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ing Talent at the dinner ceremony earlier this week at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

"I look up to all these women so much and I've been watching them since I can remember," the 19-year-old actress said. "They're why I do what I do, so I'm just very humble."

Wood's screen credits include *Thirteen*, *The Missing*, and *Running With Scissors*, which is set for release next month. Bening also stars in the film, based on the book by Augusten Burroughs.

Blanchett, who won a best supporting actress Oscar for *The Aviator*, said she was "overwhelmed. ... Strangely more so than any award ceremony because I think the room is full of such an incredible bunch of women."

Previous honorees include Jodie Foster, Laura Ziskin, Sherry Lansing, Meryl Streep, Michelle Pfeiffer, and Susan Sarandon.

KEY TO THE CITY

Tom Petty has come home.

"Every corner you turn is some kind of memory," said the 55-year-old rocker, who grew up in Gainesville, Fla., but hasn't played here in 13 years.

Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers' concert at the O'Connell Center on the University of Florida campus Thursday night sold out in 10 minutes.

The long delay between Gainesville concerts was the result of the band's summer tour



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With guitarist Scott Thurston looking on, rock musician Tom Petty holds up the key to Gainesville, Fla., given to him by Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan.

schedule, Petty said. He said the band decided to expand its tour schedule this year.

Guitarist Mike Campbell and keyboardist Benmont Tench were born and raised in and around Gainesville, and bassist Ron Blair lived in the area for many years.

Gainesville Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan presented each band member with a key to the city. "It's a lot nicer than the one we got in Chicago," Petty quipped.

Although he never attended the University of Florida, Petty was once a member of the grounds crew. While working at the school, he planted a tree that is now called the Tom Petty tree.

Tom Petty & the Heartbreak-

ers were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2002.

BASEBALL CAST

Oliver Platt will star as contentious New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner in ESPN's eight-part miniseries about the '77 Yanks.

The Bronx Is Burning, adapted from Jonathan Mahler's best-seller, is scheduled to debut in July, marking the 30th anniversary of the team's first World Series championship under Steinbrenner's iron rule.

John Turturro will play manager Billy Martin and Daniel Sunjata of *24*'s *Rescue Me* is slugger Reggie Jackson, who hit three homers in the clinching Game 6 of the Series.