

SPORT NITE TO BE CANCELLED?

Reasons Stated
In Memorandum

A decision is pending on the cancellation of Sport Nite, as this paper goes to press. The final decision is to be made by the principal, Mr. Crosby Copeland.

A memorandum sent to Mr. Copeland from Mr. Walter C. Krichling, Chairman of the Physical Education Department, stated that in the opinion of the Physical Education Department, Sport Nite should be discontinued. Preliminary indications show that Mr. Copeland is in favor of this recommendation. The memorandum also referred to the issue of Sport Nite as "beating a dead or dying horse."

The Athletic Department is not acting without cause. After a careful investigation of this situation, eleven valid reasons were found for the proposed cancellation of Sport Nite. Five of the most important reasons are outlined as follows:

1) The lack of interest shown by the majority of the student body which is attested to by the poor attendance at team meetings.

3) No wood shop teachers available to make props with no indication of any replacement.

4) More and more work being done by teachers instead of students. The decorations at last year's Sport Nite are the perfect example.

5) The financial loss of Sport Nite

\$7,640.00 salary

288.24 profit after expenses

\$7,351.76 loss

There are five lesser reasons for this cancellation. There have been proposals for a substitute, but as yet, nothing definite.

At the present time, no alternative plans have been made, but Mr. Krichling is hoping that some suitable activity could be found to service the majority of girls in Trenton Central High.

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THS Sport Night Is Called Off Again

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Sport Night at Trenton High seems to have lost the flair it once had.

School officials have called it off for the third time in the last five years.

The event, which consists of games, entertainment and athletic contests between THS girls, divided into Red and Black Teams, was cancelled in 1968 and 1969; then revived the past two years.

School officials say they are designing other student activ-

ities, but do not rule out having Sport Night next year.

Lost Money In '71

But it apparently does not hold the same attraction for students it did in the past. Once a main source of revenue for the school to support its athletic program, Sport Night last year lost money.

The cancellation was recommended by the athletic department several weeks ago in a letter to the school principal Crosby Copeland.

That letter listed several reasons for cancellation —

lack of student interest, poor attendance at team meetings.

lack of a wood shop teacher to make props, teachers doing more work than students and last year's financial loss of \$7,351.76.

Copeland said yesterday Sport Night was for all THS girls, but many were not participating. "We are trying to come up with some activities a majority of girls will be able to participate in."

Arts Festival Plan

He said the school is consid-

ering an activity — similar to Sport Night — in which girls would compete against other schools. Trenton High also has a girls' track team for the first time.

Copeland added that programs are being arranged where "a majority of the entire student body could participate."

Scheduled before the end of the school year, are a choir and orchestra concert and an

arts festival. Both events will be open to the public.

The choir concert is tentatively scheduled for April 28.

The arts festival, designed to involve a number of school departments, is slated for May 31, June 1 and 2 in the high school's community room.

Copeland, however, did not rule out the future resumption of Sport Night.

"If we find next year, there is interest for it," he said, "we might go back to it."

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Sport Nite Cancelled

Trenton High School officials are seeking alternatives to Sport Nite which will not be held this year because of lack of student interest and because last year's event resulted in a large financial loss.

THS Principal Crosby Copeland Jr. confirmed last night that the traditional night of games, entertainment and athletic contests would not be held this year. Only female students participate in what used to be a major fundraising activity.

Last year, Sport Nite ended up in the red to the tune of \$7,351.76. Sport Nite was cancelled in 1968 and 1969 due to racial tensions at the high school. It was welcomed back in 1970.

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