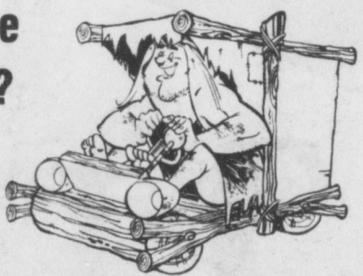


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Which Mount Joy girl will be next Miss Lanco: tall, attractive Huss or slender, striking Nolt?

[continued from front page] sessions for us, so I have more time to devote to coming home for pageant practices."

Suzy is technically a senior at Hempfield High School, but in fact attends classes at the University of Delaware as a freshman. She'll use her college credits in place of her senior year studies and will graduate with her class next spring. "One of the things I've always wanted most is to graduate with my own class," she says, "and Hempfield has been unbelievably helpful to Jeff and me in every way."

Both Francine and Suzy are excellent students, a necessity for their busy lives. Francine already holds an associate of arts degree in business management and is working toward a Bachelor's in psychology. She's made the dean's list four times and maintains nearly a 4.0 in her major courses. "I'm going to take up to a year off after I graduate this spring to decide whether to go to medical school or to go on for an advanced degree in psychology," Francine says. "I think we're all sheltered in school, and I want to get out and find out what more there is."

Suzy's choice for her talent presentation for the pageant is a natural branching-off from her skating. She'll do a mime/jazz ballet interpretation of "Send in the Clowns." "We've used one version or another of this song so often," she laughs, "that it's become our trademark. Jeff and I do both an on- and off-ice variation of it. We've used the on-ice version as a show number and we've done it off-ice as guest artists with the Pennsylvania Theater for the Deaf. It was sort of a natural choice for me."

Suzy, in addition to taking skating lessons for more than 10 years, has studied ballet, mime (from local mime artist Marnie Brennan), and piano (with Gloria Whitney), winning three national awards for her original compositions for piano. "My musicality has been one of my biggest assets in my skating, and now in dancing too. I love to be able to interpret my feelings and emotions through movement, either on a stage or on the ice. Jeff and I do all of our own choreography, both on- and off-ice. Our mother, who loves to be creative and is good at it, helps put on the finishing touches."

Francine has a lot of music background, too. "I've taken lessons all over," she says. "I have three older sisters, all of whom are dancers too, and I had to convince my mother to let me start taking lessons. So I didn't start until I was 14. But I have

rhythm and I can follow things well. I'm a perfectionist though—I want everything just right." She took piano lessons for five years and has studied dance with Mount Joy instructor Eleanor Hildebrandt and with Lancaster's versatile Sheila Audet. Mount Joy choreographer Randall Martin helped her put together her talent presentation for the coming pageant.

Both Francine and Suzy have competed and performed in front of people often. Francine was first runner-up in both the Miss Mount Joy and Miss Lancaster County pageants in 1977. "I feel more ready this time," she says. "The experience of being interviewed by the judges was the hardest part for me last time. I feel more mature, more ready, and less nervous about that this time." Suzy has competed in dance only once before: she and Jeff won the Lancaster Teen Talent Contest in 1978, but they share over 40 medals for their saking accomplishments.

Both of these talented young women do a lot of traveling. Francine lived in the Virgin Islands for seven years and has visited many

parts of both the U.S. and Europe. Suzy's traveling has been mainly skating-related and she has friends from all over the U.S. and Canada. She hopes to make the Junior World Team this year with Jeff and compete for the U.S. in Megeve, France.

Francine has done some modeling and commercials for the **Susquehanna Magazine** and TMB in Lancaster. "I'd like to get into it a lot more," she says. She also likes photography, composing and taking shots that interest her, and tennis and jogging. Suzy likes to read and write poetry, and would like to get into modeling more too. "But I value my education," she stresses, "and somehow I'm going to skate and go to school too." She views her skating as an avocation rather than as a vocation and, other than the possibility of joining a skating show for a year, has no plans to make skating her profession. "We're just trying to make it as amateurs," she says, "to the 1984 Olympics."

Now why would two obviously talented, bright, and very busy young women take the time necessary to compete for the title of Miss Lancaster County?

Francine answers directly to the point: "I'm ready to accept the responsibilities. It gives me a chance to show my talents in public and I liked the experience the first time. I'd make a good Miss Lancaster County."

Suzy gives her reasons: "It's been a great experience for me—I'm really having so much fun! I've always depended on Jeff in competitive situations before: now I have something to do on my own. And, because skating is such a very expensive sport and our parents have three students in college, the scholarship money would really be great to have."

And when the lights go up that night of September 29 and the orchestra begins and the announcer says, "Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to the Miss Lancaster County Scholarship Pageant!" will they be nervous?

"No!" Francine says eagerly. "I'm really well psyched to do it. I can't wait to get out there!"

"No!" Suzy emphasizes, eyes shining. "Dancing is pure joy for me."

Now... just point them toward that Ephrata High School auditorium stage...!

Mount Joy BPW to hear Enterline, Vo-Tech teacher, on September 24

Vo-Tech teacher John Enterline will speak at the first autumn meeting of the Mount Joy Business and Professional Women's Club on Monday, September 24th, at Hostetter's Dining Hall in Mount Joy. The

meeting will start at 6:30 PM.


"Back to School Night" will be the theme of the meeting, the program for which was arranged by the Foundation Committee under the leadership of Mrs. Carol

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