

Sport Nite Team Captains



Team captains have been elected for Trenton High School's 20th annual Girls Sport Nite. Gail Smith (left) of 820 Pennington Avenue will lead the Red team

while Sheila Drezner, 2018 Riverside Drive, is the Black team choice. Both girls are seniors and will lead their respective teams in the all-girl physical education show next March.

Sports Night Top Roles Are Filled

Trenton High School girls who will have leading roles in the school's 20th annual "Sports Night" in March were selected yesterday. Captain of the Red and Black teams had been named previously.

Virginia Neeld was named mistress of ceremonies, Dianne Updike will be "Miss America" and Sandra Kramer will act as "Miss Trenton High."

Flag bearers will be Jane Cartlidge for the Red team and Carole Smith for the Black team. Mary Ann Nicholasky will represent the Reds as color guard team; "Miss Trenton High's" color Kleiner will represent the Black team. "Miss America's" color guard will consist of Stephanie Schnitzer for the Blacks and Joanne Constance for the Red team.

Joan Smith and Joyce O'Brien will act as Red flag color guard, while Dianne Johnson and Jacqueline Messnich will be Black flag color guards.

Previously named as team captains were Sheila Drezner for the Black and Gail Smith for the Red.

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October 22, 1953

Trenton Times, October 7, 1953

Red, Black Teams Select Captains; Smith, Drezner Capture Honors

Sport Nite captains for this year are Gail Smith of the Red Team and Sheila Drezner of the Black Team

Gail, who is a secretarial student, has been a member of the Presidents' Council for two years, president of the Amanuensis Club, Leader Corps, first lieutenant of fifth period "gym" class and floor sergeant of her last year's class.

When asked how she felt when she learned that she had been elected, Gail said, "I was so happy I was speechless." But after Gail had overcome her excitement, she said, "I want to express my thanks to all the girls who voted for me. With the support of the team, we will surely have another Red Team victory."

Sheila who is an academic student, is president of the Spanish Club, a member of the Girls' Science Club, Audubon Club, Health Council and Red Cross Council. She was head of Modern Exercises last year, a dancer in the non-competitive prologue and also a floor sergeant of her "gym" class.

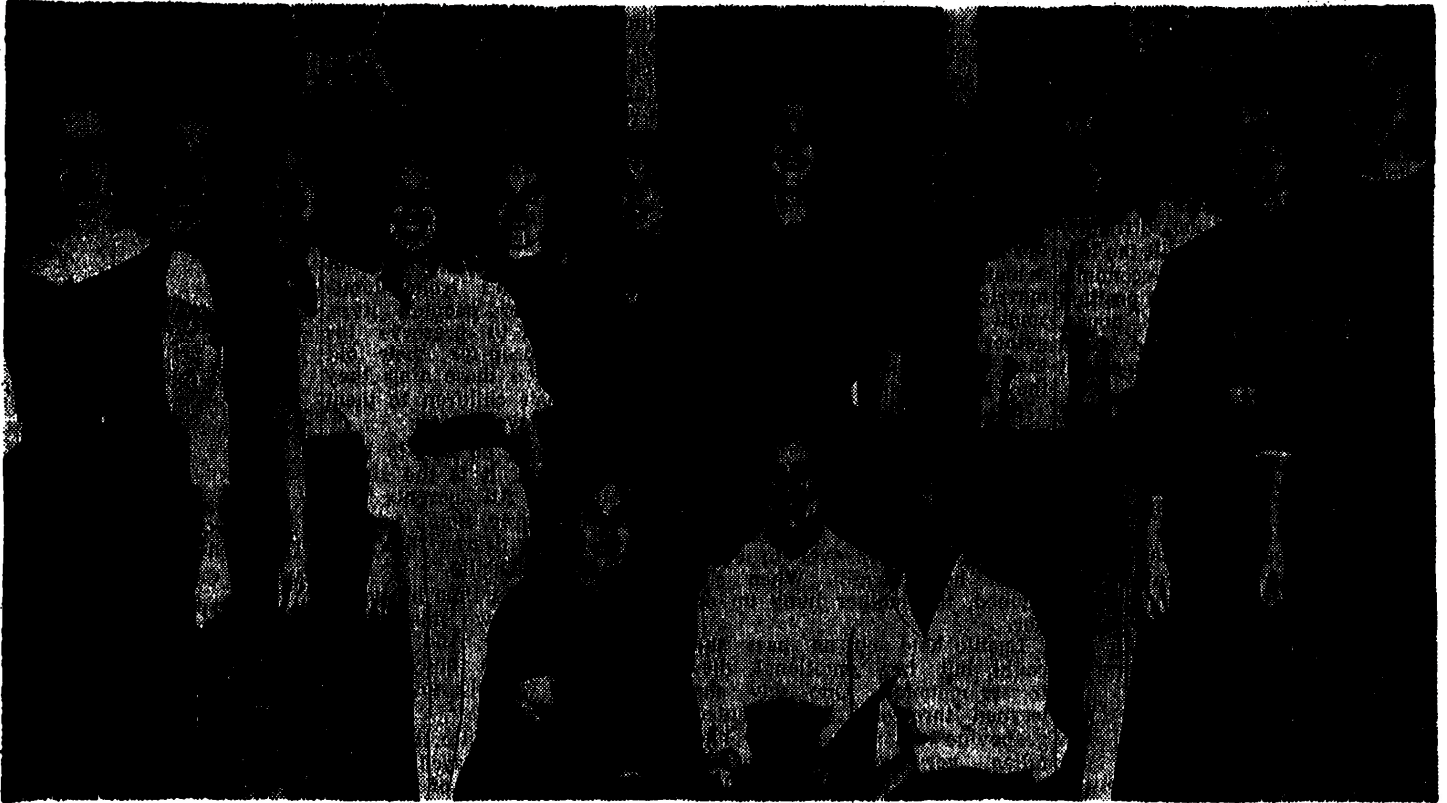
When asked how she felt when she had won, she said, "I was so happy I didn't know what to say." She also said, "I want to thank the team for choosing me as their leader and I hope I can carry out all the responsibilities placed on my shoulders. With their cooperation this will certainly be a Black Team year."

In order to be eligible to run for Team captaincy, the girls must have achieved grades of "C" or better in all subjects when the school term ended in June, and they must keep these grades throughout the year in order to maintain these positions for Sport Nite.

Senior and junior girls voted by closed ballot in the gymnasium classes for their respective teams.

Spectator, October 23, 1953

Official Family For Trenton High Sports Night



Here's the official family for the annual Sports Night at Trenton High School. Pictured are: (left to right, kneeling): Sheila Drezner, Black team captain; Virginia Neeld, mis-

tress of ceremonies and Gail Smith, Red team captain; (left to right standing): Eloise Kleiner, Black team Miss America color guard; Carole Smith, Black team flag-bearer; Jacqueline

Messnick, Black team flag color guard; Stephanie Schnitzer, Black team color guard for Miss Trenton High; Dianne Johnson, Black team flag color guard; Sandra Kramer, Miss Trenton

High; Diane Updike, Miss America; Jane Cartlidge, Red team flag bearer; Joyce O'Brien, Red team color guard; Joan Smith, Red team color guard; Mary Ann Nicholasky, Red team color guard for Miss America; and Joanne Constance, Red team color guard for Miss Trenton High.

Trenton Times, October 26, 1953

Activities At THS

A sixth period dancing class under the direction of Miss Eleanor Keating and Mrs. Hope C. Burd are preparing for several programs. These include the Spring and Christmas concerts, Sports Nite, and auditorium programs.

Achievement tests are given the student dancers in ballet and modern dance steps so that they may

learn what ability they have and what progress they are making.

The class officers are Mary Patroni, captain; Beatrice Santaniello, first lieutenant; Constance Best, second lieutenant; Theresa Riccardi, head locker sergeant; and Kay Sandford and Joan Harrison, locker sergeants.

Trenton Times, November 27, 1953

Tappers Start Work



Energetically getting started for the forthcoming Sport Nite are Doris French Joyce Halderman, and Bernice Murphy going through their dance routines.

Trenton Times, January 22, 1954

Girls Begin Preparation For Annual Extravaganza

Accentuating the Sport Nite motto of all-out participation, girl's gymnasium classes have begun arduous daily practices for main-number routines. Five periods a day devoted to dance and exercise rehearsals, which will replace gymnastics until March 29.

To be of real value, a clock must keep accurate time, and so must the Black Team marchers, who, in dress and precision, will imitate dependable timepieces. Working "around the clock." Evelyn Pope leads the '54 marching squad. Loretta Kearns, chairman of Red marching, plans a Dutch treat for spectators, who will see how Hollanders keep in step.

Reds Portray Chinese

Coached by Miss Bernice Cleveland, physical education teacher, and by pupil-director Mary Petroni, the girls of Black Rhythmics are developing a "seaweed" theme. Red Team Rhythmics, led by Beatrice Santaniello and also under Miss Cleveland's direction, offer a striking contrast in their portrayal of Chinese.

June Hartman's Black powder puffs are practicing a regular "brush-off" for Red Team Bo-Peeps and Little Boy Blues; but shepherdess Ellie Pinto rigorously instructs that flock of talent, leaving no room for any black sheep. Mrs. Hope Burd, newcomer to the THS gymnasium, acts as advisor to both Character dances. "I'm looking forward to Sport Nite with great anticipation," she remarked.

Wagner Heads Committee

Associated with Trenton High's physical education department for the first time, Miss Carol Lynn Leonard has undertaken the directorship of Modern Exercises. Guided by committee head Lynne Wagner, Black Team girls have chosen United States Presidents' favorite sports as their theme; Mary Giancola heads Red Team ice skaters in daily practice.

Teresa Riccardi, leader of Black Tap, is working with a large force of pixies, while Irene Pasierb of the Red Team disproves a belief that "hoboes" are the lazy type. Faculty prompter for main tap dances is Miss Eleanor Keating.

Other Black Team committee organizers are Rose Perlingiero, Theme Song; Isabel Penrose, Songs and Cheers; Rosemary Holford, Music; Barbara Johnston, Games; Zelda Nochumson, Decorations; Marilyn Heath, Costumes; Lois Hutchinson, Properties; and Nancy Argast, Publicity.

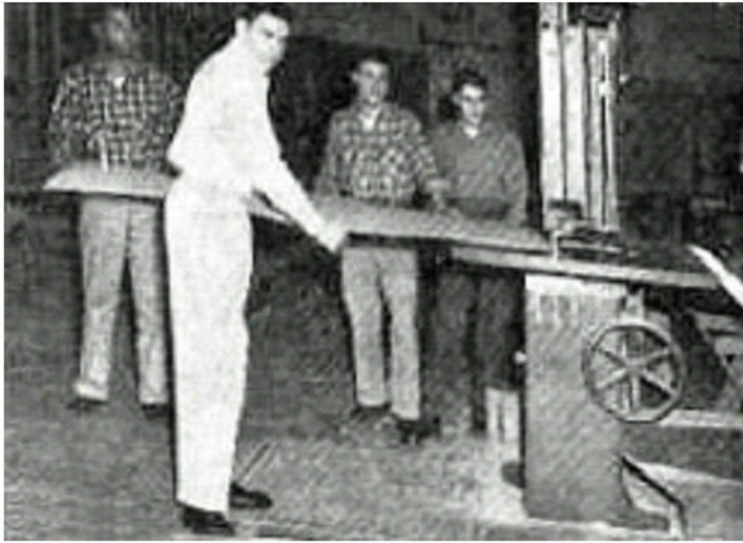
Leading Red Team committees are Gwen Dorsett, Theme Song; Rose Conte, Songs and Cheers; Elaine Bate, Music; Shirley Thomas, Games; Jane Grundahl, Decorations; Evelyn Carr, Costumes; Marie Contardo, Properties; and Pat Walowska, Publicity.

Black Team captain Sheila Drezner, during this mid-rehearsal period, stated, "Even though Sport Nite is almost two months away, I can already tell by the spirit of the team and its willingness to work that '54 is a Black Team year!"

Gail Smith, Red captain, says in answer, "I know when the entire Red Team meets, it will show as much enthusiasm and winning spirit as its committee heads and leaders have already demonstrated!"

Spectator, January 22, 1954

Constructing Sport Nite Scenery



ACTIVITIES CLUB MEMBERS preparing props for the annual Sport Nite are **Victor Brown, James Gorman, Joseph Dupp, and Ray De Lorenzo.**

Boys, Girls Aid Show Students Make 'Props', Design, Sew Costumes, Prepare of Sport Nite

Trenton High School's annual extravaganza would not be possible without the assistance of many groups who are never seen on the nights of performances. Many boys as well as girls are preparing for the opening night, Monday, March 22.

Among the groups helping with the preparations is the Activities Club, sponsored by Warren Jochem, member of the industrial arts department. This club is composed of boys who work in the woodshop and are now busy making the "props," or movable scenery, for Sport Nite. The club receives designs from the members of the two team property committees, cuts the pieces, and then gives them to the girls to paint.

Boys Construct Props

Members of the Activities Club are Charles Dewosocki, John Lewis, Pete Crozer, Don Recine, Ed Mihalic, John Albrecht, Louis Costa, Elvin Byrne, Bob Elias, Bob Crine, Dominic Macheda, Ronald Hogan, Rosario Malerba, Walt Kowalski, James Poinsett, Charles Muni, Louis Bertolini, Richard Hadfield, and Don Magee. The officers are Phil Piranio, president; James Gorman, vice president; and Victor Brown, secretary. Joseph Dupp is the Red Team property captain in the shop, while Ray De Lorenzo supervises the Black Team "props."

Girls on the Black property committee, under the supervision of Lois Hutchinson are Elaine Sabo, Florine Kolitsis, Hope Vulgaris, Erdith Sutts, and Shirley Hartshorn. Painting and designing the Red Team props are Marie Contardo, committee head, Nancy Chiacchio, Joyce Gibbs, Mary Ann Michalowsky, Elaine De Matteo, Dotty Ayres, Jane Barlow, Helen Comaty, June Lawton, and Carol Kerrigan.

Girls Make Accessories

Making the accessories for the various main dance numbers, the girls on the costume committees are working under the direction of Evelyn Carr and Marilyn Heath, heads of Red and Black costume committees respectively. Members of Evelyn's group are Joan Breccia, Loretta Marchetti, Shirley Chiarello, Gloria Andreloi, Jeanette Romani, Marios Pittaro, Josephine De Marco, Dawn Reinke, Doris Davison, Evelyn Pabers, Miriam Cohen, and Beverly Cohen. Black costume committee consists of Marilyn Heath, head, Elissa Heisler, Gail Audesirk, Miriam Rhoades, Janice Loux, and Sybil Friedlander.

Designs for the costumes are created by certain art students approved by Miss Viola Moss, and made by the girls in the sewing classes of Miss Moss, Miss Helen Bradshaw, and Miss Thelma Lomax.

Spectator, February 26, 1954

Black Team Participants



Shown climbing what they hope is the ladder to a victory over their rivals are the Black Team's rhythmic specialists for the 20th

Annual Sports Nite Show at Trenton High School. Left to right are Kay Sandford, Joan Harrison, Jean Seltz, and Mary Petroni, head of rhythmic.

Trenton Times, March 2, 1954

THS Sports Nite Official Family



Members of the official family of the 20th annual Trenton High School Sports Nite show relax for a moment from their busy schedule to pose for the photographer. Seated (left to right) are Diane Updike, Miss America; Gail Smith, Red Team captain; Virginia Neeld, mistress of ceremonies; Shirley Dreza, Black Team captain; and Sandy Kramer, Miss Trenton High. Standing, (left to right,): Mary Ann

Michalosky and Joan Smith, Red Team color guards; Eloise Kleiner, Black Team color guard; Joyce O'Brien, Red Team color guard; Jane Cartlidge, Red Team flag bearer; Deborah Zimskind, Scorekeeper; Diane Johnson, Black Team color guard; Carole Smith, Black Team flag bearer; Jackie Messnick and Stephanie Schnitzer, Black Team color guard; and Jo Anne Constance, Red Team Color Guard.

8,500 Expected To See 1954 Sport Nite Edition

For five nights beginning March 22 through March 26, Trenton Central High School's 20th annual Sports Nite will play to more than 8,500 spectators.

The 1,400 girls of the high school, equally divided into two groups — Red Team and Black Team — will present original songs, dance routines (from tap to ballet),

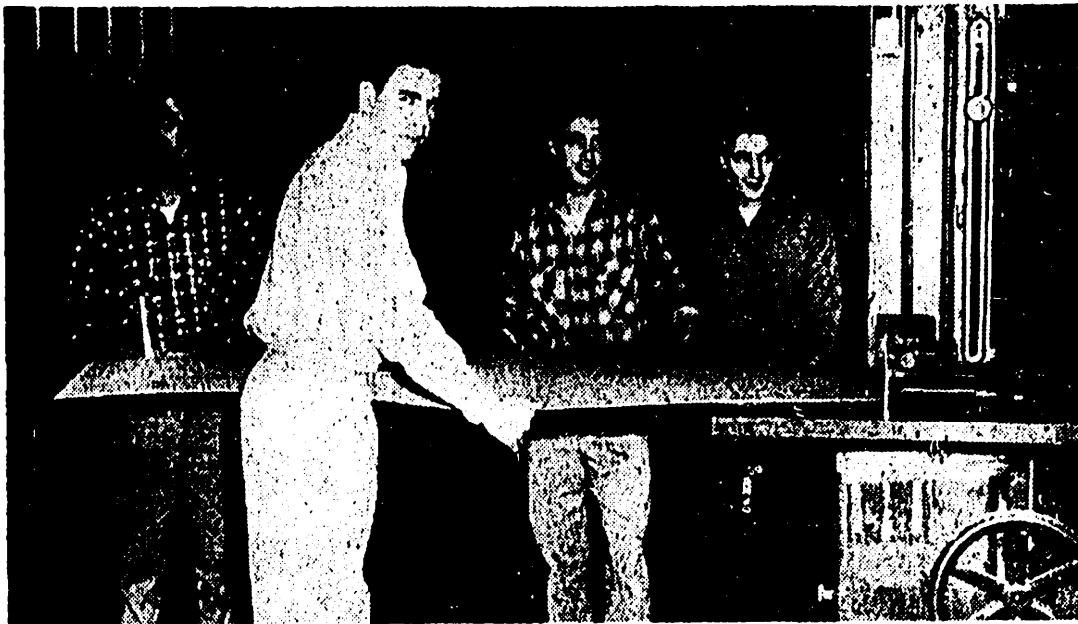
modern exercises, games, cheers and music.

Most of the numbers are competitive, and excitement is one of the ingredients of this unique, colorful show, which, in the ever present opinion of showmen like Paul Whiteman, perennial spectator at Sports Nite, deserves such descriptions as "musical extravaganza," "slightly terrific and tuneful," and "magna cum breathless."

A conservative estimate places the number of people who have seen Sports Nite since its inception in 1935, at 80,000; the pupils who have participated, 20,000. Every phase of the show is home-created and home-made.

Instituted by the late Dr. Paul R. Spencer, the show has been "scouted" by representatives of dozens of school systems over the years and has the pattern for many similar sports nights.

Making Props For Sports Nite



These members of Warren Jochem's woodworking classes at Trenton High School are shown cutting out flats on the bandsaw

for scenery to be used at the 20th annual Sports Nite program. Left to right they are: Victor Brown, James Gorman, Jo-

seph Dupp and Ray DeLorenzo. Sports Nite will begin a five-night run at the THS gym on March 22.

Trenton Times, March 12, 1954

Trenton High School Sport Nite 'Stand-In'



Miss Viola Moss, faculty sewing instructor, Evelyn Carr, head of Red Team costumes, and Joanne Constance, fitting costumes

Gals Are Busy These Days At THS

The designing and sewing of costumes for Sports Nite currently hold the center of attention of the girls in the sewing classes at Trenton Central High School.

The sewing rooms, presided over by Miss Viola Moss, Miss Helen Bradshaw, and Miss Thelma Lomax, have begun to display a resemblance to the workshops of world-famed Hollywood couturiers.

Each teacher of sewing plays an important part in this biggest event of the school year, according to Miss Viola Moss. Miss Moss guides the costuming preparations for Trenton High's forthcoming extravaganza which is scheduled for March 22-26. The job is a complex undertaking.

The first students to get advice and help in the selection of patterns and materials are the girls who act as color guards, flag bearers, the Mistress of Ceremonies, Miss Trenton High, Miss America, and the captain of each team. These girls have their materials and styles approved and then go ahead and make their own costumes.

Sketches Submitted

The second big job is engineered through the heads of committees, who submit sketches which have previously been accepted by the physical education teachers in charge of special numbers. The type and price of material are considered, and once all the heads of committees have their costume sketches approved by Miss Moss, patterns and materials are purchased and the work of creating the garment is begun. The actual work of sewing the costumes is divided between the other sewing teachers, Miss Thelma Lomax and Miss Helen Bradshaw, who parcel it out to their students according to their abilities as they have shown them in class. Besides this, each costume committee, under the direction of the elected head of the committee, undertakes to do the sewing of all the accessories required for the costume.

The work of providing sizes for the girls in each number is arduous. Usually each Sports Nite number contains 64 pupils for

each performance, and the members of the sewing classes measure every girl for each number in which she will participate. This task consumes the time during two or three days. Once the measurements are secured, they are arranged according to size so that the teacher in charge of costumes will know how many of each size will be necessary for each night's performance.

The girls in the more advanced sewing classes select patterns and alter them to resemble the sketches submitted. They also select colors combining them in pleasing color harmonies. They calculate the yardage needed and study each number to discover what thread, snaps, hooks and eyes, elastic, tape and buttons will be needed. Then all the fabrics and the essentials are ordered, and materials are cut, fitted and sewed. At present these three sewing rooms exhibit a symphony of colors—white, blue, yellow, pink, red and beige.

New Designs Featured

The 1954 Sports Nite creations feature many new designs. One set will represent powder puffs in baby pink, princess style with a stiff white underskirt that peeps below the hemline. To carry out the idea, hats will be made to resemble powder puffs. For another number, the costumes will represent mushrooms and leaves. These are beige rompers with the green leaf motif appliqued. Coolie type hats will be made to represent the top of the mushroom.

Red skating dresses add new style to the traditional ones. Very full red skirts are combined with tight fitting jackets buttoned down the front and topped with red stocking caps and tassels.

The coolie costumes are striking in their color combinations. Sleek black trousers are complemented with bright yellow coats pulled in tight with black cummerbunds, touched off with bright red coolie hats.

The ballet costumes will present a harmony of blue and white. Skirts are yards wide to give them fullness and to accen-

tuate the slender waists of the performers.

The classic ballet is blue with the traditional bouffant skirt, three-quarter length with tight bodice. The short ballet will be frou-frou in white—very frothy in appearance.

Prelude Extravaganza

The prelude costumes are the most extravagant, both in colors and styles. Gold is combined with green, red with blue, silver with white. One creation, unique in design, will represent crystals. The bodice is white satin, complemented with a silver spanglet skirt wired to stand out. Around the hem hang crystals, and appliqued on the bodice are crystals of silver spanglets.

Another clever creation is the red sails costume of gorgeous geranium hue. It consists of a long-waisted, fitted torso with a skirt made of eight twenty-inch squares. With this, the girls will carry red sails which have been made of three yards of material.

Briefly, such are some of the costumes being made for Sports Nite. The sewing rooms are humming with activity and excitement, for everyone knows how important costumes are in the show.

Rehearsing Non-Competitive Number



Sixth period ballerinas preparing for prelude are Beatrice Santaniello, Elizabeth Quattlebaum, Margaret Capuano, head, Kay Sanford, Joan Harrison, and Constance Best.

Reds, Blacks Fight to Break Tie As 20th Extravaganza Nears Girls Present 'Chinaware' Last Minute Preparations Assure Lively Show, March 22, Opening Date

"Chinaware," symbolic of the 20th wedding anniversary, is the theme of the 20th annual Sport Nite to be presented in both gymnasiums next week, March 22 through March 26.

This year the competition will be greater than ever as both teams, headed by their respective Black and Red captains, Sheila Drezner and Gail Smith, try to break the tie. The score is nine wins for both teams and one tie.

The show will open with the introduction of the Mistress of Ceremonies, Virginia Neeld, who will give the welcome address. She will introduce the two team captains followed by the presentation of Miss America, Diane Updike; Miss Trenton High, Sandra Kramer; Black and Red Flag Bearers, Carole Smith and Jane Cartlidge, respectively; and the color guards.

Prelude Sets Stage

The non-competitive number, prelude, headed by Margaret Capuano, will set the stage for the show by depicting four anniversaries.

The marching teams will introduce the competitive numbers with "Time Marches On" for the Blacks and "Tulip Time," by Red marchers.

Team theme songs are "Blacks On the Ball," and "Red Rhythm" written by Rose Perlingiero and Gwen Dorsett, respectively. "Black Knight" and "Mugs of Cheers," Black and Red cheerleaders, will take the spotlight followed by the character dances and specialties, "In A Chinashop" for the Blacks, and the Red Team, "The Shepherdess."

Reveal Rhythmic Titles

Sea fantasy will invade the floor with Black Team rhythmic doing "Deep Inspiration" followed by the Reds' "Sacred Temple," from the Chinese pattern.

The novelty race will take the spotlight next, followed by "Pixie Paradise" as depicted by Black tap and "Debutante" offered by Red Tap dancers and specialties.

Then the boys will do their part as Jerry Nowak directs the Black Band's rendition of "Moonlight In Vermont."

Following intermission, the second noncompetitive number, ballet, headed by Arlene Kondor, will depict a Chinese story.

Competition will resume with "Presidents Pastimes," Black modern exercises and "Winter Wonderland" for the Red Team.

"September Song," played by the Red Band under the direction of Tony Gibilisco, will be followed by the closing number, the obstacle race.

Spectator, March 19 1954

Fighting Blacks



Sheila Drezner

Cites Loyalty

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With Sport Nite almost here, Sheila Drezner, Black Team captain, has a few last-minute words of advice for her team. She is proud of her team's loyalty and she hopes it will continue.

"I feel certain that 1954 will surely go down as a Black Team year. The spirit with which the girls are working makes me feel that the Blacks will be triumphant.

"I couldn't ask for anything better than Jerry and his band. The boys are working hard and I'm sure they'll add five big points to our score," Sheila said.

"The Red Team, led by their great captain, Gail, is going to try to win again this year," she added, "and in behalf of all the Black Team girls I wish them good luck.

"So, lets go, Blacks, and break that tie. Remember, Black Team loyalty has set the pace, Black Team ability will win this race."

Spectator, March 19, 1954

Lauds Spirit

Gail Smith, Red Team leader, is looking forward to the opening of Sport Nite this year. Gail had this to say about her team's spirit.

"The Red's spirit is strong and true, and by working side by side in all we say and do, we are going to make '54 a victorious year for the Red Team.

"Our Red Band is the bes in the land and with Tony as their leader is usre to win top honors in the music field.

Gail added, "You Blacks have a terrific captain who is an excellent leader and who is doing a swell job. So to Sheila and the entire Black Team, we Reds wish the best of luck."

She also said, "It is quite evident that if we Mighty Reds keep up the good work and strong spirit, the Red Team flag will soon be flying high over Trenton High!"

Spectator, March 19, 1954

Mighty Reds



Gail Smith

Lauds Spirit

WTTM To Air Parts Of Show

Sport Nite will be broadcast by radio station WTTM for five nights this year. WTTM announcers Wes Hopkins and Fred Walker will begin the Sport Nite program at ten p. m. on the first four nights and at nine p. m. on the final night. Student aides for the broadcast are Janice Kaplow and Joan Kahn, Trenton High School seniors.

Prior to the show, Janice and Joan will collect information about the theme of each act, members of the specialties, and any other pertinent facts which might be of interest to the radio audience. All this material will be typed and compiled into a booklet which will be kept handy during the show.

Then, before the broadcast, the two aides will plan interviews with various prominent participants in Sport Nite. During the program Janice and Joan will answer questions posed by the announcers concerning the acts and performers and will identify heads of committees, official family, and other outstanding girls.

Janice was also an aide last year with Leonard Orland, THS class of '53. She is sure this year's broadcasting will prove very interesting.

Spectator, March 19, 1954



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WIN, LOSE, OR DRAW

Sport Nite Wish

By Robbie Caine

Whether the RED Team will win, or the
BLACK Team win,

Nobody knows.

For the girls all produce such wonderful
shows.

With Dancing, and Rhythmics, and Marching,
and Bands

And Singing, and Cheering, from the RED and
BLACK Stands—

The Games and the Races, leaving you feeling
all in.

The RED or the BLACK, may the better Team
win.

Spectator, March 19, 1954

BE A GOOD SPORT

Sports Nite To Be Aired

Tomorrow night at 10 p. m. WTTM will air its first broadcast in a series of "Sports Nite." shows at Trenton Central High School. The program will be aired at 10 o'clock Monday through Thursday.

The station has canceled all NBC network shows beginning at 9 p. m. Friday for the final night of the all girl show.

Wes Hopkins and Fred Walker, will handle radio broadcasts. Working with them every night will be Janice Kaplow and Joan Kahn. They will act as spotters.

This marks the sixth year that "Sport Nite" has been aired.

Trenton Times,

March 19 1954

Sports Nite Opens Tonight; More Than 1,300 Take Part

Trenton High School's 20th annual Girls' Sports Nite opens its five-night stand tonight. More than 1,300 girls, who have been practicing for the past several weeks, will put on their spectacular physical education performance in the Trenton High School gymnasium at 8:15 tonight before a sellout audience.

For five nights this week girls of the Red and Black teams will engage in competitive numbers for the honor of being Sports Nite champion of 1954. The Red Team won by a 35-33 score last year to deadlock the series standing at 9-9. The 1944 event ended in a tie.

With this being the 20th annual affair, "Chinaware" will be the theme at Trenton High this week.

Shelia Drezner will captain the Black Team and Gail Smith will lead the Red Team.

Tonight's opening performance will start with the entrance of the Red and Black team bands. After an address of welcome by Virginia Neeld, mistress of ceremonies, the rival team captains will be presented. This will be followed by the presentation of Miss America, Diane Updike; Miss Trenton High, Sandra Kramer; Red Team flag bearer, Jane Cartledge; Black Team flag bearer, Carole Smith, and the color guards.

Points will be awarded each night in the various competitive events that will include marching, theme songs, cheers, novelty race, tap dances, band, modern exercises, rhythmic novelty, character dance, decorations, program and obstacle race.

Tonight's performance will find

girls, chosen by their physical education instructors, taking part. The sophomore will dominate tomorrow night's show while the juniors will prevail Wednesday night. Thursday's spotlight will be on the seniors. Girls chosen as the best during the four previous nights by their captains will take part in Friday's final performance.

With tickets having sold out for the past few weeks, capacity throngs will be on hand each of the five nights.

Trenton Times, March 22, 1954

Anniversary Touch For Sports Nite



Amidst the setting of a large anniversary birthday cake, the 20th annual Trenton High School Girls' Sports Nite show

opened last night. The Black Team won initial honors over the Red Team in the five-night program by a 7-6 score. Diane Updike (center), Miss America

for this year's show, is pictured above flanked by Jane Cartledge (left), Red Team flag bearer, and Carole Smith, Black Team flag bearer.



These are the charming young girls who have the leading roles in this year's Girls' Sports Nite program at Trenton High. The 20th annual physical education spectacle opened a five-night stand in the school gymnasium last night with the Black Team winning opening night honors over the Red Team, 7-6. From left to right: Virginia Neeld, mistress of ceremonies; Sheila Drezner, Black Team captain; Diane Updike, Miss America; Gail Smith, Red Team captain; and Sandra Kramer, Miss Trenton High.

Black Team Retains One-Point Margin In Sports Nite Contest

Although held to an 8-8 tie last night, the Black Team still leads the Red Team by one point in Trenton High School's Girls' Sports Nite competition. It has its third showing tonight.

The Blacks, captained by Shelia Drezner, held a 15-14 lead after the first two nights of the 20th annual all-girl physical education spectacle.

Eleventh-grade girls will hold the spotlight when tonight's performance gets under way at 8:15 in the Trenton High gymnasium before another 'full house.' Tomorrow it will be the senior girls in the limelight before the five-night show comes to a close Friday.

Last night's competitive numbers were keenly contested, evident by the fact that the judges awarded ties in four events. Each team won a point for character dance, songs, modern exercises and rhythmic novelty.

The Black Team also gained points for decorations, marching, band and obstacle race. The Red Team, captained by Gail Smith, won team theme songs, cheers, novelty race and tap dances.

Judging last night were Mrs. Emily Ross and Morris A. Deutsch

of Paterson; Mrs. Gallarelli, Clifton; Armand DeVoe, Philadelphia; and Mrs. Margaret L. Combs, Bordentown.

The final night's events will be broadcast on the air direct from the THS gym over WTTM beginning at 8 p. m. Announcers will be Wes Hopkins and Fred Walker. Two senior girls, Janice Kaplow and Joan Kahn, will be the spotters.

Trenton Times, March 24, 1954

Black Team Boosts Margin In Sports Nite To Two Points

Increasing its margin by one point last night, the Black Team leads the Red Team, 22-20, as Trenton High School's Girls' Sports Nite enters its fourth and next-to-last night.

Senior girls will dominate tonight's show in the school gymnasium at 8:15 o'clock. The 20th annual all-girl physical education show will come to a close tomorrow night.

Prevailing by a 7-6 score in last night's performance, which was dominated by eleventh-grade girls, the Black Team continued its bid to break the 9-9 tie that exists in the series standing. One of the years—1944 — produced the only tie in the history of the colorful event. The Red Team won last year, 35-33.

Black Team points last night were gained for character dance, cheers, tap dances, band, modern exercises and obstacle race. The Red Team won the novelty race, decorations, songs, marching and theme songs. Each team received a point when the judges voted a tie for the rhythmic novelty and specialties event. It marked the second straight night judges declared the number a deadlock. Mary Petroni is chairman of the Black Team rhythmic novelty while Bea Santaniello the Red Team leader.

The Black Team, captained by Shelia Drezner, has won honors for its band and in the obstacle race on three successive nights. Jerry Nowak is the leader of the Black band whose theme song is "Moonlight in Vermont." Barbara Johnston is chairman of the all-trium-

phant Black Team obstacle race group.

Gail Smith, Red Team captain, has watched her teammates emerge victorious each of the three nights in team theme songs and novelty race. Gwenn Dorsett is chairman of the group which renders the Red Team's theme song, "Red Rhythm." Shirley Thomas is in charge of the Red Team novelty race competitors.

Last night's performance was once again enthusiastically re-

ceived by a capacity throng of more than 1,500. The more than 1,300 girls will climax this year's show with "Finale Night" tomorrow at 8:15, after which the 1954 champion will be hailed by the student body. Among those on hand tomorrow night will be Paul Whiteman, well-known orchestra leader and an ardent follower of Sports Nite.

Judging last night's competitive numbers were Miss Janet Allyn of Philadelphia; Joseph Liddy, Newark; Dr. John H. Jenny, Philadelphia; and Earl Donalson of Morrisville.

'Pops' Neutral In Sports Nite



Paul Whiteman, the noted orchestra leader and TV personality, gives a hug of congratulations to both captains in Trenton High School's Sports Nite

competition, which ended in a tie Friday night. At left is Gail Smith, captain of the Red Team, and at right is Shelia Drezner, Black Team leader. Each team scored 35 points in the five-

night program. Whiteman, who lives at nearby Rosemont, showed his impartiality by wearing buttons of both teams on his jacket lapels. (Story on Page 7, Part 3.)

Trenton Times, March 28, 1954

Black Cheering Sec



The scene pictured above
occurred with minor variations

Trenton Times, March 28, 1954

First It's Red, Then It's Black



Red and Black Team flags are flying atop the flagpole at Trenton High School today, symbolizing the 35-35 tie which resulted in this year's Girls' Sports Nite show. The school student body watched the flag-raising ceremonies this morning in front of the school. The rival teams ended their five-

night physical education show in a tie Friday night, marking the second deadlock in ten years. Each team has won nine times in the 20-year-old program. Vincent P. Halbert, school principal, is pictured above with the rival captains during the flag-raising ceremonies. In the photo (left to

right) are: Halbert, Gail Smith, Red Team captain; Sheila Dreznor, Black Team captain; and Virginia Neeld, Sports Nite mistress of ceremonies. The Red Team flag, by virtue of a toss of the coin, is flying atop the flagpole today. Tomorrow it will be the Black Team with the procedure alternating the rest of the week.

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Visitor Praises Sport Nite

Notes Differences In German, US Schools

School on Saturday?

"Oh, yes. The children in Germany attend school only in the morning, but the Saturday sessions complete the weekly requirement of school hours," stated Miss Erika Bronner, upon being questioned

As to the differences in the school systems of the United States and those of Germany, her native land.

Miss Bronner, who was sent here from Oldenburg, Germany, by the Teacher Education program in cooperation with the United States State Department and Office of Education, went on to describe the schools of Germany as offering "an endless variety of curricula. From the fifth through the thirteenth grades English is required, and from seventh grade on, French or Latin is a required course. When a student reaches the tenth grade he may take Spanish, Hebrew, or Greek in addition to the required languages."

The German school year is divided into three semesters, the students receiving three report cards. The number system of one through five is used to grade the students.

The school year begins immediately after Easter and the first vacation is ten days at Pentecost. Attending school during the summer, the students do not enjoy another vacation until October when they receive 10 to 14 school-free days and three weeks at Christmas.

"Through this scheduling plan, the children get more courses in. Because one forgets so easily, a repetition of courses gives a more thorough training." Explains Miss Bronner, who will spend seven months in the United States visiting this school during the week of March 22, Miss Bronner attended Sport Nite and from visitor's and teacher's standpoint had this to say, "I admire Sport Nite, and the cooperation and organization of Sport Nite. There are many education values behind it.

During her three weeks in Trenton, Miss Bronner, who teaches English, German, and geography at the girls' high school in Oldenburg, had a chance to visit a lecture, French and Italian classes and art classes at Trenton High.

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Sport Nite Benefits All

The twentieth year of the annual Sports Nite extravaganza is now a part of Trenton High School history.

Yet it is a little realized fact that those who participated in the show have not only brought enjoyment and entertainment to the people of Trenton, but have also succeeded in an indirect way to further many of the numerous activities of the Trenton High student body.

Through income netted from the annual pageant, academic as well as athletic and social organizations have benefitted greatly.

Such a group as the Debate Class would find it almost impossible to carry on its program of the year without the help of a general fund to which profits from Sports Nite contribute to a large extent.

Through this fund many of the athletic programs of Trenton High are aided, and only recently equipment was purchased to help further the activities of the photography class.

Dramatic presentations, graduation, social activities- these are only a few of the many student and community projects which are aided and, in many cases, made possible by a job well done.

Spectator, April 15, 1954

College Club Members Meet Scholarship Group Tomorrow

The Trenton College Club has awarded three scholarships of \$400 each to high school girls in the Trenton area. Mrs. Charles E. Wriggins, Miss Maude Van Natta, Mrs. Arthur S. Hancock and Mrs. James R. Hiltner.

Miss Margaret Jayne Conover, Trenton High School senior, is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Clarence B. Conover, of 309 Chambers Street. Miss Coles has been an active member of the Yearbook Staff at Hamilton; a member of the Girls' Athletic Association; a member of the "Criterion" Staff; a member of the Rainbow Girls and of the Youth Fellowship of the Methodist Church.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Coles, a senior at Hamilton High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Coles of 10 Meredith Road, Trenton. Miss Horne's activities at Pennsbury included: member of chorus four years of high school, student director of junior play, member of the cast of the senior play, member of the yearbook staff, member of the modern dance club and the senior ball committee.

Miss Adelaide Ann Horne, Pennsbury High School senior, is the daughter of Mrs. Lawrence Horne of 42 Fairway Drive, Yardley. Miss Conover's THS activities included: secretary of the school orchestra for two years; head usherette for two years at Sports Nite; Junior Red Cross and choir. She also has been active in the Hamilton Avenue Methodist Church Choir, where her father is pastor. She is also secretary of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

The award winners will be introduced to College Club members at a musical to be held in the Old Barracks at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening. Mrs. Roger J. Evans, scholarship chairman, will make the presentations. A program given by the Music Study Group of the club will follow. Assisting Mrs. Evans on the scholarship committee were Mrs. Richard W. Bruere,

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