

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Vivacious Rita Topley, who will lead the Black team in its quest for a third successive victory, has always been identified with athletics. The members of the Black team paid tribute to Rita's capable leadership by electing her head of the group by an overwhelming margin.

"Top" serves as vice-president of the G.A.A. and also captains her gymnasium class, as further indication of her athletic prowess. Her other club affiliations include the Junior Historical Society and the Clonian Society, of which she is treasurer.

"Peppy," cheerful and always on the go, Rita can be seen in the gymnasium almost daily, completing the last details for Sports Nite. She finds time to enjoy the smooth saxophone of Jimmy Dorsey and just adores dancing.

Her favorite sports are swimming and tennis, and she is a rabid basketball fan. Rita's favorite pastimes happen to be: (1) fighting with her brother, and



Proudly holding aloft the Red team's banner, Pat Harper stands ready for come-what-may!

As captain of Red team, Pat's interests turn toward anything--"as long as it centers around the field of sports!" Horseback riding, tennis--she's a member of the girls tennis team--swimming and skiing are a few of the activities in which Pat participates.

Pat holds membership in the Belles Lettres and Junior Historical Societies. She is the treasurer of the Leaders' Corps, second lieutenant of her gymnasium period and a member of the Service Corps.

While "getting up early," homework and exams are on Pat's "dislikes" list, graduation and Glenn Miller hold top ranking on her "preferred" list.

Strange as it may seem, Pat hopes to enter the Posse School in the fall in order to prepare herself for the position of a physical education teacher.

Spectator, January 12, 1940



Spectator, January 26, 1940

Two New Bands Prepare For Girls' Sports Night

The band divides!

No, the union hasn't caught up with the boys for their back dues-as yet. The band divided into two bands, the Red, and the Black. The oncoming "Sports Night" program is to have at its disposal a band for each of the two teams.

The band conductors have already been appointed. Jack Basco and his "Blushing, Blustering, Bombastic Bricklayers" will defend the south end of the gymnasium, while Ed Flagg and his Resonant, Resplendent, Remounted, Rough and Ready Raft Builders will assist the Reds on the north end of the arena.

Both leaders are experienced. Ed Flagg is student conductor for the Trenton High band and is assistant conductor of the Trenton Sea Scout Band. Jack Basco is assistant student conductor for the Trenton High School and is also student conductor of the Trenton Sea Scout Band.

Flagg plays tympany and Basco cornet. Each has been honored in the past by being chosen for membership in the All-State Band and Orchestra.

Spectator, February 16, 1940

Changes Appear In Sports Nite Plans As Teams Appoint Committee Heads

By Laura Wolf

Dashing by the girls' gymnasium one day last week, the SPECTATOR reporter heard by chance a few bars of "Youth On Parade." She resolved to return as soon as possible and find out if the ideas of themes formerly decided upon had been overthrown and Old Age vs. Youth had taken hold of Girls' Sports Nite. To the surprise of the reporter it was the voices of the combined teams practicing for a joint event, namely, the singing of "Youth on Parade," selected this year to replace "Here's to Trenton High School," as one of the first events on the program.

Following up the line of explanation, Mrs. Isabelle Quick was next accosted and asked if anything else was being changed.

"We are stressing originality more than ever this year," stated Mrs. Quick of the girls' physical education department, "in all phases of the work. The ideas of the girls are to be carried out as nearly as possible in all events, and we hope to be able to use the ideas of the heads of committees even as to dance steps and rhythmic motions."

Girls Plan Originality Event

A further novel idea is being introduced into the program for the first time since the original Sports Nite and the number is being coached by Miss Margaret Smock. It is called the originality number and is to be entirely different from any of the other events.

"The most different part of the originality number," says Miss Smock, "is that it is to be kept a secret – that is, as much of a secret as 1,500 girls can keep."

The themes chosen for this year, spring and summer for the Blacks, and fall and winter for the Reds, are to be carried out throughout the entire program. The girls, who as heads of committee elected by the teams to lead them in the events, are, for the Black team, Alice Roumanis, marching; Goldie Burroughs, tap; Peggy Irwin, novelty; Betty Watson, rhythmic; Lee Breeden, apparatus; Helen Irwin, games; Mary Gabel, decorations; Kitty Hurd, properties; Alice Muscatine, publicity; Evelyn Lanzi, songs and cheers; and Claire Johnson, costumes.

Red Team Names Heads

Committee heads for the Red team are Adeline Del Margio, Marching; Helen Parson, tap; Virginia Unangst, novelty; Irene Bonicky, rhythmic; Yina Wah, apparatus; Judy Bendel, games; Betty Vitez, decorations; Geraldine Gothardt, properties; Marion Hutchinson, publicity; Faye Briscoe, songs and cheers; and Geraldine Maruska, costumes.

Spectator, February 16, 1940

SPORTS NITE ODDITIES

By Laura Wolf

Groping back through the years into the records of former Sports Nites, the oddities are rather few. However, you may not know that

The mistress of ceremonies, for all six years has been a former member of the Black Team, Jean Halliday in '35; Nellie Putzan, '36, Evelyn Wolf, '37; Jeanne Bloor, '38; Thelma Eggert, '39, and Laura Wolf, '40. Another coincidence is that starting with Ev Wolf in '37 all the girls have also been members of the Clonian Society.

Our alma mater is to the tune of "The Bells of St. Mary," and as a change it has been substituted for "Here's to Trenton High School," It was a novel way to learn the alma mater, and the members of both teams will sing it on the program.

"Youth on Parade," another musical number to be sung by both teams for the first time this year, was practiced rather successfully last Wednesday. Both teams assembled in the auditorium and sang to the accompaniment of the composite bands under the direction of I. Rogene Borgen.

A request different from other years has been made of every girl belonging to either team. They have been asked to hand in an original design to go on the front of the printed programs. One design will be chosen by each team. The printed announcements of the events will be divided in the middle. The Red team will be allotted the left side and the Blacks the right side. The team which has the better design will be awarded ten points.

Spectator, March 1, 1940

GIRLS' SPORTS NIGHTS LEADERS



Pat Harper

Leader of Red Team



Laura Wolf

Mistress of Ceremonies



Rita Topley

Leader of Black Team

Spectator, March 15, 1940

Girls' Sports Nite Features Seasons On April 10, 11, 12

New Color Guard Finale, Separate Team Bands Highlight 1940 Contest

Array of the season! Original music! Peter Pan! Toe Ballet! Spring's awakening! Composite Red and Black bands! And there it is! The Prelude to Girls' Sports Nite!

Last year a strictly modern dance number, the prelude has now been changed to include the various typed of dancing. Sports Nite will be held April 10, 11, 12.

Laura Wolf is mistress of ceremonies, while Pat Harper captains the Red team, and Rita Topley, the Black.

Peter Pan Still Unknown

Peter Pan introduces the event and sends forth his call to the four seasons. Spring arrives to the accompaniment of "Princess Tiptoes" from "Spring's Awakening," by C.E. Bach. The girls in this group represent the natural phase of dancing. As the seasons progress, the Summer group is called and a more advanced stage, a toe ballet number, is performed, also to "Princess Tiptoe." Soft modern or expressionistic dancing is enacted as Fall arrives, so the orchestral piece, "Autumn." Winter, a purely modern dance, is accompanied by an original number arranged by the band.

"Although the prelude is coming along as quickly as can be expected: stated Miss Eleanor Keating, faculty advisor, "nevertheless with the limited number of rehearsals it is impossible to get it into shape as quickly as the other numbers. The dancers have been selected for each season, but Peter Pan is still to be chosen."

Leaders Take Part in Finale

The event is non-competitive, as is the Finale. The Finale, a military number, in which the mistress of ceremonies, the captains of the Red and Black teams, the heads of committees, and the captains and lieutenants of the gymnasium periods take part. These girls perform each night to top off the program in a drill number.

A special arrangement by the band of "There's Something About a Soldier," a song hit not so long ago, will beat out the time for the Finale. Uniformity of attire, with only slight color difference to correspond with their team, will be the outstanding feature of costuming.

An innovation this year is the color guard, which will consist of the American flag, school flag and the flags of both teams. Representing the Black team, carrying their flag, will be Ruby Hunter, and Elide Donini will hold aloft the Red team banner. The Bloodgood twins, Evelyn and Betty, will carry the American and school flags in the beginning of the ceremonies and also again in the Finale.

Theme songs for the teams this year have been written by the cheerleaders of the teams. The Blacks will praise their team to the tune of "In the Good Old Summertime." The Reds will laud their team to "Winter Wonderland."

Practices on study day each week help to provide more time for entire events to be done at one time. The bands accompany the Red or Black numbers according to the schedule for the day. Great emphasis is placed in the gymnasium classes upon the reading of the bulletin and all special announcements so that all the girls will know what is going on every period. Sports Nite practices hold preference above everything else.

Spectator, March 15, 1940

New Dates Fixed For Sport Night

Girls' Exhibition at High
School Will Be April
24, 25 and 26

Dates for the Girls' Annual Sport Night exhibition at Central High have been changed to April 24, 25 and 26 instead of April 10, 11 and 12 as announced recently.

This year the Red team, captained by Patricia Harper, will present Winter and Fall as their themes. All numbers will be based on the activities of these two seasons. The Black team, with Rita Topley as captain, will present numbers about Spring and Summer.

Following is a list of Black team chairmen and their activities: Alice Roumanis, marching; Goldie Burroughs, tap dancing; Peggy Irwin, novelty; Betty Watson, rhythmic; Helen Irwin, games; Mary Gabel, decorations; Kitty Hurd, properties; Alice Muscatine, publicity; Evelyn Lanzi, cheers; Claire Johnson, costumes, and Ruth Budson, originality.

The Red team heads and activities are Adeline Del Margio, marching; Helen Parsons, tap dancing; Virginia Unangst, novelty; Irene Bonicky, rhythmic; Judy Bendel, games; Betty Vitez, decorations; Geraldine Gotthardt, properties; Marion Hutchinson, publicity; Gaye Briscoe, cheers; Geraldine Marusca, costumes, and Mary Jo Gans, originality.

Trenton Times, April 5, 1940

Students Create Sport Nite Garb

With the ordeal of practicing for Sports Nite also comes the tiresome and laborious making and fitting of costumes. Miss Moss' sewing classes have been busily engaged doing just this. More than five hundred yards of fascinating fabrics, red, white and black – with highlights of sparkling gold and silver trimmings- have magically taken form as nimble fingers toiled and tireless machines hummed busily. For the past two weeks teachers and students of the Home Economics Department have devoted regular class time and many extra hours in applying their skill to the job of making Sports Nite a success.

The little Red Fox, Peter Plan, and the snow men were some of the special features which tested the girls' versatility in design and construction.

In the sewing rooms there is not competition between members of teams. "All the pupils," said Miss Moss, "have cooperated in this fine school enterprise and have shown a commendable school spirit."

Spectator, April 12, 1940

T. H. S. SPORT NITE DATES SELECTED

Dates for the annual Girl's Sport Nite at Central High will be May 8, 9 and 10. In this gala gymnasium spectacle approximately 2,000 girls will participate.

Trenton Times, April 14, 1940

New Dates Fixed For Sport Night

**Will Be Held May 8, 9 And
10 With 2,000 Girls
Participating**

Dates for the annual Girl's Sport Night at Central High have been changed again. May 8, 9 and 10, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, have now been definitely chosen as the nights on which the public is invited to witness a gala gymnasium spectacle in which about 2,000 girls will participate.

Cheers and songs for the Red Team will be led by Faye Briscoe, chairman. Lucy Rini, Helen Walters, Pearl Amisson, Dorothy Mendrey, Blanche Dobos, Charlotte Wood, Gertrude James, Emily Fox, Gloria Soriero, Katherine Telfer, Virginia Unangst and Helen Nikawitz.

Trenton Times, April 14, 1940

Stagecraft Club Aids In Sport Nite

Members of the Stagecraft Club are assisting in making decorations for Girls' Sport Nite, such as the large snowman which will guard the Red Team's entrance, and the man-sized life-guard, a part of the Black's trimmings.

In accordance with the lighting effects 74 different gelatins have been made for six complete changes in color with variations such as light blue, yellow, or violet. This year the spotlights will be twice as bright as last. Rented for the occasion will be lighting effect with ultra violet rays on florescent paint.

A signal system has been established for the boys who attend the switchboard, while the four lighting towers will be controlled from various sections in the gymnasiums.

The boys at the Stagecraft Club, of which Gene Klein is president, also assist the girls in mixing batches of paint.

This year the club under the sponsorship of Friebis Siegfried, is composed of Leon Delgado, Bill Bernard, Richard Rutkowski, Elvin Dow, Vasios Apostolos, Bernard Siegle, Fred Lloyd, Charles Dow, and Frank Turner, who is vice-president and secretary.

Whichever team wins, part of the glory should go to the boys who helped in making the show a success.

Spectator. April 26, 1940

Spring! Poets Have Told Us

Of its wonders, the trite hackneyed phrases have been used over and over again. Probably a student's definition is..."Spring is what is on the outside, that you're looking at, what smells so sweet, that you can't get to."

Mother Nature has ushered in the spring with rain, snow and unusually cold weather. The bad weather may be likened to the curtain before the play. The curtain will soon rise to reveal balmy breezes, a green world, and days crowded with happiness and numerous events for high school students.

Spring is the time of baseball games, Sports Nite, and tennis at Trenton High.

First Curtain!

Spectator, April 26, 1940

Winners of Two College Club Scholarships Are Announced



Laura Wolf



Jerome H. Fritz Photos
Rosalyn Blake

Trenton High School Girls Plan for Higher Education —Both Are Active in Extra-Curricular Affairs—Each to Receive \$300

The Trenton College Club today revealed the winners of its two scholarships for \$300 each awarded annually to two deserving girls based on character, scholarship, health and general activities. Both are Trenton High School seniors.

First place went to Rosalyn Blake, daughter of Mrs. Eva R. Blake, of 4 West End Avenue.

Laura Wolf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wolf, of 10 Beechwood Avenue, won second place.

Miss Blake stands No. 5 in her class of 972. She plans to study accounting at Simmons College. She is a member of the National Honor Society, secretary of the Grammar and Radio Club, secretary of the Inter-Club Council and

on the senior play committee. In addition, she has been active in many other school affairs, including the Library Club and the Pythagorean Society.

Miss Wolf, the city's junior girls' tennis champion, likewise stands high in her class. She has been prominent in school sports and plans to study physical education at Temple University. She, too, is a member of the National Honor Society, secretary of the Clionian Society and was mistress of ceremonies at the girls' Sport Night program.

The awards of these scholarships brings to a total of 40 such awards by the College Club, of which Miss Dorothy F. Lucas is president. The first were for \$150. Miss Sarah C. Christie was chairman of the scholarship committee and serving with her were the Misses Margaret J. Williams, Alice Smithick, Mary J. Messler, Maude Van Natta and Attilia F. Bixler.

Trenton Times, May 1, 1940

Girls' Sport Nite To Include Races

Hockey and Other Con-
tests Also on Program
For May, 8, 9, 10

High-lighted on the program for Girls' Sport Nite at Central High on May 8, 9 and 10, will be games of hockey, high goal and relay races. Tickets are now on sale, and reserved seats may be obtained at Mayham and Silver's and at the High School office.

Members of the Stagecraft Club are assisting the girls with their decorations. The boys have created many lighting effects and have established a signal system to control the lights. These devices will form the basis of the decorations and the girls will finish them.

This club, under the sponsorship of Friebe Siegfried, is composed of Gene Klein, president; Frank Turner, vice president and secretary; Richard Rutkowski, Elvin Dow, Vasilow Apostolos, Bernard Siegle, Fred Lloyd, Charles Dow, Leon Delgado, and Bill Barnard.

Trenton Times, May 2, 1940

Featured in Sports Nite at Central High School



Staff Photos

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week Girls' Sports Nite, an annual fixture at Central High School, will be held. Games of hockey and high goal and relay races will be featured. An elaborate lighting system will add to the color of the scene, with the participants garbed in picturesque costumes for their drills and dances. These photographs picture two of the events. In the upper scene is a smartly turned out group of skaters. Left to right, they are, front row: Janice Cochran, Dorothy Fisher, Douyce Mauer, Regina Stankiwcy, Mary Napoleon, Ethel Cox, Helen Sroha and Carla Andreyco; second row, Lillian Fisher, Katherine Cook, Lorraine Puhalski, Helen Rogalny, Pauline Bralynski, Lucy Ricci, Virginia Fisher, Betty French, Claire Opalski, Norma Becker and Thelma Hertznan. The lower scene pictures "The Prelude," a non-competitive number, showing, left to right, front row: Winifred Prynoski, Betty Vitez and Marion Kerr; back row, Ruth Housky, June Arnold and Rita Kalmanowitz.

'Snow Man' Number in T. H. S. Sports Nite



This is only one of the many featured numbers in the Girls' Sport Nite program scheduled for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights at Trenton High School. Members of the Stagecraft Club are assisting with decorations. Pictured, front row, left to right, are Elsie Clugston and Dorothy Carll; second row, Marion Weston, Judy Tatler and Eleanor Cole, and third row, Audrey Fell, Elaine Cohen and Shirley Monty.

Staff Photo

Trenton Times, May 6, 1940

Team Captain



Miss Patricia Harper

Captain of the Red Team of Trenton Central High School, which will play the Black Team on "Sports Nights" tonight, tomorrow and Friday nights in the school gymnasium. Rita Topley is captain of the Black Team, Laura Wolf is master of ceremonies, and Roslyn Black is in charge of the tickets.

Trenton Times, May 8, 1940

Red Team Leads In 'Sports Night'

Co-eds Compete Tonight
At T. H. S.—Seniors
Clash Tomorrow

Co-eds of the junior classes will compete tonight for honors at the Central High School in a series of athletic events known as "Girls' Sport Night." The annual competition was opened last night when sophomore members of the Red team took a three-point lead over the Black team. The seniors will close the competition tomorrow night.

Pat Harper will captain the Red team tonight and Rita Topley will lead the rival group. Miss Laura Wolf will serve as master of ceremonies. Judges at last night's performance were Earl Dean, State Teachers' College; Miss Dorothy Bryant and Miss Harriet Crane, Teachers' College; Corporal Vincent J. Brooks, of the State Police, and Miss Helen Woods, of Washington (N. J.) High School.

Trenton Times, May 9, 1940

SPORT NIGHT CONTESTANTS



Dancing in the Black team ballet will be (left to right), Peggy Nichols, Ruth Stewart, Katherine Kelty, and Doris Feher. The lower picture depicts the Red tap dancers (left to right), Marie Thompson, Helen Parsons and Evelyn Thompson.

Trenton Times, May 10, 1940

Reds And Blacks Vie For Triumph In Finale Tonight

Blacks Seek "Third Term" As Reds Try For Victory On Last Of Sport Nites

Tonight is the night? Who will win? Blacks or Reds? The final competition for Girls' Sport Nite will be at 8:00 tonight, and all depends upon the seniors.

Presenting the mistress of ceremonies, Laura Wolf, standard bearers will hold aloft the American flag and the school flag as team flags follow to bolster their groups.

Captain of the Blacks, Rita Topley, and captain of the Reds, Pat Harper, will shake hands enthusiastically and the teams are off to another Sport Nite.

Enhancing the beauty of the decorations which create the setting for the performance, 2,000 co-eds of T.H.S. will have taken part by the end of Sport Nite.

One of the highlights of the program is the "Little Red Fox" novelty specialty done by the Red team. Greeted enthusiastically by the spectators the past two nights, it is expected again to draw hearty laughs from the audience.

Skating Club In Specialty

The prelude, a non-competitive event, is a dance number by members of both teams. The skating specialty, also a non-competitive number, has as performers the members of the Skating Club. These girls practiced weekly for the Sport Nite event and have worked hard for all the applause which they are receiving.

"Yours For a Soing" and a Black team aquacade provides the competition for the Snowball Fight between the Red team members; these are the rhythmic events on the program.

The Radio City Music Hall has its Rockettes! Trenton High, not to be outdone, also has its Rockjettes! The theater has its Ballet Russe! But Trenton High combines both in its Black novelty number. More serious than most events of the Red team, it is a pretty number rather than a humorous one.

Both Teams Fence

It's a beachball tap dance or a unique igloo specialty, but it's still competition between the two teams and they're both out to win.

Exhibition fencing class by both teams, a non-competitive event is a new feature this year. L. Ateo Ciabattini, sponsor of the Mask and Foil Club, has coached the fencers for Sport Nite.

Traditional marching, games, races and finale will complete tonight's program. The decision will determine whether the Blacks will get a "third term" or whether the Reds will break into the winning column.

Spectator, May 10, 1940

LISTEN, WORLD!

By Elsie Robinson

THEFTS AT SCHOOL

To the Editor of the Times:

Sir—There has been a great deal of stealing going on in some of our schools, especially in the locker rooms. I am one of the pupils who lost some "gym" clothes. One day, before a sport night, when all the large lockers were locked, we found one that didn't have a lock and put ours on it. The following day there was a notice on the blackboard to remove all locks from the large lockers. We went to take our lock off and it was gone.

We went to the teacher in charge and he said he had removed the lock and put our clothes in a trunk. We went to find them, but he did not have them. Who is going to pay for them? Others of the school have the same trouble. We want our "gym" clothes back. Something should be done, or this will continue with much money wasted. A STUDENT.

Trenton Times, May 14, 1940

Sport Nite's Over, Chilluns

So let's indulge in the art of terpsichore, let's get into the swing of things and do a little rug-cutting. That's right! Let's dance!!

Yes, fellow, with the passing of Sport Nite come the decrease in school activities and your thoughts naturally lead to your class dance. Sophomores and juniors have already made plans for their dances, with the seniors now arranging their "prom."

Although it is leap year, boys, your class dance is the time for *you* to take the lead and invite "her" to the most impressive affair of your school year.

Keep May 29 clear, juniors; and sophomores, you do likewise with June 7.

Dick Averre's band has been contracted for both dances, and, if his past record of success is indicative, he will have a royal reception at these affairs.

Spectator, May 24, 1940

GIRLS' CORNER

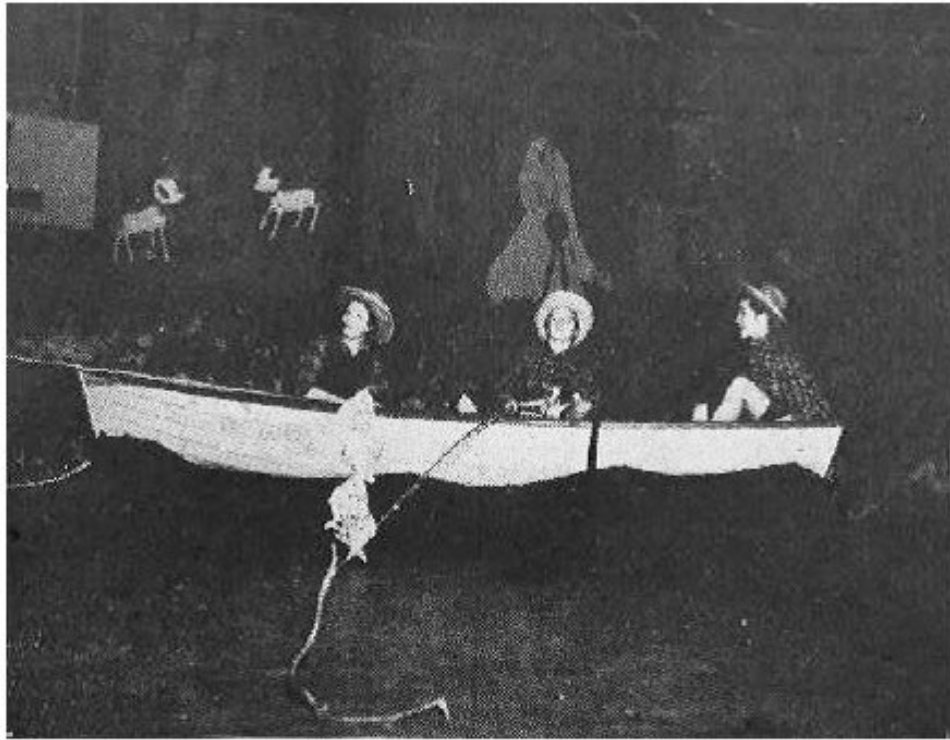
By Kitty Hand and Doris Lantz

Now that Girls' Sport Nite is only an exciting memory of a victorious Red team and a hard working Black team, Trenton High School girls and boys are participating in real spring and summer sports.

Attention, all mermaids! The pool has been reopened since Sport Nite. Girls may swim in their gymnasium periods either by paying five cents or showing their privileges. Here is a chance to practice up on swimming now that summer is on its way. Here is an opportunity also to add up a few G.A.A. points.

Spectator, May 24, 1940

“Three Men In A Boat”



What! Three girls fishing in the middle of the gymnasium floor! By all appearances this seems to be the situation and they seem to be encouraged by the an enthusiastic audience. But, as many will remember, this is just an extra attracton of the Black team's Originality number during the event of Sport Nite. The girls who are intently occupied in the sport are, left to right, Ruth Morton (shouldering the fish), Jean Hackney and Ellen Crosley.

Spectator May 24, 1940