

After 22 years, TCHS prepares for Sports Night rematch

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TRENTON — Next spring, Trenton Central High School will step back 22 years to revive its popular Sports Night.

The event, which is more of a pep rally than a sports competition, was originally created to fill the void left

by the absence of varsity sports for female students. But since its finale in 1971, the event was thought to be forgotten.

According to Physical Education Teacher Lois Enorato, however, there is a strong desire in the community for Sports Night to be reinstated.

"Sports night was never forgotten," said Enorato, a teacher with

the district since 1971. "When the superintendent asked parents what kind of activities they wanted to see, this was one of the things they mentioned."

Enorato said the event, tentatively scheduled for March 18-19, will include both male and female students from the junior and senior classes. Students will be divided into red and black squads and compete in

dancing, relay races, karate, cheerleading and other activities.

The event is part of the students' curriculum, but Enorato thinks it also will be successful in building school spirit.

"The students have heard about Sports Night but have never experienced it," she said. "Now they have a chance to make their own memories

and compare them with those of their parents."

The Sports Night Committee is seeking captains of past squads and previous participants to volunteer for the upcoming event. Sponsors also are needed to help with expenses, and support from local businesses is welcome. Those interested should call Lisa Brady at 989-9256.

Trenton Times, September 22, 1992

Sports Nite is reinstated at Trenton Central

TRENTON — Ask any Trenton High School alumna what she remembers about her student days, and Sports Nite most likely will be high on the list of happy memories.

Sports Nite was an annual event presented by the girls of Trenton High School and the girls' athletic teams. Sports Nite competition between the black and red teams began in 1935 because of the absence of athletic teams for girls.

During the first few years of its existence, Sports Nite was held only one night. The girls who appeared in the extravaganza wore gym suits and paper costumes.

Over time, Sports Nite evolved into a five-night affair and the preparation and enthusiasm that accompanied it lasted throughout the school year.

In 1970, Sports Nite was discontinued. Today, 22 years later, it has been reinstated. Sports Nite '93, now a coed event, will be held March 18-19.

Sports Nite is not only a spectacular show, but also an educational experience. It is designed to bring the school community together through the use of cooperation and friendly competition. The program goes beyond mere competition. It develops social carry-over skills such as teamwork, pride, and the satisfaction of personal achievements.

Competition and general support will be held in the following areas: dance; jazz, video/character and modern marching; relay races — four different types as well as obstacle course; cheerleading; band; art/decorations; stage crew/props; ushers/runners; karate forms; acrobatics: tumbling; and costumes/sewing.

Trenton Times,
October 31, 1992

Past captains sought

TRENTON — The Trenton Central High School 1993 Sports Nite Committee is looking for past captains of the Red and Black teams to be guests and participate briefly during this year's Sports Nite program.

Sports Nite was an annual event presented by the girls of the school, beginning in 1935. This year the event has been reinstated after a 22-year absence.

Past captains of the Red and Black teams are being sought to be featured in an opening parade and to be guests on either evening of the program.

Sports Nite will be held March 18 and 19 in the school gymnasium.

Past captains who are interested should contact Lisa Brady at 800-989-9256.

Trenton Times,
November 29, 1992

Past captains needed

The Trenton Central High School 1993 Sports Nite Committee is looking for past captains of the Red and Black teams to be guests and participate briefly during this year's Sports Nite program.

Past captains will be featured in an opening parade and to be guest on either evening of March 18 or 19.

Any past captains who are interested should contact Lisa Brady at 989-9256.

Trentonian,
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Sports Nite gets encore after 22 years

After an absence of 22 years, Sports Nite will return to Trenton Central High School March 18 and 19. The 1993 Sports Nite Committee is looking for past captains of the Red and Black teams to be guests and participate briefly during this year's program in the high school gymnasium. The past captains will be featured in an opening parade. They will be guests on either evening of the program. Any interested captains should contact Lisa Brady at (609) 989-9256.

Trenton Times,
January 18, 1993

NOTICES

The Trenton High School Sports Nite '93 Committee is selling tickets for the March 18 and 19 event.

The sports night competition between the Black and Red teams began in 1935 and has been reinstated as a co-ed event. The competition will begin at 7 p.m. in the high school gym.

The competition will feature past captains of the Red and Black teams, as well as competition in areas such as cheerleading, modern dance, tap, marching, aerobics, video dance, karate and various relay and obstacle races.

All members of the public and alumni of Trenton High are encouraged to attend. Advance tickets may be purchased for \$5 by calling (609) 989-9256. Tickets will also be on sale at the door for \$7.

Trentonian,
March 16, 1993



Staff photos by Frank Jacobs III

SPORTS NITE IS BACK — Athletes and the audience brought 22 years' worth of enthusiasm to the return of Trenton Central High School's Sports Nite last night. The students raced, danced and competed at karate for the Red and Black teams during Sports Nite '93, the first such event at the school since 1971. In top photo, smoke and dramatic lighting highlight a modern dance, in which Nedgine Piere performs. In bottom photo, from left, Rasheeda Priester, 15, Mickey Enders, 17, Arlene Burgess, 16, and Ayana Ayers, 16, root for their favorites.

Cover the good things

It was my honor recently to be invited to Trenton High School to act as a judge in their Sports Nite competition. I am now retired from the Trenton School system after 34 years, 24 of which were spent at THS where I was directly involved with Sports Nite.

Since there has been a 23-year hiatus, most of the staff and none of the students were aware of the hard work and cooperation necessary to produce an undertaking such as this. Their enthusiasm, performances and self-discipline were evident and brought back fond memories.

The Trentonian has always been ready to criticize and in many cases overemphasize incidents which have occurred at THS.

Why you chose not to cover this event I can only speculate but it is your loss and that of your readers. Just as you feel it is your responsibility to print all the things which you believe are "wrong" within the system, I feel it is also your responsibility to print what is "right."

I congratulate the staff and students and hope to see an even better Sports Nite next year.

*Eileen Cella Manze
THS Class of '51
Yardley, Pa.*

*Trentonian,
April 14, 1993*

Be positive for once

Once again, the students of Trenton Central High School must walk with our heads up high and do everything possible to change the negative publicity that we constantly receive from you.

I am a senior at Trenton Central High School. I am writing this letter to express my dissatisfaction regarding the fact that there was literally no coverage of the 1993 Trenton Central High School Sports Nite event. This event was held on March 18 and 19 at 7 p.m. each night and was the first held at the school in over 20 years. It was a momentous occasion that was the result of hard work and dedication from the students, teachers, staff and administrators of the high school.

On March 20, I opened my Trentonian newspaper in anticipation of reading about Sports Nite and, to my dismay, I found nothing of the sort. I could not believe that your newspaper, the same newspaper that labeled my school as a "Zoo" failed to include one picture or even a line covering Sports Nite!

Presently, I am under the impression that your paper will write solely about the negative aspects of Trenton Central High School, while continuing to ignore the positive aspects. It would behoove your paper to start highlighting the positive aspects of Trenton Central High School, its students, faculty, staff, and the board of education that governs it. Furthermore, The Trentonian must begin to highlight the positive aspects of our city!

Now is the time for recognition of the positive aspects that we, the students of Trenton Central High School, have accomplished and will continue to accomplish.

*Tina M. Wilson, T.C.H.S.
Class of 1993
Trenton*

*Trentonian,
April 22, 1993*

Trenton sports event a winner

Outstanding, fantastic and thrilling are only a few of the adjectives that describe Trenton Central High School's Sports Nite '93.

As I watched the sports spectacle unfold, I was struck by the amount of teamwork, dedication and enthusiasm that obviously had gone into its preparation. What a wonderful event for the students and community of Trenton Central High School.

While I was never a student at TCHS, as a teacher in the district I have heard numerous things about

the sports nights of years past. I looked forward with eagerness to this year's event. It did not let me down.

Congratulations must be extended to the many students, teachers, administrators and community persons who helped in making Sports Nite '93 such a fabulous event. It was a great day for Trenton and for Trenton High.

*Kathleen Eckert
Trenton*

Trenton Times, May 11, 1993

Chin up, students

This goes to Ms. Tina M. Wilson and the students of Trenton Central High School:

Please don't be discouraged by the press not being on hand to cover your sports night events held on March 18 and March 19.

It was sad to know that the press is only interested in non-positive actions of the youths at TCHS. Here was the opportune time to show the other side of the students at Trenton Central High School.

Thinking back over the years, in 1973 my graduating class at TCHS did not hold the Sports Night events, due to the possibility of violence might have erupted.

My congratulations to the faculty, staff and the students for a job well done.

To the press and the community, we have to learn to encourage our youth of today for they are the adults of tomorrow. Give them praise for positive actions.

To the youth of our community, please continue to move in a positive way. There are still those of us who pray much for all of you.

Good luck in your endeavors and don't give up.
*Mrs. Queen E. Turner-Jones
Trenton*

*Trentonian,
May 14, 1993*

Nasty people

The Trentonian is such a trip. You people didn't say one word about Sports Night at Trenton High, yet you went and printed a photo of two high school girls having a fight. You people are strictly negative. What is it with you? What does our school have to do get your paper to realize the positive things that happen at Trenton High?

Disgusted

Lower the dropout rate and improve the test scores.

— *Ed Note*

Trentonian,

May 18, 1993