and fill a large corner of the Solarium, the Ford's family room in the White House.

Susan started modern dance classes when she was eight and continued through the sixth grade. She has since taken classes in both modern dance and ballet.

The 5'8" blond is fond of animals and has in her charge a Siamese cat named Shan and a golden retriever named Liberty. Susan's previous pets have included various rabbits, dogs, a fish, snakes and gerbils.

Susan worked the summer of 1973 selling guide books for the White House Historical Association and has also worked as a babysitter and answering phones for a medical telethon. She took two courses during the summer of 1974. Earlier summers have been spent at Camp Arbutus near Traverse City, Michigan, and Camp Robin Hood in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

At Holton Arms, Susan is a member of the Photography Club and is taking a photography class. As a freshman, she was one of six students chosen as an honor tour guide and has continued giving tours to parents and prospective students each year. She was elected to the yearbook staff as a senior and is working in the advertising, management and business end of the book.

Susan would like to attend Mount Vernon College in Washington, D.C. and is considering the possibility of a career in child care or fashion. She has visited many hospitals and childrens centers and is particularly interested in the education of mentally retarded and emotionally disturbed children.

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