



Goodwin (left) and Venanzi congratulate each other on their election as captains of the Black and Red Teams respectively.

## Girls Elect Sports Nite Captains

### Lynn, Gerry Head Teams

Lynn Goodwin is the newly elected Captain of the Black Team while Gerry Venanzi has been elected Captain of the Red Team.

Realizing the importance of her position, Gerry expresses her joy at having been elected and pledges her unfailing support of the Red Team in its effort to make this year a Red Team victory.

Last year's Sport Nite show found Gerry performing as an agile Phillippino in Red Team's folk dance and marching routines the year before.

"Very overjoyed" and "thrilled" by her personal victory, Black Team Captain Lynn looks forward optimistically to a Black Team victory in 1966.

In last year's Sport Night show, Lynn was a peppy stewardess in Black Team cheers. As a sophomore she appeared in Black Team's modern dance number and in the marching routine.

Athletic Lynn, who comes to Trenton High from Lawrence Junior High, is a varsity cheerleader. Ice-skating is one of her favorite spare-time activities.

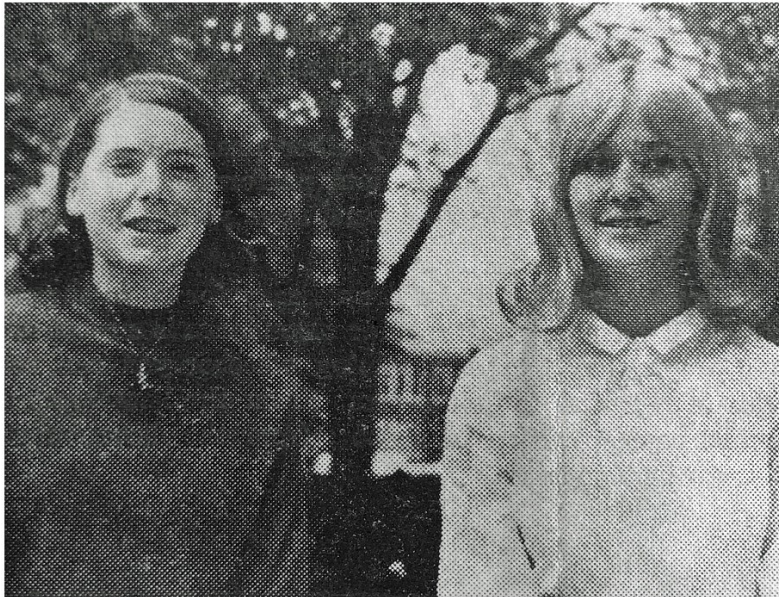
While captaining the Black Team will undoubtedly be her fondest recollection of Trenton High in the years to come, Lynn will have other activities to think back on as well. Besides varsity and junior varsity cheerleading, Lynn is a three-year member of the Adellogos Society and an activities editor of the high school year book, the Bobashela.

An academic student, Lynn plans to attend college after graduation from Trenton High.

In addition to the duties she will assume as Team Captain, Gerry's commercial course requires that she study shorthand, typing, business office machines, history, and English. Gerry hopes to maintain her honor roll status despite her added activities as Captain and her membership in the Leader Corps and Amanuensis clubs.

A graduate of Junior High School #2, Gerry would like to attend a business college after her graduation from Trenton High.

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**Bobbie Hance (left), Miss THS and Mary Krawiec (right), Miss America. Will lead Sports Nite's Official Family with Nancy Hurley, Mistress of Ceremonies.**

## **Hurley to head Official Family**

The Official Family for this year's Sports Nite has been chosen. This marks the beginning of many events leading up to the final show.

The members of the Official Family are Mistress of Ceremonies, Nancy Hurley; Miss America, Mary Krawiec; Miss T.H.S., Barbara Hance; Red Flag Bearer, Cindy Joseph; Black Flag Bearer, Carol Worob. Color guards for Miss America are Diane and Nancy Dasch. Those for Miss T.H.S. are Jill Feinstein and Joanne Costiello. The flag bearers will be flanked by Sandy Thomas and Paulette Williams of the Red Team, and Linda Parrey and Linda Wood of the Black Team.

Nancy Hurley, this year's Mistress of Ceremonies, is a girl of diversified talents and activities. Besides being a homeroom president and vice president of the Future Teachers of America, she plays flute in the senior orchestra and member of 7<sup>th</sup> period dance. She performed in last year's ballet and prelude, is a moderator in her Church Fellowship group. Her main ambition is to study teaching at Beaver College in Glenside, Pennsylvania. The Mistress of Ceremonies was chosen from twelve senior girls who were judged on the basis of impromptu speeches given by every candidate.

Miss America, Mary Krawiec, is the first vocational student to be a member of the Official Family in recent years. She is studying in the beautician class for the second consecutive year. A former member of red modern dance specialty, she enjoys bowling and swimming. Mary, a girl with very interesting career ambitions, plans to be a beautician and eventually to enter the world of New York fashion modeling.

Barbara Hance, Miss T.H.S. is one of our peppy Trenton High cheerleaders. Barbara is co-editor of activities of the Bobashela, a member of the French Club and a participant in her Church Fellowship. Her main interests outside of school include reading, tennis, swimming, and skating. Miss T.H.S. hopes to attend Ithaca College where she will major in physical education.

The Official Family was chosen from all seniors who competed for the various titles. They were picked on the basis of marching ability, appearance, and grades. Those selected must maintain a C grade or better. The judges were the six girls' gym teacher, the team captains, and a team of aids. These aids included Pat Applegate, Margaret Carr, Claudette Haba, and Joyce Havran. In the case of a tie Mr. Krieching made the deciding vote.

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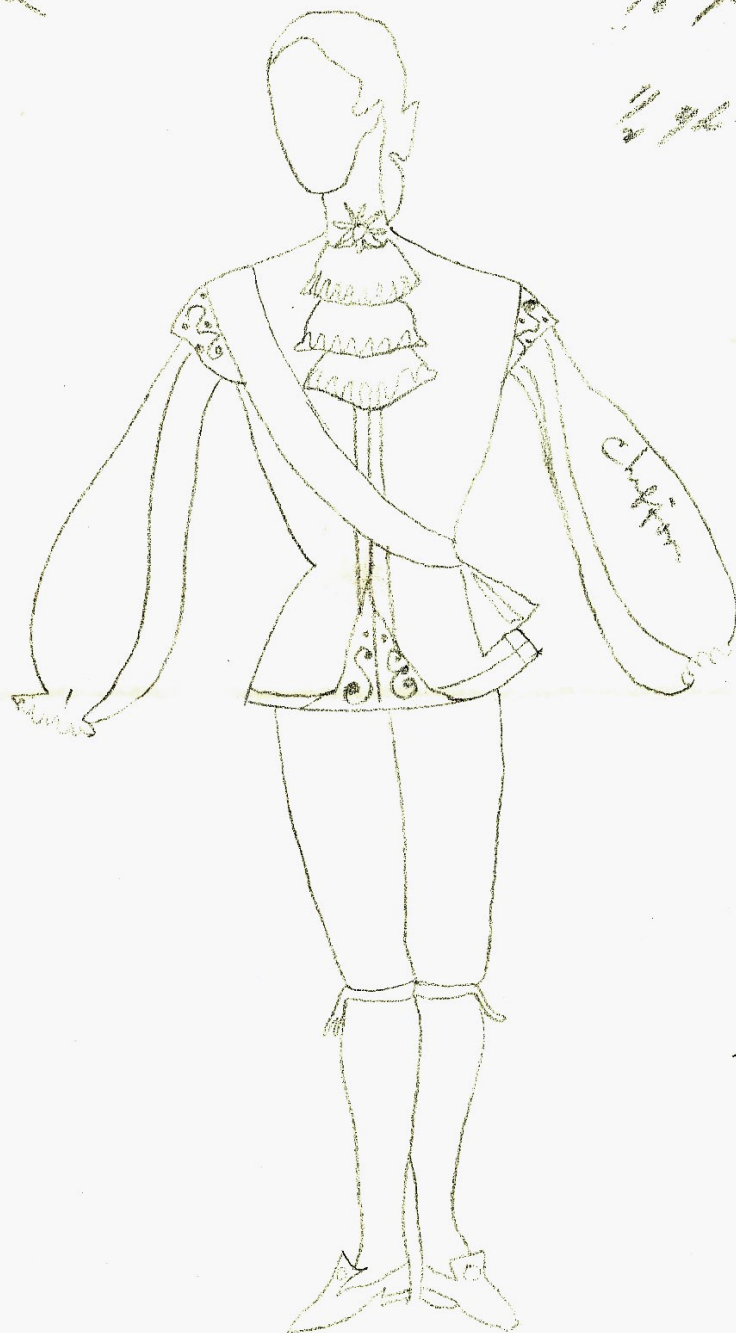
**FRIENDLY RIVALS** — Joining hands before starting preparation for the big night are the new team captains for Trenton High School's annual Sports Nite. Elected today as Black

Team captain was (left) Lynne Goodwin, 17, of 743 Trumbull Avenue, Lawrence Township, and her Red Team counterpart, Gerry Venanzi, 16, of 1636 Melrose Avenue. The girls sports extravaganza will be held next March.

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white/gold



2 yds - velvet - jacket  
1 yd - same - collar  
1/4 yd. 1st - lace  
1 - ribbon

1/2 yd. for same  
front design  
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Prince Charming

K. Palazy





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Red Team Captain Gerry Venanzi (left) and Black Team Captain Lynne Goodwin cross colors in prelude to Trenton High's forthcoming "Sport Nite." This year's theme is "Lights On" and tickets are available at the school. The show runs March 14-18 inclusive.

# BATTLIN' BLACKS



THEME



TAP



BAND



MODERN



MARCHING



PROPS



MODERN X



COSTUMES



FLAGBEARER



CHEERS



DECORATIONS



PUBLICITY



FOLK





# *The* MIGHTY REDS





## Sports Nite Leads Events

# It's What's Happening . . .

Trenton Times writer Edna Friman reminds us that Trenton Central High School's 32nd annual Sport Nite opens Monday.

Lynne Goodwin is captain of the Black Team, and Gerry Vonnani leads the Red. Nancy Hurley is mistress of ceremonies, and Mary Krawiec, Miss America and Barbara Hance, Miss THS.

The girls physical education department presents the show, with aid from pep boys, teachers, usherettes, scorekeepers, judges aides and the music department.

Non-competitive events are the prelude, and a ballet "Red Shoes." Competitive events include five main presentations, band selections, cheerleading, folk dances, modern dances, tap dances, modern exercises, and marching.

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Trenton Times photographer Calvin Soliday and sports writer Herb Clark will be attending their 20th straight opening night of Trenton High's biggest event Monday.

No doubt there are teachers or administrators at the school who can match Clark and Soliday's Sports Nite attendance record, but we think there are probably few other "outsiders" who can match it.

Both men are graduates of Trenton High. Soliday graduated from the old building at Chestnut and Hamilton in 1931, before Sport Nite began. Clark was a member of the class of 1949 which graduated six years after the first event. Except for the years Clark spent in the service, he has attended practically every Sport Nite since

he first entered Trenton High as a junior.

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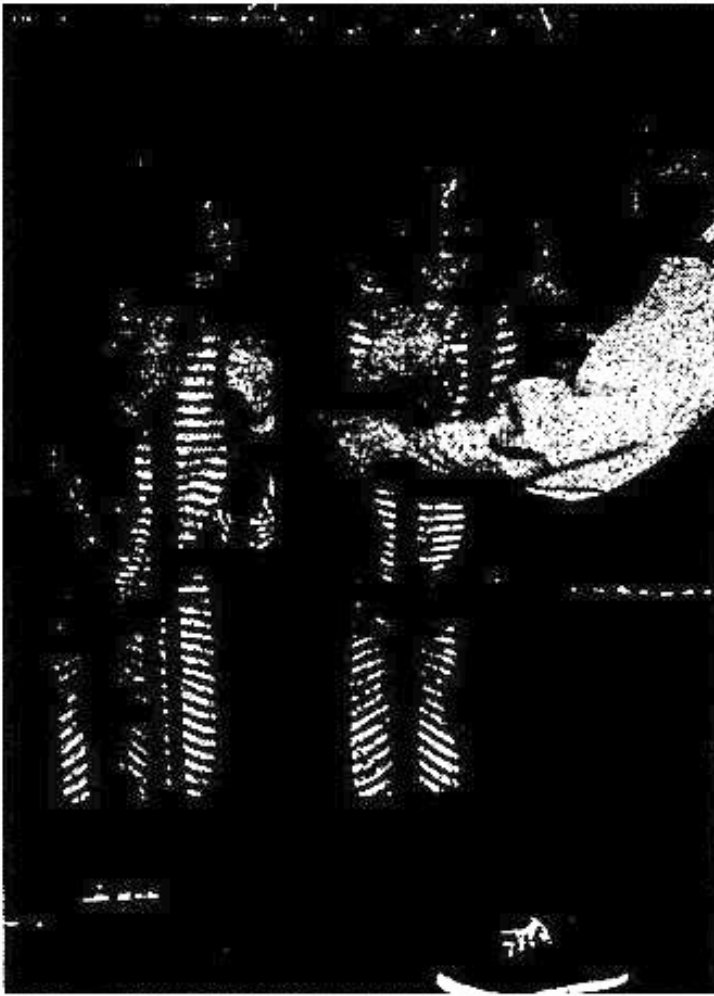
On Monday night, the gym teachers will select the groups they feel know the routines best. Tuesday night, the sophomores will perform; Wednesday night, the juniors and on Thursday evening, the seniors. Friday, the last evening of the event, choices for competitors are left up to the team captains.

In some instances, usually the bands, cheerleaders, specialty and non-competitive dancers and some girls who are particularly accomplished in doing the routines, a student may be in the show all five nights.



**BRIGHT DECORATIONS** — Pretty smiles, like the ones decorating this German Christmas tree were the order of the night as the annual Sports Nite extravaganza opened at Trenton High School. Members of the Red Team's folk dance group surround their chairman, Jeannie Schillace (in white costume). Clockwise, from lower left, they are: Linda Krawiec, Sandy Dileo, Kathie Chiapetta, Gail Howell, Erica von Scheven and Joann Merlino. Story and other photos on page 17.

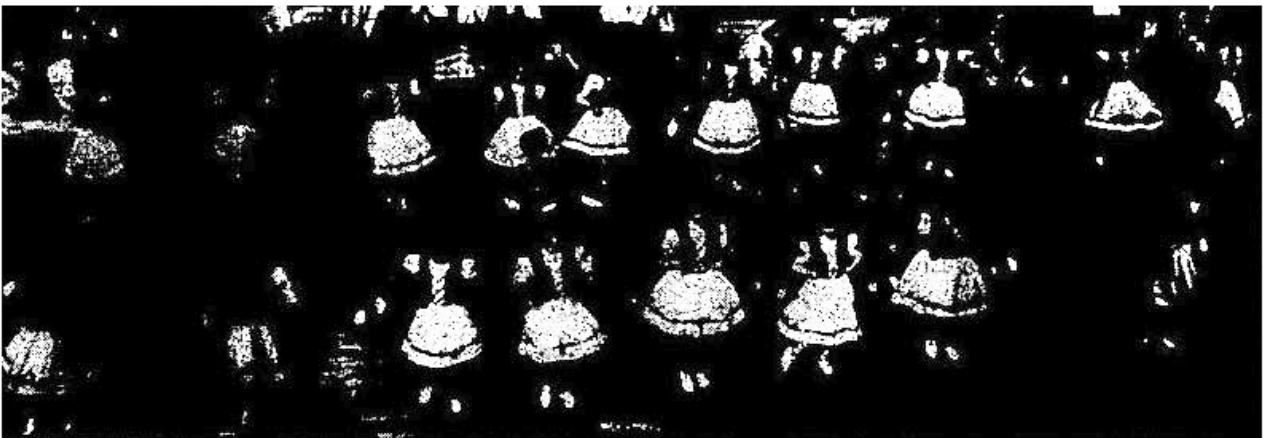
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**Sherlock Holmes at right, is really the Black Team's Monna Provost, and she's locking up two of her Modern Exercise dancers for their Searchlight number. The jailbirds are Susan Johnson (left) and Linda Cooper.**



**Barbara Motchnik is in the specialty cast of the non-competitive prelude, but she has her fingers crossed for the Black Team.**



***Here are the Black Team Folk Dancers setting the scene for Christmas Lights in Germany.***





**Lynne Goodwin (left) and Geraldine Venanzi, Black and Red team captains, beat the drums for their teammates.**



**They're really Fearless Firemen and Black Team Cheerleaders. Chairman Catherine White is in the front, flanked by, from left to right in the rear: Joan Gazonas, Barbara Rash and Elaine Ancello.**



The boys give the girls a hand shifting scenery around. Helping Paula Shafran (left) and Nancy Green with the black widow spider are All-State football player Frank Rotunda, standout hurler Scott Gordon and griddier Bob LaBella.

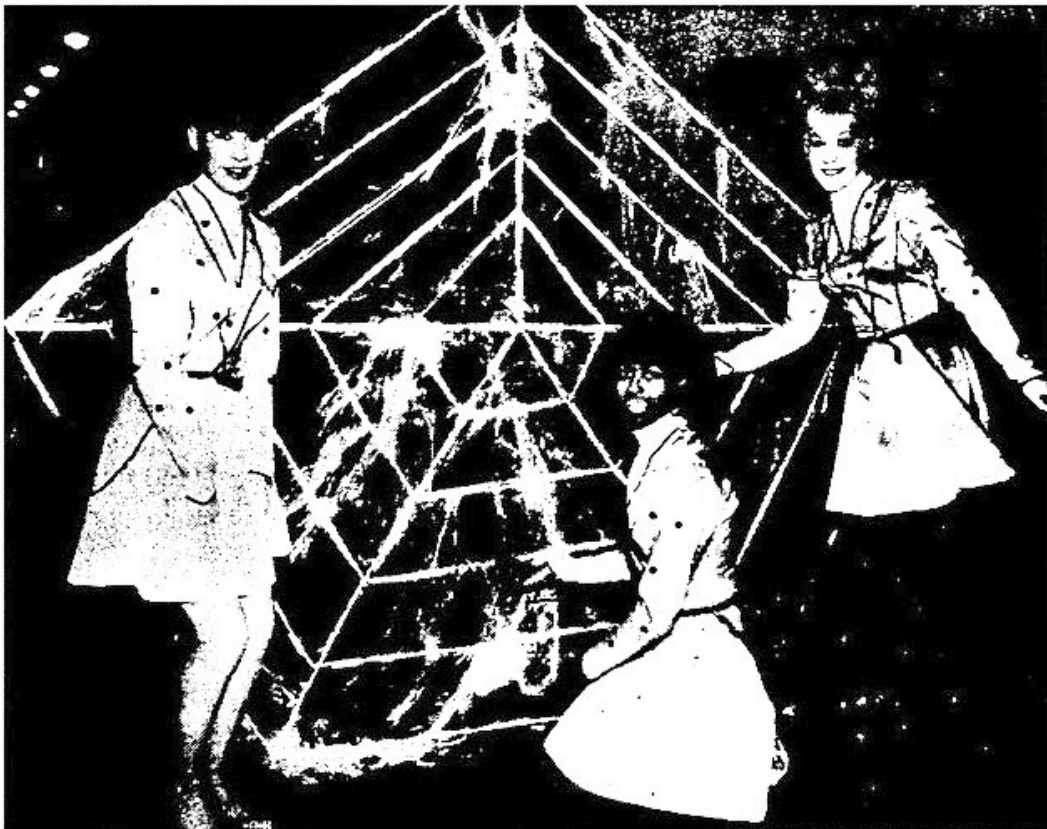
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Joan Goardo, Chairman Laraine Guarino and Cindy Kasa (left to right) are Red Team Mighty Minutemen cheerleaders.



While everyone stands for the Star Spangled Banner, Diane Barr, Red color guard, of Nancy Krawiec's (Miss America) court looks reverently towards Trenton High's new 50-star flag. Joann Kultre is the Black color guard.



Red Team tap dancing Fireflies finally windup as victims in the spider's web. From left, Sharon Bihari, Christine Singleton and Vonda Zeppadoro are the unfortunate flies.

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# SPORTS NITE

*People Change...But Not  
That Wonderful Feeling*

By Herbert S. Clark  
Times Staff Writer

The faces are different, the themes have changed, the costuming and staging have been altered . . . but it is the same old enthusiasm as Trenton High School's 32d Annual Sport Nite Week begins.

This is the physical education program in which the girls take the spotlight in a variety of dancing, marching, cheering, singing and athletic events.

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It is a galaxy of color with a background of first soft, then loud music. It is the culmination of many months of hard work by the young lady participants and the teachers who plan and stage this Trenton-born spectacle.

And quite important, as Principal William D. Walker, points out, "Sport Nite is the type of event that tears down all social, religious and color barriers to spawn a great feeling of unity and togetherness."

Sport Nite is a program that has drawn raves from educators all over the country. It has served as a model, and before long it may become a television feature. There are plans being formulated to tape one night's presentation and have it shown over a Philadelphia station.

Moving into tonight's second showing, the Red Team holds a 9-6 lead, but that might not last long. Different sets of judges and many new cast members could very well alter the score . . . and so it will go until the last night — Friday.

This year's theme is "Lights On," and quite a bit of the staging is accomplished by clever illumination.

Youngsters prance around as fireflies and look the part. There's a modern dance number presented with a Star Spangled Banner motif, and another depicting Christmas Lights in Germany.

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Oh yes, there are some boys around, too. They make up the team bands and are divided into prop squads.

Points are accumulated over the five nights, and the team that wins it all has the honor of having its flag fly on the school's main mast for a week. Last year it was the Black Team. Sixteen times the Reds have won, and for 13 years it was the Blacks. Twice the score was deadlocked.

There are some stupendous performances. Roberta De-Angelis, featured in the Red Team's modern exercise dance, Starlight, is wonderful. Katherine Palazcy, in the non competitive ballet number, is a show stopper. Vicie Rolling, in a modern dance number for the Black Team, deserves raves.

Jean Stasulis, who designed the program cover, earned a Black team point. There were also points for marching, modern dance, cheers by a bouncy group of girls with Catherine White as the leader, and additional points for tying in songs and modern exercises. Along with the ties, the Reds added their points for decorations, theme song, band, folk dance, tap dance, novelty and obstacle races.





With the theme "Lights On," the Trenton Central High School's 32nd annual Sports Nite was launched last night by the girls at the school. The show will run through March 18. Pictured on left are Monna Provost, chairman, Susan Johnson and Linda Cooper in a scene from the Black Team mod-



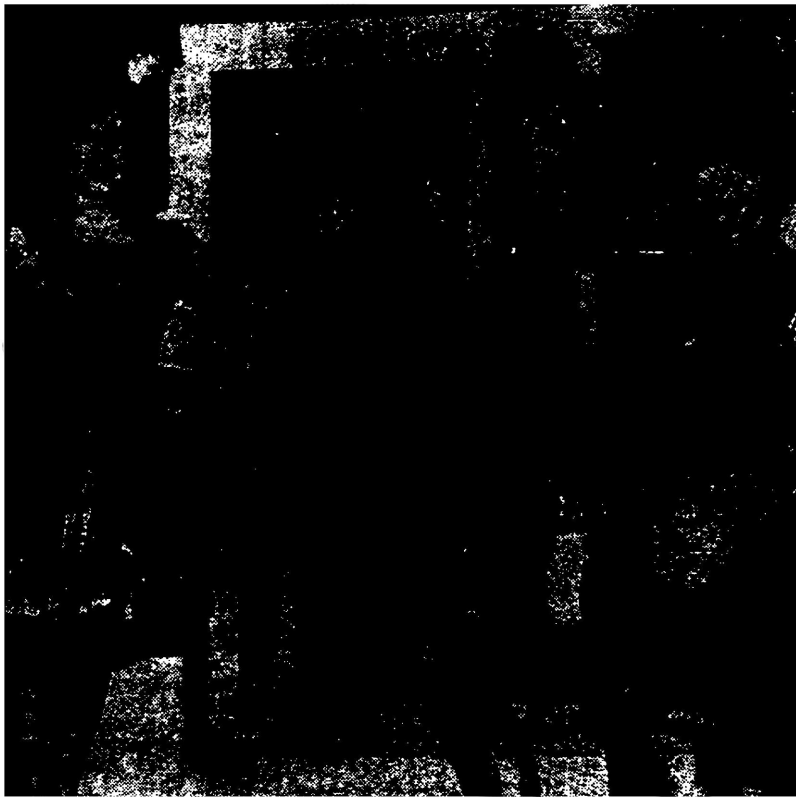
ern exercises "Searchlight." In the center is Barbara Hance, "Miss Trenton High School," Mary Krawiec, "Miss America," and Nancy Hurley, Mistress of Ceremonies. On the right is the Red Team modern exercises presentation of "Starlight," with Elaine Frascella, Bobbie De Angelis, chairman and Bar-



Trentonian Photos by Steve Mervish

bara Jo Rossi. The tally last night was the Red team 9, Blacks 6. Reds scored in the theme song, folk dancing, novelty races, tap dancing, modern exercises, obstacle race and decorations. The Blacks scored in the program cover, marching, cheerleaders, modern dance and modern exercises.

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**BRIGHT LIGHTS ON THE MISSISSIPPI** — That's one way to describe members of the Black tap dancing specialty during Trenton High's presentation of Sports Nite. From left to right are Chairman Kathy Broadbent, Donna Broadbent, Kathy's cousin; Carol Goodwin, Kathy Hoffman and Bobbie Limone.

## *Red Team Builds A 16 To 12 Lead*

The Red Team has built a 16-12 lead in the 32d annual Trenton High School Sports Nite program after taking honors 7-6 last night. It was the second straight night the Red Team captured a majority of the points.

Junior members of both teams will perform in the spacious, gaily-decorated THS gym tonight. Tomorrow the seniors are in the spotlight and on Friday, the finale, Captains Lynne Goodwin (Black Team) and Geraldine Venanzi (Red Team) will select the performers.

Clear cut triumphs in the marching, theme song, novelty race, modern exercises and obstacle race, along with a point for a tie in the folkdance

event, earned the Red points. The Blacks lit up the scoreboard with markers for band, decorations, modern dance, tap dance, and cheers, as well as the folk dance tie.

The folk dance is one of the program's top productions. Bonnie Schuster for the Blacks and Jean Shillace of the Reds head attractive and colorful numbers.

A country motif is presented by the Blacks, highlighted by square dancing and mountain music. The Red scene is "Christmas Lights in Germany," with appropriate tunes and steps.

For the second night in a row the Reds swept points in both athletic encounters — the novelty and obstacle race.



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The Black Team's folk specialty "Moonshine" cast prepare for their rendition of the folk dance in the 32nd annual Trenton High School Folk Dances. Shown from left to right are Bonnie Schuster, chairman, Paula Shafran, Arlene Smith, Sherry Veshnock and Louise Levie. The Reds won again last night, 7 to 6, which brings their lead over the Blacks to 16 to 12.

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# Sport Nite Suddenly Tightens

All of a sudden the annual Trenton High School Sport Nite competition is as tight as the race in the eastern section of the National Basketball Association.

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# Skating Once Featured How Sport Nite Grew

By Ruta Letetky  
Trenton High School

When the lights go on to-night in the Trenton High School gym, Sport Nite will be nearly over for another year.

Sport Nite has lasted 32 years, through the depression of the 30's, a world war, and the struggle for a world free from Communism. Now it is being presented while astronauts circle the earth. It has seen fads come, go, and return again, as is happening with saddle shoes today.

Many of the numbers have been dropped or changed. Elaborate, tailor-made costumes have replaced the decorated gym suits worn during the first few years of Sport Nite. The girls made their own costumes during the years in between. But the pep and team spirit which make up this show have remained the same, or perhaps, have grown.

What is the secret that has made Sport Nite outlast musicals and other shows Trenton High has presented in the past? Mrs. Eleanor Keating Pulaski, dance instructor, attributes it to the keen competition between the Red and the Black Teams.

## Brings Out Alumni

It is the event remembered by alumni, and brings them back for a look at their old alma mater. According to Mrs. Pulaski, 1600 graduates were included in the ticket seekers each year.

In 1935, the Sport Nite was brought to THS by Dr. Paul Spencer, the principal at that time. He had seen a similar show at a school in Pennsylvania. The purpose of Sport Nite became the teaching of good sportsmanship and leadership to the students. The admission for the first show was \$.25.

## How It Grew

The "THS Olympics", as it was called in the 1936 Bobashela, the yearbook, was given an enthusiastic welcome by the public. In 10 years it grew to four nights, and by 1949 was five nights, which it is today.

There was no Prelude of Ballet until the fifth or sixth year. Roller Skating, a "fantastic" number of the show, was the noncompetitive number in the 40's. It came to a halt when the teacher in charge left the department.

Another highlight of the show was rhythmic, a forerunner of modern dance. It involved rhythmic, flowing exercises done to music. A

novelty dance, was replaced by Folk.

In 1940, Sport Nite was officially declared a tradition of the school by the Bobashela which stated that the girls "strove for perfection" in a non-competitive fencing routine entitled "Advance".

In 1942 the Bobashela staff wrote that "both teams were a credit to the American system of education which encourages individual talent and wholesome competition." At that time the program included "Casey and the Strawberry Blond" and the "Cakewalk". The theme of the show was famous songs.

## The War Years

In the war years Victory Exercises, similar to Modern X, were featured. The idea was to encourage the girls to keep fit. The girls had to lick the shortage of supplies during those years. There was a problem of getting materials and tights in colors other than white and so they were dyed. Also, the problem of getting tap shoes was surmounted when the girls wore "Mary Janes".

During the 50's the show continued to grow until, in 1954, a section was devoted to Sport Nite in the Bobashela. In those years exotic Indians were of the floor; English royalty was in THS in the form of ballet, and the school was host to the '58 Olympics (according to Red Folk Dance).

Sport Nite has persistently returned to THS every year despite much criticism and some faults. Many problems have been overcome though some difficulties remain unsolved. A major hardship is to get the theme set and to make everything fit this idea. Also, the music has to be chosen. After that, as Mrs. Pulaski says, "Everything is clear sailing."

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It's all tied 20-20 after the Black Team swamped the Reds 8-4 during the third night of Trenton High's annual Sports Nite festivities last night. Undaunted, the Red Team competed with their version of "Christmas Lights in Germany," during the folk dance competition.

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# ***Black Team Holds One-Point Lead***

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## **Blacks Take 29-28 Lead**

A surging Black Team which rallied from a four-point deficit to tie the score at 20-20 Wednesday last night picked up nine more points as opposed to eight for the Red Team to take a 29-28 lead after four nights of competition in Trenton Central High School's annual Sports Nite Show.

The Black Team under Capt. Lynn Goodwin, won the modern dance march and folk categories. They tied in tap dancing and theme song.

Capt. Geraldine Venanzi's Red Squad took honors in the modern exercise and band and cheering. Competition ends tonight.

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It's all over but the shouting (at right) as the Black Team won the 32nd annual Sports Nite competition last night at Trenton High School, 37-35. Leading by one point as the



show entered its fifth and final night, the Blacks managed to add to their total with an 8-7 victory. Red Team captain Gerry Venanzi (at left) and Black Team leader Lynne

Goodwin took time out during the competition to pose for our cameraman earlier in the evening.

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**SPORTS NITE IS OVER – BUT WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR**

# ***THS Black Team Triumphs In 32d Annual Extravaganza***

**By Herbert S. Clark**  
*Times Advertiser Staff Writer*

Sometime tomorrow morning between 9:30 and 10 there'll be a Black flag flying on the main pole in front of Trenton High School, and it will be there all week. That's the reward for the Black Team triumph in the 32d Annual Sports Nite program.

Leading by a point going into the final night's competition Friday, the Blacks finished strong to snare their second 8-7 win and an overall 36-34 showing over the Reds in one of the closest finishes during the long history of the extravaganza.

It marked the 14th time the Blacks have been on top in the scoring, and the third straight year. The Red Team holds 16 victories and twice the teams were tied.

Biggest point getter for the Blacks during the five-night showing was its Modern Dance number. Each evening Mistress of Ceremonies Nancey Hurley waved the Black pennant high, indicating the judges' preference. Vicie Rolling was the star dancer in a setting of Dante's Search for the Symbol of Light.

There were tears Friday by the Red Team, but they vanished quite soon. Sports Nite is a marvelous display of overall sportsmanship, and before the spacious gym was cleared of its more than 2,500 spectators those sophomores and juniors who will be back next year were already talking

about the chance they'll have in 1967.

Lynne Goodwin, the Black Team captain, was the center of attraction, almost torn apart by a multitude of well wishers who didn't give the radiantly happy young lady much of a chance to even breathe as they hugged her, shook her hands and tried to drag her off to other happy teammates.

The finale night resembled some of those close basketball games THS teams have fought on the same floor. The Blacks held the point edge, and still maintained the lead when each team won a marker as Marching was judged a tie.

The Reds tied the score with a point in their Theme Song presentation, and went ahead, 30-29, by winning the Folk Dance number.

But then the tide changed. A Novelty Race triumph by the Blacks tied the score again, and it was still a Mexican standoff when each team pick-

ed up a point in the Decoration judging.

Then, the Blacks reeled off four straight points scoring in the Modern Dance, Tap Dance and Modern Dance and clinched the "championship" with an Obstacle Race victory. That put things out of reach for the battling Reds.

It all ended when points were awarded to the Reds for songs and cheers and each team's band received one point.

Even happier than Miss Goodwin was the Red Team cheerleader chairman, Laraine Guarino. This young lady who captained the school's cheering squad this year plans to embark on a career of nursing beginning next September at Temple University, is a small, slightly built girl who has the energy and fortitude of a giant.

Just before the show, Laraine, near nervous exhaustion from the week-long activity, fainted. But the theatrical tradition of "the show must go on," she led her squad to a vital point.



**Lynne Goodwin (right), Black Team captain, consoles Geraldine Venanzi, captain of the Red Team, after the Blacks won the 32d Annual Trenton High Sports Nite extravaganza.**

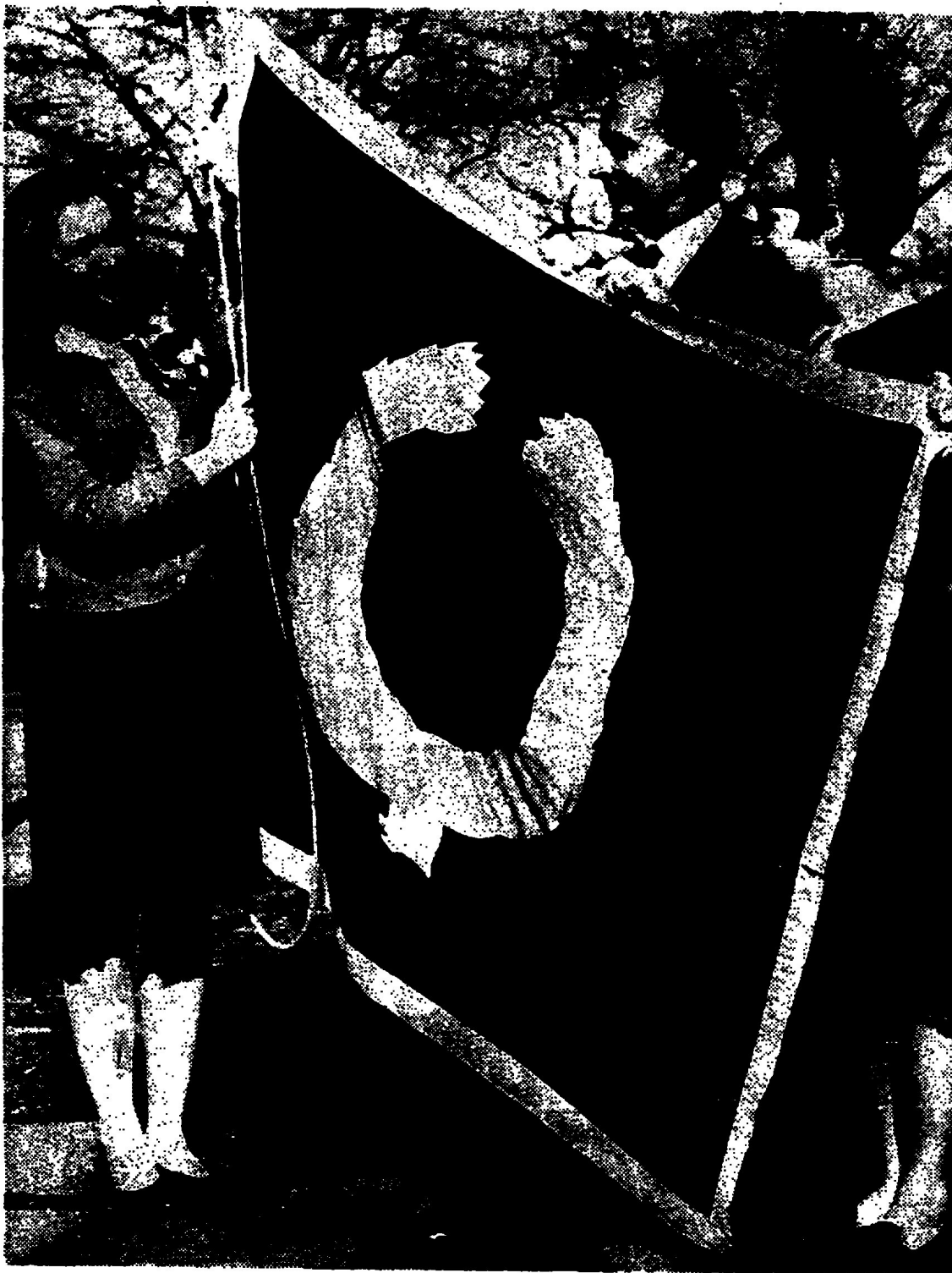
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**Black Team Captain Lynne Goodwin sets the stage for enthusiasm in leading her squad to triumph.**

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**PINCH HITTER** — Nancey Hurley, mistress of ceremonies for Trenton High's Sports Nite, raises the Black Team flag on the school's main flag pole in customary fashion today. She was pinch-hitting for Black Team Captain Lynne Goodwin, who was so exhausted by the week-long sports nite competition she was not in school today. William D. Walker, school principal, and Geraldine Venanzi, Red Team captain, help the substitute. The Blacks won the 32d annual event, 36-34, and their top reward is having the team flag fly for a week in front of the school.

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**It was flag-raising day at Trenton High School for the Black Team which won the 32nd annual Sports Nite with a 36-34 victory over the Red Team last week. At ceremonies held at the school's main flagpole where the black flag was raised are (left to right) William D. Walker, principal; Nancy Hurley, mistress of ceremonies, and Geraldine Venanzi, Red Team captain. Lynne Goodwin, captain of the Black Team, was absent from school yesterday and missed the ceremonies.**

*Trentonian*, March 22, 1966



# Teen Topics

By Jon Weber

Luck can't be bought. If it could, four fellows who call themselves The Trees would merely have to buy some of it to become one of the country's top recording groups. Unfortunately as things stand now, they have to sit back and wait for the "big break" to come along.

The Trees have what it takes to make the big time. Their balance is excellent and their harmony and blend are almost letter perfect.

Lonny Van Eaton, who plays guitar for the group, was black team band leader at THS this year. He plans to attend Berkeley School of Music next year. His good-looking brother Derrick plays bass and also was a member of the black team band. On organ is versatile John Braytenbah, son of Trenton's well-known pianist, Dick Braytenbah. The newest member of the group is drummer Tim Case.

lease in May . . . A new teenage dance club may be formed in Ewing Township. Membership will be limited strictly to high school students . . . The Ruby Tones are making arrangements to tour the Northeast this summer. Among possible bookings is Grossinger's in the Catskills . . . The Trees played with the renowned Platters last Saturday in Philadelphia.

Don't hesitate to write us if you have any questions about Trenton's teenage world. If you have your own group, keep us informed about your band's progress. Any information of special interest to teens will be welcome. Our mailing address is: Teen Topics, care of The Trentonian, 600 Perry St., Trenton.

Next week we will feature the Do's and Don'ts of making a record and we will have a special section on the management of combos.

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## Orchestra's Problem

# We Hate To Harp . . .

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Since 1959, members of the Trenton High School orchestra have been trying to raise enough money to purchase a harp. They still don't have the necessary \$3,200, but, for the first time in many years, the goal is in sight. By selling candy, soap and working at just about any other kind of fund-raising activity they find time for, the students have saved \$2,000.

That \$2,000 represents many selling hours, some of them by students who have now graduated from college.

Mr. Matteo L. Giammario, director of the orchestra, explains one reason why the harp fund has grown so slowly. "Often, we've had to use the fund for other purposes. Sometimes, like now, the harp would be practically in sight — when we'd run out of oboe reeds — or a violin

bow would break and we'd have to take money from the harp fund to make replacements."

### Orchestra Outstanding

Trenton High's orchestra is and has been for years, outstanding. Seven years ago, at the Music Educators Convention in Atlantic City, the orchestra, the only one invited — received a standing ovation from the music - knowledgeable audience.

Five years ago, the group was one of two high school orchestras who played before the same group at their Washington, D. C. convention.

Recently the orchestra played at Glassboro State College, again before some of the top teachers of music in the nation. Three years ago, at Glassboro, the adjudicator who rated the orchestras, described the THS musicians as "as good as any high school orchestra in the entire country."

That year, as this year, the orchestra borrowed a harp from Junior High School No. Four. The orchestra was invited to play for the West German National Festival of Music a couple of years ago, but according to "Mr. G.", as Giammario is called by his students, "we couldn't raise the money for the trip to Germany."

Trenton High has never had a harp. Jr. Four was able to purchase one (and sometimes, like today, has loaned it to THS because they were loaned another one by a private individual. During his 11 years at THS, Mr. G. has pushed the harp drive.

### Have Harpist, Need Harp

"We have a young lady, Janet Jones, a junior who is studying harp and hopes to make it her career, who plays with us this year. In the past, we've had many good harpists, and they all came from Junior Four."

So, there seems no question but what if the harp is obtained, there will be students to play it.

Funds raised by Sports Nite are already set aside for specific needs. They can't be channeled for the harp.

With their goal so close, the orchestra is soliciting funds from service organizations and clubs. They will also accept donations, in any amount from graduates of Trenton High, or any other person who wishes to help. Contributions may be sent to G. C. "Harp Fund" at the school.