

Official Family Recently Chosen

Recently thirteen members of this year's official family were chosen during try-outs held after school hours in the gymnasium. Approximately two hundred girls tried out before judges Joan Hammond, Sandy Martini, and Phyllis Sciarotta of the Red Team, Danni Havens, Beth Waldron and Joanne Wahl of the Black Team, and six Physical Education teachers. Mr. Krichling presided.

Now a glance at each of the positions and their respective winners. Mary Beth Winn, this year's Mistress of Ceremonies, will have charge of the show and will announce the decision of the judges on each number.

Miss America, Penny Kowalski flanked by her two color guards, Kathy Welch, of the Red Team and Nicole Urban, of the Black Team, will carry the United States flag in the opening show.

Mary Ann Mezei will represent the school as Miss T.H.S in 1964. Her color guards, Judy Kaufman of the Red Team and Muriel Rosansky of the Black Team, will march with her as she carries the high school flag.

Each team has its respective flagbearers who, in turn, have two color guards. This year Mary Ann Melillo will carry the Red Team Flag as Nancy Connell and Arlene Tudor keep in step with her as her color guards. On the Black Team Barbara Nagy will carry her team's flag and Linda Cazin and Kathy Magee will act as her color guards.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Mary Jo Lawton



"To be a Broadway Star." This is the dream of pert, peppy and talented Mary Jo Lawton.

"Maud", as she is called by her friends, has been a well-known figure during her three years at THS. Mary Jo was chosen as homeroom

president for the past two years and has been a member of the Social Dance Club and Seventh Period Dance for three years. This year, hoping to start her career off on the right foot, Mary Jo has joined the Radio and Drama Club. During Sport Nite, she can be found dancing her way through Prelude, Ballet, and Red Folk Specialty.

As for the future, Mary Jo plans to study dancing in New York City. If hard work, a personality plus, and ambition are what it takes to get ahead in the world, Mary Jo will surely find a star on the door of her Broadway dressing room.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Carolyn Lockette



Well known and well liked around THS is varsity cheerleader Carolyn Lockette. Carolyn has been on the Varsity squad and a member of the Varsity "T" Club since her junior year. Outstanding in whatever she does, she is now vice-president of

her homeroom, member of the German Club, and a hard worker for the *Spectator* Business Staff. In her junior year Carolyn was a zestful member of the Red Team cheerleading squad, and she will repeat her performance once again this year.

When school is not in session and Carolyn is free to do what she pleases, her first choices would be ice skating and playing tennis. From what has been said it is clear to see that Carolyn loves sports.

Earlier this year Carolyn was a delegate to Girl's State. She is now hoping to attend Temple University in Philadelphia.

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Imagine If...

The SPECTATOR were a daily newspaper!

We had 100% cooperation in the "Nickle a Week" program.

We had an hour long lunch period.

We had five minute classes.

The halls of THS were empty between classes.

We had another year of bomb scares.

We had a twelve month vacation each year.

Burt Jaffe were three feet, two inches tall and Sue Weston, six feet, one inch.

The class of '64 had \$5,000 in its treasury.

Joan Hammond were Black Team captain.

Jill Kraun and Patty Urken were editors of the Bobashela.

Mr. Weisburg had to stay for detention.

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Annual Sport Nite Dance Preview by Team Bands Tickets On Sale For Gala Event

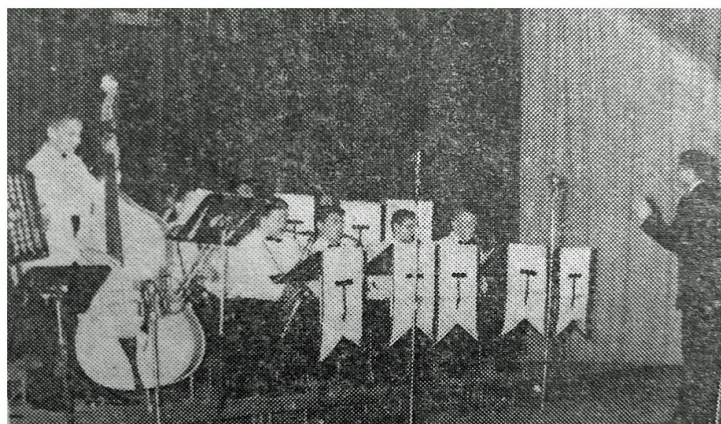
The Red and Black bands were presented at our assembly programs last week, playing various popular selections. Their music was only a prelude to the performance they will give at the Sport Nite Dance on February 7.

The chairman of the dance and emcee of the program, Steve Wilkes, introduced the two team captains who in turn introduced the bands. The first portion of the program was opened by Joan Hammond, captain of the Red Team. She presented the Red Band playing "This Could Be the Start of Something Big." At the conclusion of the song, the leader of the band, Bill Moon introduced his band members and then they played their two final selections, "Moonlight in Vermont" and "Solid Blue."

Danni Havens, captain of the Black Team, opened the second half of the program with a preview of the Black Band. Among their songs were "Por Favor," "Stormy Weather," and "Intermission Rif." The band was introduced by Nate Practico, Black Band leader.

Tickets for the dance may be purchased from the two team captains, specialty and committee members, and members of the Red and Black Bands. Music will be furnished by the two bands and the selling of tickets is competitive between the two teams. As in the past, the captain of the team that sells the most tickets will be honored with an orchid corsage. No matter which team you are on, buy a ticket and help to make the annual Sport Nite Dance a success this year!!!

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Nate Practico, leader of the Black Team Band, is showing the audience what can be expected at the Sport Nite Dance.



The members of the Red Team Band with leader, Bill Moon, give us a sample of what they will be playing at the Sport Nite Dance.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Pat Wenzler



A young lady who loves chemistry, wants to be an airline stewardess and goes horseback riding was bound to make the "Spotlight". For not only is she an unusual girl but she is unusually active. Pat, for the past two years,

has been one of those lovely young ladies who marched into the field each football game as a color guard. Along with her marching she likes to cheer and has proven this by joining Black Team cheers in her junior and senior years.

Pat has been an honor student, studying in the humanities course. She is also a member of the Junior Red Cross Club.

As for the Future, Pat hopes to attend Grace Dow's Career School for a year and we're sure she will soon be flying high.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Sandra Martini



The cute, laughing face that you have probably seen so many times in our halls is that of jovial Sandy Martini. Sandy, who is a student in the commercial department, stated that her favorite subjects are lunch and gym. When not working diligently

at one of her majors, Sandy may either be at a meeting of the All Girls' Club or practicing spiritedly with the Red Modern X Specialty, of which she has been a member for the past two years.

Our spotlight celebrity has displayed leadership qualities by holding various offices in her homeroom. As a sophomore, Sandy was banking representative, as a junior, secretary, and this year she holds the office of vice-president.

When not working at her school activities, one can find Sandy at practically any local dance or at a restaurant eating her favorite submarine steak sandwiches.

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News Briefs

September – The Spectator goes on sale; students flock to buy it.

October – Ex-Senator, Hugo Greenleaf, who kissed 14,000 babies, dies of colic.

November – Did you know that if all the mackerel caught in 1963 were laid end to end across the Sahara Desert, whew, would they stink.

December – Melvin Ferd asks Congress to declare his mother-in-law a disaster area.

January – The faculty New Year's Eve party of 1963 was officially over and the 1964 party was begun.

February – Recently the Spectator received a note asking if anyone ever throws bricks through the windows in the Spectator room. The answer is no people never throw bricks through the windows because we're up too high. However, pigeons do.

March – THS declares flood disaster area due to Sport Nite results.

April – The Easter Bunny is caught in the THS halls without a pass.

May – Squire Wazzle is crowned the most athletic boy in first grade – for the tenth consecutive time.

June – The Spectator goes off sale; students rush for refunds.

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Pictured above are the Red and Black team Sport Nite buttons that are being sold by the Trenton High School Future Teachers of America Club. The bright oval buttons feature the pictures of the respective team captains and can be purchased from any F.T.A. member for thirty cents. Buttons will still continue to be on sale throughout the week of Sport Nite.

The money brought in by the button sale will go towards either a scholarship fund or towards subsidizing the educational trips which the club sponsors.

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Preview Friday Of 'Sports Nite' At Trenton High

The 1964 Trenton High School 'Sports Nite' will be previewed on Friday from 8 until 11 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

Danni Havens, team captain and Nate Pratico, band leader head the Blacks while Joan Hammond and Bill Moon will lead the Red Team and Band at the eight annual "Rhythms of Sportnite Dance."

A feature of this year's program will be the introduction of captains and leaders from previous years.

Proceeds will be used to buy band uniforms, instruments and equipment.

Trenton Times,
February 5, 1964

Trenton High Bands Will Sponsor Dance

The bands of Trenton High School will sponsor a dance in honor of this year's musical, "Sport Night," from 8 to 11 p.m. Friday in the school gymnasium.

"Sport Night," scheduled for March 16-20, will feature a "Red" team and its band vying with a "Black" team and its band in a dance contest.

Friday's dance will see both bands playing together. The feature of this year's dance will be the introduction of sport captains and team leaders. General chairman of the affair is Steve Wilkes. Trenton High's band director is Ralph E. Binz.

Trentonian,
February 6, 1964



(*Trentonian* Photo)
Red and Black Team leaders study program of the "Rhythms of Sports Nite Dance," held last night to preview the 1964 Trenton High School Sports Nite. Left to right are: Danni Havens, Black Team captain; Nate Pratico, Black Team band leader; Bill Moon, Red Team captain, and Joan Hammond, Red Team captain. Proceeds of last night's affair will be used for band uniforms, instruments and equipment for the annual Sports Nite extravaganza next month.

Trenton Times, February 8, 1964

Blacks Win Cover; Gain First Point



Nancy Ellis, being congratulated by Mr. Krichling, proudly displays her winning cover design which gained a point for the Black team and gave them the lead in the annual competition.

It takes a student with a lot of imagination and enterprise to come up with the winning design for the Sports Nite program cover. And Trenton High has such a person. The announcement of the winner was made by Mr. Krichling at the Sport Nite Dance. He hopes to make the announcement at the dance an annual event. The winner is Nancy Ellis of B2. This was the first win for Nancy but we're sure she will have continued success with her art work.

Entries for the contest were submitted in January and were judged by Mr. Elliot, Mr. Krichling, Miss Mayhew, Miss Koenig, and Mr. Brenner. To eliminate any possible favoritism, Mr. Krichling numbered each entry before the judges made their choices.

Spectator, February 21, 1964

Blacks Win Ticket Sale

The annual Rhythms of Sports Nite Dance held on February 7 provided the setting for the first Black Team victory this year. For the second consecutive year they sold the most tickets for the dance. It was a close race to the end, for the Red Team sales came within 13 tickets of the winners. The total number of tickets sold was 743, the Black Team selling 383 and the Red Team selling 370.

Carter Harris, ticket chairman, directed the tabulating of the number of tickets sold and the results were announced by Steve Wilkes. Each team captain was presented with an orchid corsage, bought by the bands.

The winner of the cover design was also revealed Friday night. She is Nancy Ellis, a member of the Black Team. The Blacks now have a score of one point. But remember girls' this does not determine the final outcome of Sports Nite.

It was the opinion of the many that the dance was a success with music supplied by the Red and Black Team Bands. Bill Moon and the Red Band played such songs as "Tenderly," "This Could Be The Start of Something Big," and "Exodus." Under the leadership of Nate Pratico, "Stormy Weather," "Moon River" and "Peter Gunn" were some selections heard from the Black Band.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Maryanne Bodnarenko



Always laughing, always smiling, always full of fun, are three outstanding attributes of Maryann Bodnarenko.

"MOOSE," as she is fondly nick-named by her friends, has participated in many of the varied activities offered at THS. She has been an active member of F.T.A. throughout her three years of high school, and is also a member of the Quill and Scroll Society. This year Maryann is a member of the Bobashela Staff and Black Team Props.

Being an above average student of the commercial department, Maryann plans to attend Rider College or Trenton State College this coming fall to pursue the field of teaching the commercial curriculum. Maryann's love of American History, her favorite subject, can be attributed to the fact that she adores Miss Christie.

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Team Captains Joan Hammond (left) and Danni Havens, both seniors, pose with their mascots. Both Red and Black captains vow that their teams "are ready to win."

30th Sports Nite Next Week

Spirits High... Students Tell Why

By Ruta Lototzky
Trenton Central High School

In 1935, Trenton High School had its first Sports Nite competition. It was only a one-night affair but soon public demand for tickets became great and it was extended to five nights as it will be next week, 29 years later.

Though many people have disagreed with it over the years most THS students' reactions are the same now as the citizen of long ago who murmured "Magna cum breathless."

How It Works

The competition is between a Black team and a Red team, school colors. The entering sophomore is given her choice to pick her team. There is a sophomore night, a junior night, and a senior night, with Friday nights open to the groups the Captains of the two teams think are best and Monday to the groups the gym teachers decide upon.

The participants in Sports Nite are all the girls in the gym classes. Whether they are

in the specialty numbers or a main number, the school and team spirit is still there.

Student Opinions

Arlene Tudor, a senior, had this to say about Sports Nite, "It gives the students experience in working together toward a common goal. Contrary to many opinions, the students who put the most time into it also are the ones who have great interest in their academic status and keep up with their work.

"Many people feel that the two teams virtually become enemies during the time period, but I know personally that some of my best friends are on the opposing team and there are no hard feelings whether we win or lose."

Junior Donna Tulli added, "Win or lose it's still a lot of fun."

In one sophomore, Patricia Garner's opinion, "Sports Nite is a good example for people who feel that youth can't do anything constructive. It helps students learn co-op-

eration and the brotherhood among all races."

Standing up for a girls' rights, junior Paulette Harper said, "Boys participate in sports all year and this is the only chance for girls to show their abilities." According to junior Michele Bednar, "It doesn't hurt marks any more than the boys' sports do."

Some Have Objections

There are a few students who feel very strongly against Sports Nite. Leland Engelbrecht is one. "Many kids, especially girls, are not that enthusiastic about taking part but do so just because everyone else does."

Other un-Sports Nite comments ranged from "It's a waste of time" to "there hasn't been anyone in my class for a week and a half now."

Practice has been going on for Sports Nite since the beginning of December in the gym classes. The actual practice during class for any extent of time at all is only the week before Sports Nite.

Junior Barbara Bloor said,

"It doesn't hurt marks; of course, it's a little extra work, but not that much." Cheryl Kinder, a senior, agreed. "The students work very hard giving up their free time after school and on Saturdays for the pride of the team and the school."

All the dances are the original "masterpieces" of the students.

The boys at Trenton High School, though only those who are on "props" or in the bands participate, are enveloped in the spirit and excitement of it. They usually pick a team which they want to win, cheering for it just as much as the girls.

The opinion of William Leopardi is that it "is a highly necessary form of activity which provides a deviation from our normal highly academic activities at T.H.S."

Lasting Friendships

In the rehearsals the students are with others they haven't met before. Senior Judy Kaufmann, said, "I think it's of great value be-

cause you get to meet a lot more kids and make some lasting friendships." This would be hard to do in a school this size — if it weren't for Sports Nite."

Many feel as Barbara Shaw that "it gives students a good reason to get excited and enthused about something worthwhile. And, it's a good chance for people who have leadership qualities to show their ability."

A junior represented most students' thoughts when she put it this way, "I think it's an excellent opportunity for pupils to let off some steam and a good mid-term break."

Joyce Monard, a senior and a National Merit Scholarship winner, said, "I think it's a great idea because many girls have a chance to play an important part in Sports Nite and because of it they stay in school until they graduate."

Jerry Kaylor, a sophomore, expressed most of the students' opinions when he said, "I think we should have it more often."

30th Program Begins Tomorrow At Trenton High

Tiny, Vivacious Instructor Guides Students Through Intricacies Of Annual 'Sports Nite'

By Olivia De Pastina
Times-Advertiser Women's Staff

On your toes! That's one way to keep up with Eleanor Keating, physical education

instructor at Trenton Central High School. The diminutive teacher (size seven) has a big voice and boundless energy, decided assets for teaching



ROLL CALL — Eleanor Keating, physical education instructor at Trenton Central High School, keeps a keen eye on the girls' attendance during Sports Nite rehearsals.

ballet, modern and tap dancing to special groups of her teen-age students as well as her regularly scheduled seven classes a day, five days a week.

"We're bats," she teased as five budding ballerinas swirled around her in the corrective gym. They were rehearsing the forest sequence of their original version of "The Sleeping Beauty."

It is "Sports Nite" practice time at the high school. The 1671 girls enrolled in the physical education department this year have signed up to be members of the Red or Black Team. Beginning tomorrow, the teams compete for five nights and are judged on a point basis on the participants' abilities in marching, dance, races and modern exercises. The team accumulating the most points is winner for the year.

"It is the culmination of our indoor physical education program," Eleanor explained. "We begin working on the Sports Nite program in January and wind it up usually in the third week of March with the show."

Rehearse In Sections

"We rehearse the numbers in sections during the regular gym periods," she said a class period later over the thunderous clatter of more than 30 energetic seniors tap dancing on the hardwood gym floor. "The week before Sports Nite we hold mass rehearsals in the main gym. We grade each girl on her performance in the show. It's amazing how we get to know each girl. In one class we have 328, but we know them all and well."

"We have fewer discipline problems during Sports Nite rehearsals," she continued, "than in any other time during the year. Every girl takes part, kids who may never be in any other show and the girls with special ability have an opportunity to show it."

"Those who are on committees learn facts as well as sportsmanship and responsibility," she added. "They have to come up with good, authenticated ideas that fit in with the theme of the show. In fact, they even have me going to the library to look things up."

Five teachers in the department share the instruction, evaluating and Sports Nite fervor, but one of them remarked, "Eleanor has more

vitality and enthusiasm than all of us put together."

Usually dressed in a white blouse and a short dark blue tennis jumper and wearing white socks and blue sneakers, the prematurely gray instructor might easily be mistaken for one of her students. When she blows the whistle and says authoritatively, "Sit up, girls," there is immediate silence and no doubt about who is conducting the class.

"I came to Trenton High at the time of the fourth annual Sports Nite," she revealed, "and we are now rehearsing the 30th. I introduced "Prelude," the modern dance and then the ballet to the program. Eddie Hatrak who was a student here then wrote the music and he is now a famous musician."

Born in Bristol, Eleanor has a twin brother Paul. She is a graduate of Philadelphia's Hallahan High School and Temple University and she attended any dance school she could get in and still does.

Learns From Professionals

"Every year of my teaching career," she commented, "I have attended the New York City dance congresses during the Summer and sometimes during Christmas vacation. Leading teachers of all phases of the dance come to present samples of their work. I meet lots of professionals who make me aware of the current dance

techniques and give me many costume and make-up ideas. I try to bring these back to my students — hot from New York not from a textbook."

A Summer traveler, Eleanor has toured the United States and Europe. She dabbles in interior decorating, but prefers to nurture her love for Terpsichore with frequent trips to New York for a dance program or a Broadway show.

"I'm just a frustrated dancer," she said. "All my life I have been putting on shows even as a girl in the backyard. Dance, dance, dance, that's all I ever wanted to do. My mother had different ideas; she insisted on college. Teaching physical education satisfies both of us."

"I even have my black French poodle trained," Eleanor remarked, "when I say "Tina, sit up in fifth position," she sits up and poses with her front paws crossed."



Trentonian Photo
It's that time of the year again. Trenton High School Sports Nite Black Team captain Danni Havens and Red Team captain Joan Hammond don gloves as they get ready to come out fighting this evening when the school's yearly extravaganza gets underway.



(Trentonian Photos)
Kowalski. At right is high point in the Black Team's "Telstar" routine. The girls are (left to right): Gail Arthur, Sharon Botos, Pat Andrews, Linda Hocking and Cheryl Tunstal. The Blacks rallied to defeat the Reds 7-6 at the opening session.

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A crowd of nearly 2,000 was on hand last night as the annual "Sports Night" extravaganza got under way at Trenton High School. Photo at left shows the opening ceremony as the Kathleen Welch (left) of the Red Team color guard and Nicki Urban of the Black Team color guard, meet with "Miss America," Penny

Trentonian, March 17, 1964

30th Annual Spectacular

It's Sports Nite! Blacks Lead

By Herb Clark
Times Staff Writer

New Jersey's 300th birthday will be in the spotlight all this week at the 30th annual Trenton High School Girls' Sport Nite program. The galaxy of color, music, dancing and games opened for a five-night stand, and the Black team holds a 7-6 edge going into Sophomore Night tonight.

A packed house listened to the bouncy music and watched the girls dance, exercise, play games, cheer and sing as they climaxed a project that began with the first day of school in September.

After tonight's sophomore program, the juniors perform tomorrow, the seniors take the floor Thursday and Friday, the last night. Red Captain Joan Hammond and Black Captain Danielle Havens choose the performers they thought best for the grand finale. Last night the gym teachers, directors of the show, made the choices.

Tercentenary Theme

With the exception of the non-competitive features, everything had a New Jersey Tercentenary theme. It was a wonderfully staged production, as it usually is, and the general enthusiasm ran high.

However, last night there was something of an unhappy note when Red Team cheer chairman Karen Kaminski fell on her first entrance, bouncing out of a football, and pulled a leg muscle. As much as she tried, she just couldn't carry on, but wouldn't leave the gym for treatment, lending moral support from the sidelines.

Among the featured spectacles were the marching projects of the Black Team's Red Coats in Review and the Red Team's first Miss America production. The famed contest began in 1921.

Dressed As Conductors

Cheerleaders dressed as conductors, for the Black Team,

depicting the first railroad way back in the early 1800's and the Reds as Princeton cheerleaders, marking the nation's first intercollegiate football game performed with gusto throughout the entire show.

Other productions in memory of Einstein's Theory of Relativity, Edison's discovery of the electric light bulb, the State Fair, and McIntosh Apples were recalled in nicely presented dances and exercises.

The Black Team made a whirlwind finish for their first night lead, picking up the last four points awarded during the first performance.

Each night from now on 12 events are judged. Last night 13 points were awarded, with the Black Team's Nancy Ellis picking up a valuable marker for her program cover design.

The Reds earned their points for Marching, Folk Dance, Modern Dance, Novelty Race, Tap Dance and Modern Exercises. The Blacks won their seven points by winning the Songs, Cheers, Band rendition of, "When Sonny Gets Blue," directed by Nate Pratico, Decorations, Obstacle Race, Team Theme Song and the cover design.

Tap Dancers Tops

Top competitive number in this year's event has to be the tap dance routines by both teams. The winning Red Team number is a production called, "Lunch Time at Campbell's Kitchen," with Alice Coleman as the featured dancer. It is a smartly done number, and earned a close point.

Dolores Gualfetti is the principal in the Black Team's Flash Back, a number concerning New Jersey newspapers, and this production is also a show-stopper with fancy dance routines and plenty of originality.



BEATING DRUMS FOR THEIR TEAMS—Cheer leader chairmen for their teams at Trenton High's Sport Nite presentation are Susan Weston for the Black Team and Karen Kaminski for the Red Team. During last night's proceedings, Karen became the first casualty of the year when she darted on the floor, from behind a paper football, and sprained a leg muscle. She spent the rest of the evening cheering from the sidelines.

The Folk Dance numbers, too, are well done and rather original. Here the Blacks, dressed as Scotsmen, do various sword dance routines, depicting the McIntosh Apple Klan with Marie Cremer in the spotlight and the Red Team presentation is that of a gypsy troupe performing at the New Jersey State Fair. Elizabeth Ceffelli does the specialty number.

The Red Team holds a wide edge over the past 29 years in the standings, winning 16, while the Black team has 11 triumphs. Twice the event ended in a tie. Last year the Blacks broke a seven-year winning string the Reds had piled up.

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Gail Sullivan, featured in the non-competitive prelude, pops out of a birthday cake marking New Jersey's 300th anniversary to set the mode for the 30th Annual Trenton High School Girls' Sports Nite production.

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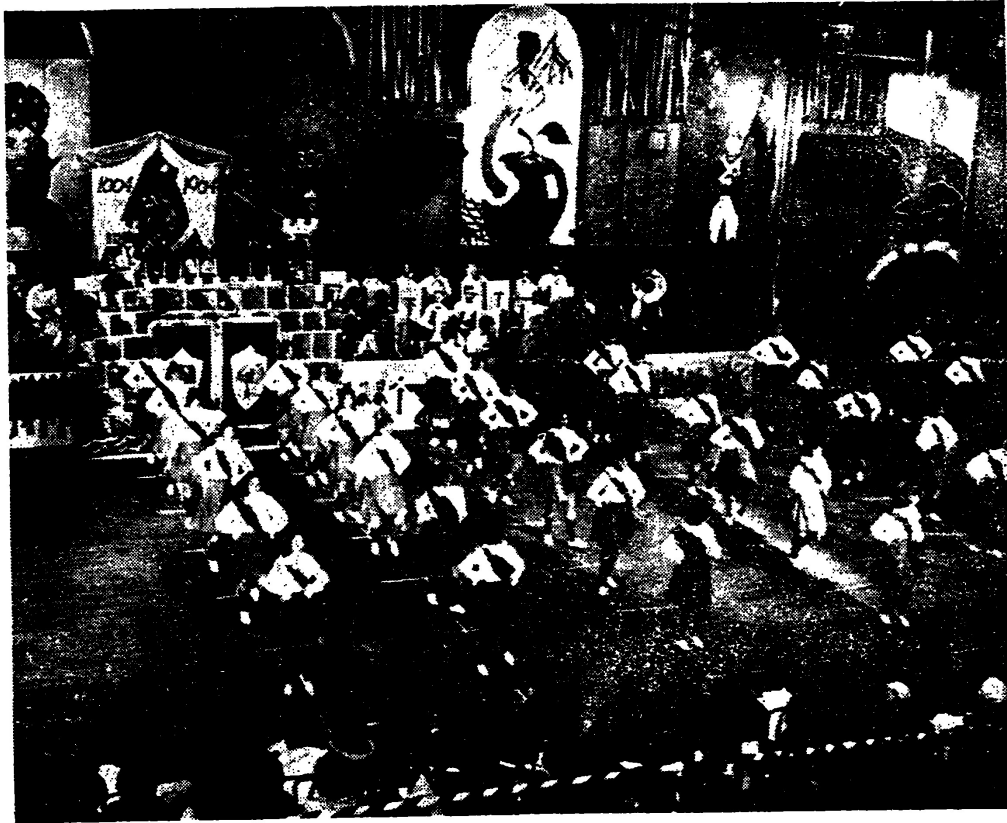
Newspaper reporters in the Black Team's tap dance number are, front row left to right: Phyllis Steene, Dolores Gualfetti and Doris Jolly. In the rear: Barbara Murfit, Janet Willever, Andrea Hudak, Tina Rutolo and Bennie Lou Rasberry.

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Members of the Official Family and strictly neutral, too, are Mary Beth Winn (left), Mistress of Ceremonies; Miss America, Penny Kowalski in the center and Mary Ann Mezei at the right. Miss Trenton High.



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One of several extravaganza type productions is the Red Team's Scottish Dance folk number — The McIntosh Apple Klan, shown above. The girls performed a sword dance in the gaily decorated Trenton High School gym—far different from the scene just a few weeks ago when the THS basketball team romped on the wooden way.

Sports Nite opens amid pageantry, triumph and heartbreak . . . read Herb Clark's story on Page 3. All photos by Calvin Solliday of the Trenton Times staff.

Sports Nite leaders are shown in the photo on the left, standing in front of this year's theme for the 30th annual presentation of the Girls' Physical Education Department—New Jersey's Tercentenary. This year's captains are Joan Hammond on the left, who guides the Red Team and Danielle Havens, the Black Team's leader.

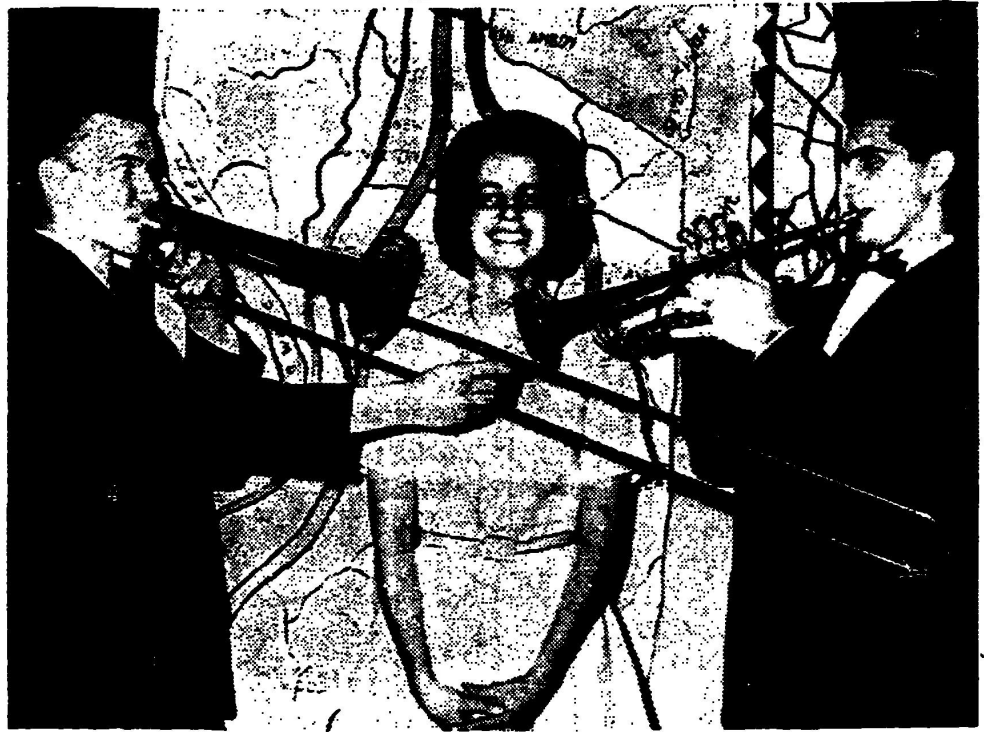
Blacks Lead 17-10 In Sport Nite

The Blacks marched to a commanding 17-10 lead over the Red Team in the 30th Annual Trenton High School Girl's Sport Nite production, romping to a 10-5 edge in the Sophomore presentation last night.

Tonight the Red Team is pinning its hopes on the Juniors to get them back in competition. Tomorrow the seniors take the floor, and on Friday, the show's last night, team captains pick their best performers.

Red Team cheer chairman Karen Kaminski will have to sit out the remainder of the program, as far as active participation. She pulled leg ligaments on Monday, aggravating an injury she suffered during practice last week. Karen expects to be on hand for the remainder of the week, however she'll be on crutches, and won't be able to participate on a full scale basis. Subbing for her as leader of the cheering squad will be Carolyn Lockette.

The Blacks moved to their big lead last night, winning points for the Theme Song, Modern Dance, Tap Dance, Obstacle Race, Band, Cheers and Decorations. The Reds earned their points for March-



BLASTING THE SCOREKEEPER—Band leaders Bill Moon (Red Team) at the left and the Black's Nate Pratico attempt some sweet music on Cecelia Conti, scorekeeper for Trenton High's 30th Annual Girls' Sports Nite event. In addition to providing the music, the only other boys involved in the program are the scenery movers, and they too are divided into Red and Black teams and root just as hard as the girls for points.

ing, Modern Dance, and both teams were awarded a point when the Folk Dance, Novelty Race and Songs were tied.

After two nights the Reds have swept points with their Marching presentation of Miss America, 1921, while the

Blacks have scored twice with their Theme Song, Obstacle Race team. Band, Cheers and Decorations.



REALLY CHEERING FOR THE REDS: Cheerleaders play an important part of the Trenton High Girls' Sport Nite extravaganza. Here are the Red Team leaders, dressed for this year's Tercentenary theme to commemorate the first intercollegiate football game ever played at Princeton. Reading from left to right, and front to rear are: Dorothy Harrison (the tiger), Chairman Karen Kaminski, Rosalie DiDonato, Eileen Marchiselli, Rita Rapsoldi, Stella Maziarz, Linda Fillopin, Phyllis Sciarrota, Carolyn Lockette and Judy Pfaff.

Blacks Increase Lead In Sports Nite Contests

The pressure is on the Reds tonight in the Junior presentation of the 30th annual Trenton High School Girl's Sports Nite production tonight.

Last night, in the Sophomore showing, the Blacks moved farther ahead, 26-15, by taking eight events and tying another. The Reds garnered four points, the Blacks nine.

Garnering only four points, the Reds suffered their lowest scoring night of the week, dipping from a one-point deficit Monday, 7-6, to an 11-point deficit going into tonight's performance.

For the first time since Monday's opening show, the Reds didn't take the marching, but instead had to settle for a tie.

The Blacks have now won points all three nights for the theme song, obstacle race, band, cheers and decorations, while the Reds have taken only one event all three nights — modern Exercise.

Besides the marching and

modern exercise, the Reds garnered points for the folk dance and tap dance.

The Blacks won the songs and novelty race, after tying the Reds in other events Tuesday night, and the modern dance.

Red Team Closes Gap

The Red team refused to concede defeat and won last night's annual Sports Night affair at Trenton High by a score of 9 to 4.

With the final meeting tonight, the Red Team will have to outdo their Thursday showing to overcome the Black team's lead. The over-all score is now the Blacks 30, the Reds, 24.

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Annual Sports Nite Ends

Black Team Winner Despite Red Effort

There was hardly a dry eye in Trenton High School's gym Friday night as the school's 30th Annual Sports Nite extravaganza came to a close with the score board registering 39-29 — in favor of the Black Team.

The victors — between shouts of joy and jumps in the air — hugged each other and shed tears of joy.

The losers, however, just shed plain, honest tears. They had fought hard, but had lost.

Black and Red Team leaders, Danielle Havens and Joan Hammond respectively, led their teams vigorously — the Reds to make up their six points they were trailing and the Blacks to stay out in front.

But after a tie was awarded for modern dancing, the point of no return was reached. There were simply not enough points left in the show for the Reds to possibly win or even tie.

With all this against them, the Red team didn't give up or even slow down — they fought hard right to the end.

In the show, which featured the New Jersey Tercentenary as a theme, the Blacks won their fifth straight point for Decorations, lost their fifth in Modern Exercise, took their

first victory for Marching and their fourth points for Theme Song, Obstacle Race, Songs and Cheers.

The Reds took their fifth straight point for Folk Dance — one night being a tie, won their third point for Tap Dance and added another point to their one win and a tie for Novelty Race.

Both teams shared points for Modern Dancing and Band.

The Black Band led by Nato Pratico, previously won three points with its rendition of "When Sonny Gets Blue," while the Red Band and leader Bill Moon took Thursday's point with "Old Fashioned Walk."

Red Team Cheer Leader Chairman Karen Kaminski, who injured her leg in Monday night's competition, was in the sidelines on crutches. Unable to help her teammates, she had to spend the whole week on the sidelines — cheering them on.

Among the high points of the evening was the Red Team Folk Dance specialty "New Jersey State Fair," which featured gypsy entertainers doing a Russian folk dance. Black team cheer leaders also did a fine job with their railroading theme "All Aboard."

Two of the teachers were also honored during the show's final night. Band Director Ralph Binz, who is retiring this year, received a plaque commemorating his last Sports Nite. Walter Krichling, the show's director, received a plaque honoring his first year in the job.

In the 30 years Sports Nite has run, the Reds have scored 16 victories and the Blacks 12. Two years ended in ties.

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KISS OF VICTORY — Mrs. Meredith Havens kisses her estatic daughter Danielle Havens, victorious Black Team captain, as Joan Hammond, Red Team captain, offers her congratulations.

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BLACK TEAM WINS — Captain Danielle Havens leads her teammates in a wild cheering, screaming and crying response to the news that their team has won the Sports Nite competition.

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THS Editors - In The Spotlight

Nancy Ferrucci



Nancy Ferrucci is an active, bright senior who wishes to enter the field of advertising. She will prepare for her career at Trenton Junior College. During Nancy's three years at Trenton High School she has been active in many extra-curricular activities. As a sophomore, she was a member of the Spanish Club. In her junior year, Nancy became secretary of the Spanish Club and was in Red Modern X specialty. This year Nancy is a member of Quill and Scroll and is one of the Spectator's layout editors.

Spectator, May 29, 1964

Lawrence Township Day Set At New Jersey Pavilion

"Lawrence Township Day" at the New Jersey Pavilion at the World's Fair will be held on Saturday, October 3, at 1 p.m.

Mayor Owen R. Healey will kickoff the six-hour long program by greeting the gathering and presenting the other members of the township committee.

Included in the afternoon program will be entertainers from all parts of the 22 square mile community.

Robert C. Marince, director of music for the township school system will be the master of ceremonies.

Individuals and groups scheduled to entertain include: Richard Kirkham and "The Stra-

sters" a 16 piece orchestra featuring the music of "The Bands of Yesteryear"; Notre Dame High School Father's Glee Club and the Molo-Maids" a scintillating female singing trio, all directed by William T. Buffin with Bert Harris, accompanist; Charles Toleno and "The Mixers" a foursome musical combo; "The Villagers Two" a folksinging duo featuring Jackie Bentley, a student at Rider and Peter Boetsma.

Fred LeCompt and Alan Bosley will provide musical interludes on the organ; Russ Sparella and "The Four-Evers"; Songs by Sam Floyd, a teacher at the Lawrence Junior High, will be accompanied at the

piano by Richi Corbin; the Bal-moral Troupe of Highland Dancers, and aggregation of youthful Scottish dancers accompanied by adult Pipers; Nate

Pratico, who led the winning 1964 Sports Nite Black Team Band will close out the entertainment program with his "Big Nate Band."

Members of the committee on arrangements include Robert C. Marince, Keyron J. Donahue, Mrs. Robert Fust and Robert B. Immordino.

Trenton Times, September 23, 1964

Sue Budassi: Yankee 'Scout'

By Herb Clark
Times Staff Writer

Most young lady high school seniors have plenty of interests outside the sports world.

Oh, they take passing note of what's going on and may have a sincere loyalty to school teams, but for the most part the athletic scene is a take it or leave it proposition.

But not for Sue Budassi. Miss Budassi, an attractive

Trenton High senior has all the other interests teenagers in her sphere of the world have. She's a dancer, record fan, etc. and will enter Boston University in September to study nursing.

Along with all her activities, Sue is a baseball "birdog" and "works" for the New York Yankees.

"My baseball interest began a long time ago," Sue says. And when I realized I couldn't play in the Little League with the other kids in the

neighborhood, I had to find a different way to keep in touch with the game."

Sue learned how to keep score and compiled statistics and followed teams in the Chambersburg Little League.

"I guess my interest reached new heights when the Trenton team won the Babe Ruth League World Series in 1962," Sue reminisces.

And that's how she became a baseball "birdog." (A "birdog" in diamond lingo is a person who sends information

to scouts, who in turn follows up the leads.)

"I was spending that Summer in Rome with my grandmother," Sue recalls. "and my friends sent me all the clippings of how the team was doing. I had a lot of time, too, and in turn sent some of the articles to the Yankees in New York and just simply signed them S. Budassi.

"They didn't know S. Budassi was a girl, but when I got home I found letters from the Yankees and Frank O'



THS scorekeeper Sue Budassi with pitchers John Exedaktolis (left) and Terry Louderback.

Rourke (the team scout from this area) asking me for details on several of the players."

And that's how it started.

Sue "worked" for the Yankees last year, answering requests by O'Rourke about high school players in the area. "I can't tell you who they were," Sue said. And still all her correspondence was simply signed, "S. Budassi."

O'Rourke and S. Budassi finally came together last year at a ball game in which Trenton High was playing in Princeton.

"And, wow, was he shocked when he discovered I was a girl."

But it hasn't made one bit of difference. Sue is still sending along information to O'Rourke, and Frank is still after the vital statistics every baseball scout banks on, and seeks the data from Sue.

"The names of boys around here he's been asking about are trade secrets," Sue claims, however, she did say O'Rourke has been keeping her pretty busy with his requests.

As far as her big league experience, Sue confides she's seen only one major league game. She also was a Yankee fan until Yogi (her favorite) was dealt off to the Mets. But that hasn't made much difference to her in respect to the "job."

When O'Rourke discovered Sue's identity he told her he was glad to learn a young girl has such a deep interest in the game. And O'Rourke has been trying to talk Sue out of going to Boston University and switching to the Villanova School of Nursing. "Maybe he wants me to stay in this area to send him info on the college players," Sue figures.

And Sue isn't only interested in the Yankees. She's still a Chambersburg Little League fan and has an enthusiastic part of the proceedings watching and helping her nine-year-old brother, Steve and helping in the Columbus Park refreshment stand.

Not only has Sue been arousing her brother's baseball desire, but has dad, Steve Sr., wrapped up in the game now. In fact, the young lady was a key figure in having the College Sportsmen's Club, an organization in which her dad is a member, sponsor one of the Chambersburg clubs.

Sue's active sports participation goes back to her sophomore days at Trenton High when she was a diver on the girls' swim team. And last year she was the featured performer in the Sports Nite show stopper, the Red Team's tap dance routine.

And neither does she spend all her time at ball games during the Summer. Last vacation she worked as an aide (Candystriper) at St. Francis Hospital.

Thus, Sue Budassi is a pretty busy teenager, and finds the world of sports an interesting one, along with all the other activities.



MISS JOAN HAMMOND

Miss Joan Marie Hammond daughter of Mrs. Marie Hammond and the late Fred W. Hammond Jr. will graduate on June 1st from the University of Massachusetts. In September, she will enter the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor to work for her Masters degree in Psychology. She was past Red Team Captain of Trenton Central High Sports Nite in 1964.

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