

# Dickinson Senior To Tour SA

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DICKINSON— Gus Nelson, director of the Dickinson High School Music Department announced this week that clarinetist Becky Gomez, a senior at Dickinson High School has been chosen as a member of the All American Youth Honor Musicians. She will tour in South America. They will present concerts in Lima, Peru, June 28 through July 8.

Becky, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Gomez, 1009 Shady Oak Drive, will appear in Peru in the Youth Honor Band under the direction of Ralph Liese, director of Instrumental Activities at Houston Baptist College, Houston. Mr. Liese is the principal trombonist with the Houston Symphony Orchestra. He has had 18 years of professional appearances in New York, and now makes his home in Houston.

The All American Youth Honor Band is chartered in Florida as a non-profit organization. It is endorsed by the People to People National Program and is assisted by the United States Information Service, the School of Music of the University of Miami and the American Federation of Musicians.

It is organized, said Mr. Nelson, to give outstanding young musicians an opportunity to utilize their performing ability to further international understanding and to develop good will through music.

It was begun by Dr. Sam S. Fox who is now the executive director of the band, and Dr. William F. Lee, dean of music of the School of Music, University of Miami.

They conceived the idea of organizing and developing concert tours throughout various countries in South America which would allow talented musicians to take part in an unusual experience, at the same time providing an historical and geographical travel experience and to make a personal contribution and sacrifice in the development of international understanding and good will.

Tens of thousands of South Americans have attended the concerts already held.

Becky is fortunate in that she has lived in Venezuela, and is able to speak Spanish. She was the John Phillip Sousa Award winner in 1967; this is an award given for excellence to a band student.



**BECKY GOMEZ CHOSEN FOR ALL AMERICAN BAND—** Gus Nelson, director of the Dickinson High School Band announced today that Becky Gomez, clarinetist with the band had been chosen to play with the All American Youth Honor Musicians Band which will play concerts in July in Lima, Peru. Above are Gus Nelson and Becky Gomez.