

# THE CRITERION

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## BAND OVER "FALLS"

What is Niagara Falls to a band or color guard member? For some, it could be a Friday night rock concert, a trip to the top of the Skylon Tower, or going into the horror chamber of Madam Tussaud's Wax Museum. For others, it could be dodging chaperones in the middle of the night, doing "motivations," or giving the familiar "the coast is clear knock." Or it could just be a quiet walk through Queen Victoria Park with a new found "friend."

After 10½ hours on a bus, the marching units checked into their hotel. From their balconies, both falls and the cities of Niagara Falls, Ontario and New York could be seen. They then had ample time to test the vibrating beds, do some exploring, have dinner while looking at the falls, and to just lay around before the main activity of the evening, the rock concert.

To the disappointment of the group, the "Guess Who" broke contract, and in their place were three Canadian bands. For various reasons they left earlier than planned.

Saturday morning brought with it the parade of over 80 bands from the USA and Canada plus the contestants of the Miss USA pageant.

The evening brought with it buckets of rain as the groups once again crossed the border to go to Niagara Falls, New York for the "Battle of the Bands" amongst the top 6 bands from the parade.

Their last day brought more rain during a trip to the Skylon Tower, Madam Tussaud's Wax Museum, and, sadly, Trenton.

To the dismay of the faculty; the band, color guard, and chaperones arrived at HHW at 1:15 a.m. Monday morning with about 6½ hours of sleep each.

While the kids described the trip as being pretty good (explicit language deleted), the chaperones had a different

story. When asked what they would remember most about the trip or what they thought about it, they replied: "...Frustrating...Vibrating...Horrible... I'll never forget Krawczun's Deli... Tiring...Mind-blowing...Nerve wracking with the students but romantic with hubby...Perpetual motion" (Names deleted to protect them from the students).

Chaperones included Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. T. Recktenwald, Miss Varone, Miss Palombi, Mr. Collins, Mr. Mraz, Mr. J. Tagney, and Mr. K. Recktenwald.

## "CONCERT FOR SPRING"

"Concert for Spring" was the theme of this year's concert choir's spring performance. Under the direction of Mr. Keith Collins, the concert was given on May 21 at HHW.

Besides sacred and classical selections, the concert was highlighted by selections from "Godspell" and also performances by Pat Russo, Cecilia Romano, Mike Howarth, and Mike Vocaturo.

On piano Pat Russo gave her rendition of "The Entertainer" from the movie "The Sting."

Cecilia Romano, accompanied by sister Beatrice on guitar, sang "More" from the film "Mondo Cone."

Mike Vocaturo and Mike Howarth soloed in "Prepare Ye" from "Godspell."

Also featured in the concert were the Madrigal Singers, a select vocal ensemble consisting of 9 students.

When asked if the performance was as good as he expected, Mr. Collins replied, "They did fine, I was satisfied. But

you should never be satisfied due to the fact that you'll become stagnant."

# SENIOR SURVEY

Most Popular Girl-	Nina Salvatore	Joann Karlik	Lynette Anthony
Most Popular Boy-	Vince Vaccaro	Greg Washington	Mark Ezzo
Miss Personality-	Debbie Franks	Wanda Atwood	Mary Matiszin
Mr. Personality-	Rod Byer	Glen Quatronani	
Wittiest Girl-	Sandy Westerberg	Cindy Venanzi	Donna Catana
Wittiest Boy-	Mark Ezzo	John Spera	
Most Atheletic Girl-	Debbie Syper	Sue Wright	Joanne Karlic
Most Atheletic Boy-	Michael Chianese	Mike Clendening	Joe Howarth
Most School Spirit(G)-	Nina Salvatore	Diane Rogers	Carmela DeMarco
Most School Spirit(B)-	Mike Clendening	John Rollins	Dave Perkins
Best Dressed(G)-	Sue Farmer	Linda Calu	Cindy Krawiec
Best Dressed(B)-	Vince Migliori	Vince Vaccaro	Mike Pagnani
Neatest Girl-	Nina Salvatore	Rosemarie Farber	Joanne Childs
Neatest Boy-	Rich Cucagna	Dave Harris	Skip Watson
Most Versitile Girl-	Nina Salvatore	Kathy Duffy	Pam Joyce
Most Versitile Boy-	Mike Clendening	Doug Allegreti,	Dave Perkins
Most Intelligent Girl-	Sandy Westerberg	Nancy Fabian	Kathy Duffy
Most Intelligent Boy-	Paul Kononenko	Don Petty	Dave Czeizinger
Girl Most likely to succeed-	Sandy Westerberg	Marlene Goodwin	Lori Goldenbaum
Boy Most Likely to succeed-	Paul Kononenko	Jim Webb	Tom Woodrow
Most <u>Sociable</u> (G)-	Pam Joyce	Linda Calu	Carmela DeMarco
Most <u>Sociable</u> (B)-	Fran Boyer	Vince Vaccaro	Rod Byer
Most Reserved Girl-	Doreen Ambrose	Sue Ruzinski	Beverly Cartwright
Most Reserved Boy-	Don Petty	Jeff Totten	George Sholgach
Prettiest Girl-	Lynette Anthony	Joann Karlik	Nina Salvatore
Best Looking Boy-	Fran Boyer	Vince Migliori	Rod Byer
Best Dancer(G)-	Lynn Lucuski	Patty Ogonofski	Yvette Hill
Best Dancer(B)-	Greg Washington	Buddy Keegan	Skip Watson

## SAT'S CHANGED!

The familiar "What d' get?" after SAT reports come in will soon become a thing of the past. At a forum on college admissions and financing ETS announced that the standard SAT is no more. No, they're still going to have it, plus a few additions.

The test will have three parts instead of the familiar two. The math and verbal parts will be cut down by 15 minutes each in order to give a half hour for ETS' new surprise: a "Test of STANDARD WRITTEN ENGLISH". It will take in almost every facet of the English language with everything

from punctuation to dangling participles.

Another addition to the test will be the ATP report. Instead of the usual two scores (math and verbal) there will be subscores for each part of each section. This was designed to give admissions offices a better "picture" of applying students.

For those of you who can't hack a test of standard written English, don't worry, the test will go back to normal in 1976.

## POEM

She was warm, fluffy, which and black,  
And when she left, I hoped that she'd  
be back;

I remember the nights I'd lie awake,  
Listening for the car that would be her  
certain fate;  
And sitting alongside all my fears,  
I was sure when her time came, I  
would shed many tears.

I felt that God would let me know,  
A century before it was her time to go;  
I often wondered how long she'd last,  
I wondered would it be the next car  
that passed;

One night I knew would be her last,  
I stayed awake praying she'd die fast;  
At two I decided to sleep instead,  
And at six the next morning, I woke  
to find her dead;  
And then despite all my fears,  
Her time finally came, and I shed no  
tears.

Nancy Scarafilo



# "CRITERION" REVEALS TOP TWENTY

The senior ratings for the class of 1974 have been released by the office of the principal.

Out of a class of 390 students, Paul Kononenko rates number one. Paul, whose major is engineering, has been accepted by the University of Pennsylvania.

Retaining second position is Sandra Westerberg. Sandy plans to attend Douglass, but is undecided with future plans.

Holding third position in class rank is Nancy Fabian. As a Spanish major, Nancy will attend Douglass, also.

Placing fourth is David Czeizinger. Dave's major will be engineering and he will attend Stevens Institute of technology.

Gloria Weissbart, who placed fifth, has been accepted by Trenton State for study in Early Childhood.

Placing sixth is Thomas Woodrow. Tom will be attending Lafayette as a math major.

Carmela DeMarco, who placed seventh, plans her future in journalism and communications, and will attend Glassboro State.

Ranking eighth is Brenda Cope who will attend Trenton State as a speech pathology and audiology major.

Kathy Duffy holds ninth position in the senior class. As a foreign language major, she will attend Douglass.

Rounding out the top ten is Patricia Lis. Pat will attend MCC for a course in secretarial science.

Marlene Goodwin, number eleven, has been accepted at Trenton State for a career in nursing.

Holding twelfth position is Karen Steel. Karen has also been accepted at Trenton State and will major in deaf education.

Nina Salvatore, number thirteen, will attend Trenton State to study special education.

Elaine Oswald holds fourteenth in the class of '74. Elaine has been accepted at Cook College as a biology major.

Janet Van Lieu ranks fifteenth in the senior class. Although undecided about a major, she will attend Trenton State.

Ranking sixteenth is Janice Turner. Choosing between Trenton State or Rutgers, Janice plans to be an accounting

major.

Placing seventeenth is Nancy Carty. Accepted at Trenton State, Nancy will major in math.

Donna Catana, eighteenth, is attending Rider for business major.

Placing nineteenth in the senior class is Kathleen Larkin. Kathy plans to work as a secretary.

James Webb rounds off the top twenty. Jim plans a future in veterinary medicine and has been accepted at Rider.

## SENIOR SLICKS

Most Patriotic  
Craziest Driver  
Most Pleasant Voice  
Nicest Car  
Prettiest Eyes

Most Absentees  
Male Chauvinist

Miss Women's Lib  
Sloppiest Locker

Greatest Appetite (B)  
Greatest Appetite (G)  
Daydreamer  
Craziest Walk (B)  
Craziest Walk (G)  
Weirdest Laugh (B)  
Weirdest Laugh (G)  
Miss Betty Crocker  
Longest Hair (B)  
Longest Hair (G)  
Biggest Ham (B)  
Biggest Ham (G)

Bill McDougall  
Dave Aust  
Helen Bilous  
Mike Dill  
Debbie Franks

Rick Barrett  
Mark Ezzo-  
Tony Caluccio  
Karen Perry  
Steve Borganini

Tom Woodrow  
Joann Karlik  
Glenn Jones  
John Rollins  
Diane Genavario  
Greg Washington  
Janet Joyce  
Linda Cubberly  
Kevin Fuller  
Ellen Reed  
Joe Howarth  
Linda Calu

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# LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We, the senior class of 1974, having survived three torturous years at HHW do hereby grant and bequeath the following items of questionable value to the people who are unfortunate enough to experience yet another year at our beloved school:

Karen Perry leaves the Criterion to Jeff Mitchell.  
M.G leaves her parking place to M.G. with the red Hornet.  
Karen Malloy leaves her New York Knicks pennant to Mark Pushman.  
Karen Conover leaves her whistle to Georgette Burke.  
Daisy Rivera leaves her accent for any Spanish student who needs it.  
Lynn Lucuski leaves her brains to Mr. Lucuski.  
Kathy Duffy leaves her sabre to Gloria Rivers.  
Cathy Spisak leaves her job of putting the kitchens in 212 together.  
Cindy Venanzi leaves her split ends to Mr. Ross.  
Nancy leaves her great sense of humor to Dan.  
Lori Lebak leaves her pink passes to Mr. Laird.  
Annette Brenner just leaves.  
Joyce Shelmet leaves her 12th grade History notebook to any future student of Mrs. ~~Shelmet~~.  
Mark Schon leaves his 5th period study halls.  
Pam Joyce leaves her choice gossip to any successor who wants it.  
Diane Schorario leaves her bananas to 3rd lunch.

Whereas, and why for it behooves us to hereby set our shaky signatures to this dubious document in witness thereof this 19th day of June, 1974, A.D. (After Diploma)

## "PLAZA SUITE"

The comic realism of Neil Simon coupled with splendid interpretations by Hamilton teachers led to two entertaining showings of Plaza Suite on May 17 and 18 in HHW's auditorium.

Plaza Suite termed a "comedy in three acts" presents three views of love in separate and independent plays: Visitor from Mamaroneck, the story of an unstable marriage which habit can't hold together; Visitor from Hollywood, the tale of a reunion of old sweethearts, which provides a fairy tale escape for them; and Visitor from Forest Hills, the unlikely history of an excitable couple whose daughter gives them second thoughts about their marriage when she has second thoughts about her own.

The two-plus hour play had previously been on Broadway and later was made into a successful movie.

The teacher cast included Mrs. Parsons, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Enser, Mrs. Bierenfeld, Mr. Collins, Miss Varone, Mrs. Gunther, and Mr. Boyd. A teacher from Steinert, Mr. Seaman, also acted in the showing. Two students, Mark Ezzo and Pat Russo, had parts in the last playlet.

Backstage workers of note include Director Mrs. Bryan; Producer Mr. Boyd; make-up, Miss Palombi and Mrs. Billingham; stage craft, Mr. Bernotas; Stage Manager, Diane Symcak; and publicity and props, Carol Monteverde.

## BAND ENDS SEASON

Although summer with its hot weather and vacation is almost here, our concert band and marching units are still going strong.

On Sunday, May 19, our concert band, under the direction of Mr. Carl Recktenwald, gave their annual spring concert at Steinert High School. Besides classical and rock selections, the program was highlighted by solos by Judy Lash on flute and Russ Pauline on the band's new Moog Synthesizer.

The Hamilton High Marching Units also participated in the opening of I-195 in Hamilton and Washington Townships on May 30.

On June 8 our groups will conclude their season by representing the Hamilton Elks in a parade in Wildwood, N.J.



# I REMEMBER

## SENIORS

- Sara Hendrickson: "...flunking 'n' flunking."
- Sue Wright: "...the x-rated talks at the lunch tables."
- Cheryl Notte: "...football camp, cake, and locker for my birthday."
- Elaine Oswald: "...the parties."
- Mark Kurts: "...Mr. Robbins' unyielding generosity of not sending in late slips."
- Debbie Lucherini: "...Pedro."
- Gail Niedermaier: "...band camp, and the 10 hours on the bus to Canada."

## JUNIORS

- Myrna Bethke: "...John Tibero's concession stand at physics' movies."
- Dona Treadway: "...getting my wisdom teeth but no wisdom."
- Pam Coefer: "...talking about Paul Newman, Robert Redford, Ted Nelly, and Al Pacino at lunch."
- Louis Cost: "...the streaker on the balcony at the Foxhead Sheraton in Niagara Falls, Canada."
- Larry Fletcher: "...walking cross-country for Mr. Clark and pleasure."
- Bill Potter: "...the baseball team's terrific year."

## SOPHOMORES

- Cel Briel: "...giving a non-humorous speech in Ms. Prewitt's class."
- Cathy Baus: "...not getting in trouble all year."
- Sarina Pompei: "...Bobby's horn beeping at 12:00PM."
- Joann Cooper: "...Tim Courtney's muscles."
- Nancy Burawski: "...all the locker keys I lost."
- Maryann Chiarello: "...Mrs. Theorharis' children."
- Joann Butchko: "...Allen."
- Denise Bencivengo: "...Vince."

# TEACHER SURVEY

### Most Popular

Mrs. Gunther and Mr. Boyd/Mr. Collin

### Personality

Mrs. Gunther and Mr. Boyd

### Wittiest

Mrs. Gunther/Mrs. Parsons and Mr. Enser

### Most Atheletic

Miss Robertson and Mr. Kessler

### Most School Spirit

Mrs. Parsons and Mr. Recktenwald

### Best Dressed

Miss Varone and Mr. Ross

### Neatest

Miss Varone and Mr. Collins

### Most Versatile

Mrs. Gunther/Miss Varone and Mr. Kessler

### Social Butterfly

Miss Varone and Mr. Ross

### Prettiest

Miss Varone

### Handsome

Mr. Collins

### Best Dancer

Miss Palombi and Mr. Enser

### Most Absent Minded

Mrs. Combs and Mr. Clark

### Most Homework

Mrs. McCulley and Mr. Held

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## RHYMES AND REASONS

Nursery rhymes play a part in most children's lives. They were something you memorized and then repeated to every adult in sight to show how versatile you were. But not many people know the backgrounds for these various sayings. Many of them have serious origins in history. For example, "Humpty Dumpty," the legendary, egg-shaped clod on the wall, refers to King Richard III of England. He fell, not off a wall but during a battle in 1485, and all his men couldn't put the hunchbacked guy together again.

"Ring-around-the-rosie" refers to the round, rosy-red inflammation of the lymph glands which was a symptom of the plague. To hide the odor of the discharging glands, a pocket full of poises was carried.

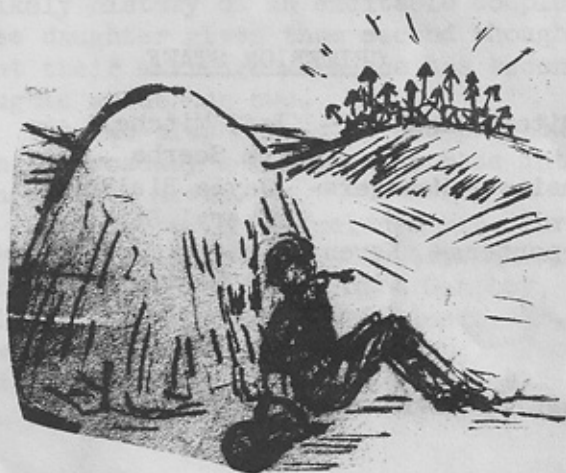
Bishops who opposed the Catholicism of Mary Tudor were known as "The Three Blind Mice." Her husband was known as the Farmer King; thus, she was the "farmer's wife" who cut off their tails (actually, their heads).

The fickle George I of England, always surrounded by a fortress of foreign mistresses, "kissed the girls and made them cry."

The saying "Mary, Mary, quite contrary" came into being because Mary, Queen of Scots, was known to be contrary with men.

"Little Boy Blue" refers to Cardinal Wolsey, a chancellor of King Henry, who failed to blow his horn to warn England of its peril before the start of a battle.

Most nursery rhymes were meant as satirical commentaries on their times. They date back to the 15th century, and they were geared to adults.



## A TAIL FOR NO REASON

Well friends, it's time to update an old tale and give it a modern twist....

Once upon a time there were three little pigs. The first (B.A. Con) had just built fireplaces in every room of his one-story ranch house. The second (U.R. Aham) had just installed oil heating in his two-story split level. The third (Chit Lin) had just revised the electrical system in his 14 story apartment building.

One day, as B.A. Con was calling his stock broker, (his beef stock had dropped two points) he heard a knock at the door. Oh my, it was the Big Bad Wolf!!! "I have come to reassess your property," he said. "Open the door or I'll huff and I'll puff, and I'll cut off your wood supply." The quick thinking little pig escaped through the back door and ran to Chit Lin's. (By the way, his property was put up for a sheriff's sale). The Big Bad Wolf hopped on his Honda and sped to Aham's house. He knocked on the door and said his line. "I have come to reassess your property. Open the door or I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll cut off your oil supply." His threat was too late, for Aham had been warned and he also was at Chit Lin's. (The Wolf rented the house to some old lady with a passel of kids, who had been evicted from her shoe by some heel). When the Big Bad Wolf arrived at Chit Lin's, he was met by the PPP (People against Prejudice to Pigs), who threatened to expose his numerous kickbacks if he didn't leave the country. The Big Bad Wolf fled to South America, and the three little pigs lived happily ever after (rent free).

The moral of our story: He who messes with three little pigs, will find himself hogtied.



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## MATH

## MAZE

geometry	tangent
hypotenuse	statement
triangle	proof
cosine	congruent
factor	segment
numerator	value
denominator	variable
fraction	algebra
formula	exponent
equation	logarithm
degree	base
angle	altitude
theorem	median
line	perpendicular
point	parallel
plane	equal
coordinate	arc
ray	semicircle
square	calculus
circle	sphere
diameter	mathematics
radius	multiplication
area	vertex
volume	division
length	axis
width	reciprocal
function	grid
graph	midpoint
quadrilateral	distance
hexagon	absolute value
square root	decimal
radical	quadrant
addition	parallelogram

## REVIEWER

What is the most talked about book around? The Exorcist by William Peter Blatty, naturally. The Exorcist is an pulsating novel about a young girl, Regan, who undergoes a ghastly and appalling transition as she becomes possessed by the devil.

Chris MacNeil, Regan's mother, becomes suspicious of her daughter's actions and takes her to their family doctor. He finds nothing physically wrong with her, and from there, Mrs. MacNeil goes through frustrating visits taking Regan to see doctor after doctor.

As time goes on, Regan's convulsions and fits become more traumatic. Her language and her actions are completely taken over by the devil. Her mother, completely stupefied by now, begins researching on the possibility of a human being possessed by a devil. After contacting Father Karras, an expert on exorcism,

Mrs. MacNeil begins to put two and two together.

The decision is finally made, as a last resort, to perform the rite of exorcism on Regan. To tell you the outcome of this act would only spoil the conclusion of this superb novel. One word of caution, don't attempt to read The Exorcist alone or in uneasy surroundings. Blatty does a magnificent job with his characters and images, leaving the reader to absorb an incredibly shocking book.

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# TRACKSTERS 2ND IN COUNTY

This season Hamilton took second place in the Mercer County Conference. This was the first time in four years that Hamilton did not place first. Our final track record was 9-4, with an eleventh place in State Finals.

Some of the top graduating runners are: Mickey Chianese, who was a 3-year varsity runner, and co-captain, senior year. Chianese anchored in the mile relay in State semi-finals, with a blistering time of 47.7, and also took second in his group. He remained undefeated in dual competition this season, while being one of the top 100 and 200 sprinters in the county.

Larry Crowley is a three year varsity member. He holds the team's best time, 39.4 seconds, in intermediate hurdles. He took first in the Mercer County Conference, and placed third in State Finals in his senior year.

Mark Kurts was co-captain in his senior year and participated in varsity running for 3 years. He is one of Mercer County's top milers with a best time of 38.8. Mark also was one of the school's top 2 milers.

Dave Bennett, who also was co-captain, ran varsity for Hamilton for 2 years. He set a school record in his sophomore year at Bordentown Regional. Dave finished first in the Mercer County Conference in the half mile in his senior year.

Jim Webb represented Hamilton on the varsity team for 3 years. He was Hamilton's best shot putter for spring track. For 2 years, he was the top contender in Mercer County. Jim also throws discus.

Greg Washington proved to be the best shot putter at Hamilton this year. A 3 year varsity member, he has thrown over 51'.

Joe Hankins went out for the first time this year and made varsity. He was top man on Track Honor for 3 weeks. He had the area's best throw of 186'6" in the javelin and finished second in Mercer County Conference.

John Rollins also went out for the first time this season. In long jumping he turned out to be very valuable with the best jump of 21'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Bernie Crammer is a 2 year varsity member. He helped set a school record at the Mercer County meet as part of a two mile relay team with a time of 8.06.

Micky Daves helped Hamilton out in the intermediate hurdles on the varsity team. "Beef" Wilson represented us in the sprints and poll vault.

Debbie LeGough was the track manager.

A special congratulations must be extended to the junior varsity on their outstanding performance this season with a record of 14-5 under the coaching of Mr. Ross.

## GIRLS' SOFTBALL

The girls's softball team finished a disappointing season with one win in six games. The games were played against fine teams from Princeton, Lawrence, Brigg, Trenton High, and St. Anthony's.

Hamilton's girls rallied through several games to avoid losing by a big margin.

They defeated Trenton High at home on April 30 by a score of 11-6.

A better team is anticipated next year due to the experience the sophomores and juniors gained in playing such well organized teams.

## BASEBALL: 11-8

The varsity record this year was 11-8. Coach Kessler remarked, "I felt we could have done better. One reason was the games were inconsistent- one would be a super game and in the next week we'd fall apart." We had five or six members who had no previous experience, and the mistakes were expected. But I wasn't displeased. We beat Steinert 3 times."

Hamilton is losing three top players this year, Mike Clendening-2nd baseman, Charles Geamnacio-catcher, and Mike Gentillalla- first baseman. Three other top performers are leaving. They are John Spera-catcher and outfielder; and pitchers Fred DeVito and Dave Czismadia.

There are five starters returning next year and four varsity pitchers. Mr. Kessler was very pleased with the progress of sophomores Bobby Lloya, Chris Barlow, and Ken Zegarski. They all received varsity letters this year.