



Terri Wall

# Versatility Plus- At Age 14

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This is the 6th in a series of articles entitled "Voices in Black Poetry". This week's feature is Terri Wall-poet, dancer, writer.

"I looked at ballet and its graceful movements and I felt that if I set my mind to it, I could be as graceful as all the

people I saw doing it. I also looked at ballet and the gracefulness of the ballet dancer reminded me of the rhythms and movements in poetry. I can look at ballet and writer poetry about it. I have been writing since I was in the 6th grade."

Those are sentiments of Terri Elaine Wall, a very young, yet quite experienced

dancer and writer.

Terri is a 14-year-old 9th grader at Hill High School but from her interests and from reading her poetry and writing one would perhaps think that she was much older.

Terri has been taking both tap and ballet dancing for a number of years and finds it quite an easy chore to intermingle poetry writing with her dancing and other activities.

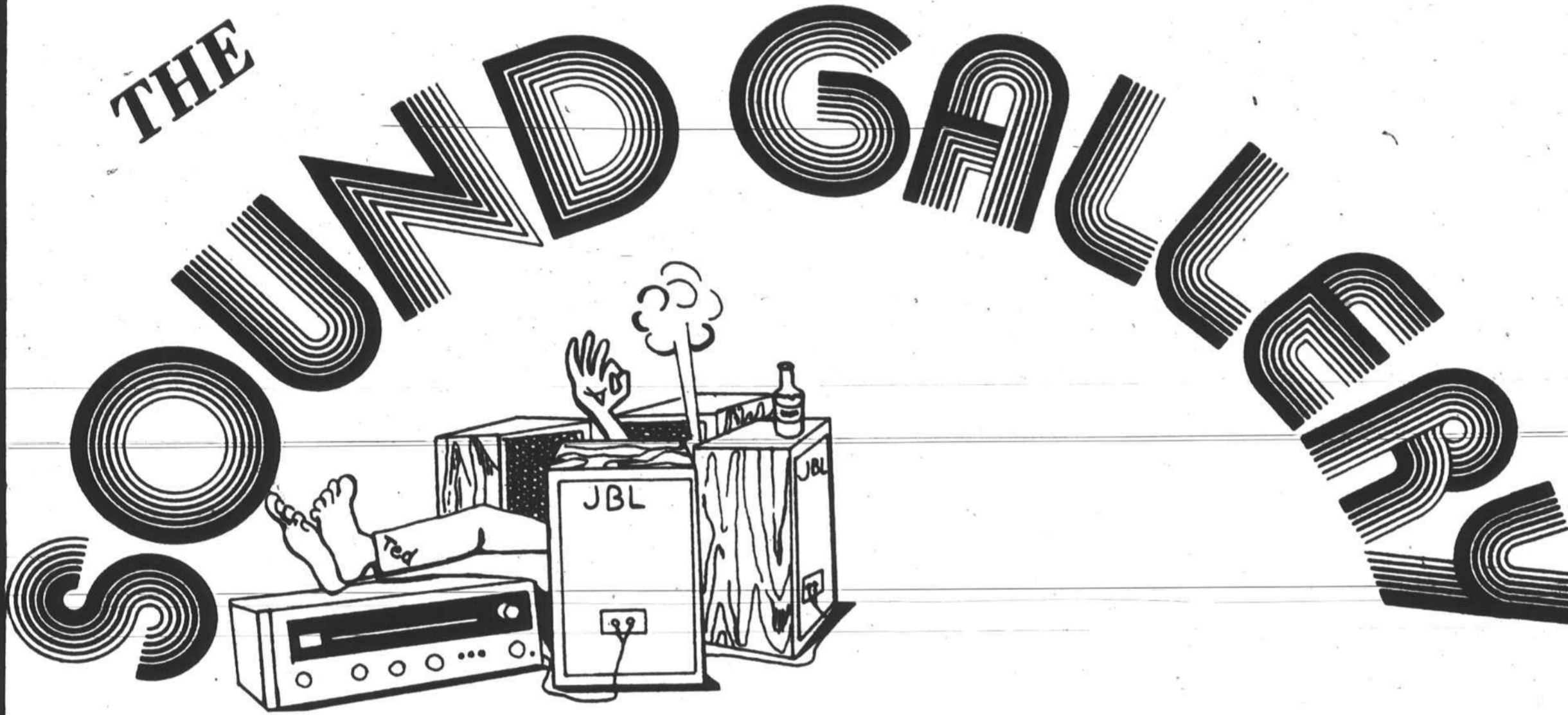
In speaking about her most favorite topic for writing she smiles and says, "I enjoy writing about things in nature and I especially like writing Haiku," she said. Haiku is three-lined Japanese poetry of a certain syllabic pattern. "I also like reading other people's poetry and this sometimes turns me on to write too."

Terri not only writes poetry but has written several narratives for which she has been recognized. One of them, "Walk in the Night" was published. Two of her poems that have been published are "Stallion" (Uphill Magazine, 1976 and "Cancer" Chronicle July 12 issue).

Last summer in an enrichment program she wrote and produced a play called The Abandoned Village. "I liked drama and production," states Ms. Wall, "because I can really put myself into it and express my feelings."

Some of Terri's hobbies include Ice "figure" skating, tennis, swimming, playing the piano and the flute.

After finishing school she plans to pursue a major in Biology or Drama and the Arts. She is the daughter of Myrtle and Leroy Wall of the city.



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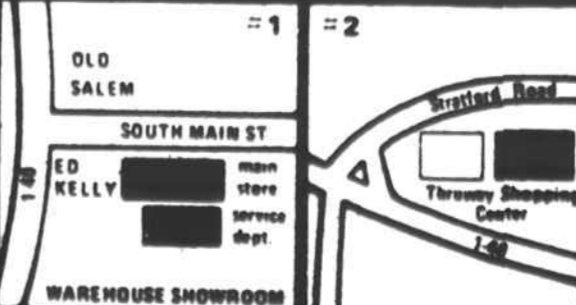
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