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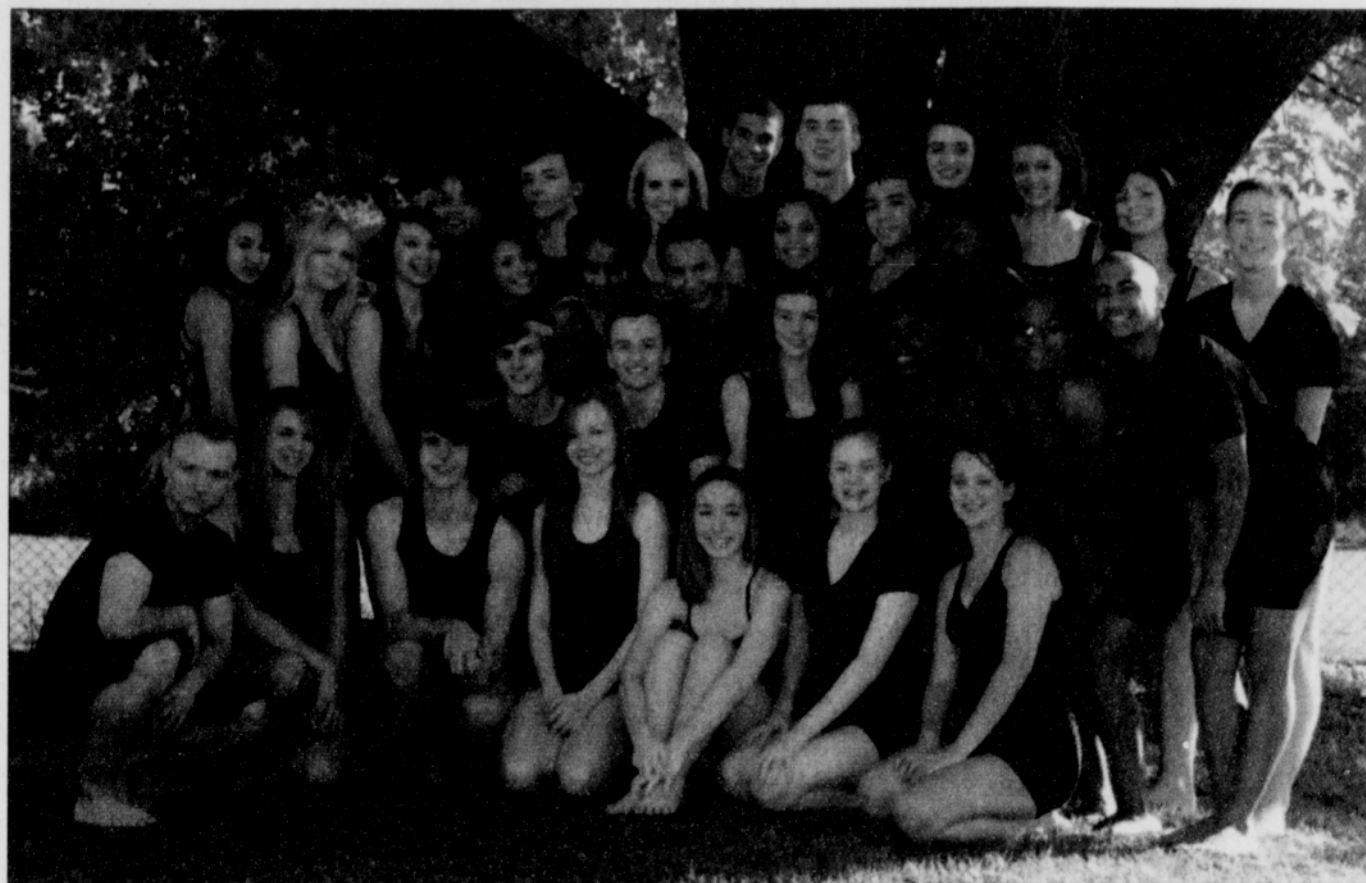
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The Jefferson Dancers pose for a group photo on the grounds of Jefferson High School in north Portland. The company recently returned from performances in Germany and is now preparing for their annual concert dates, May-6-9 at the Newmark Theater, downtown.

Jefferson Dancers Draw on Talent

Spring concert dates set

The Jefferson Dancers recently returned from Germany where the company earned the rare honor of performing for the Wiesbaden Military Base before a packed house at the Flyers Theater in Wiesbaden, Germany.

The company also performed a sold-out full concert at the International School of Frankfurt, as well as four short performances at various schools in Dreiech and Frankfurt. The dancers also taught four workshops to students from all over

Frankfurt.

It was an amazing cultural exchange for all the students and an experience that they will remember forever. There are very few students that have the opportunity to perform in another country and the Jefferson Dance program easily proves that it is indeed one of the most elite dance programs in the world.

The Jefferson Dancers are now prepared to share their incredible energy and talents on the home front.

They will appear in concert on May 6, 7, 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m. and on May 9 at 2 p.m. at their favorite venue and in front of enthusiastic audiences at the Newmark Theater, downtown.

Drawing from incredible talents of area choreographers, many of whom are former Jefferson Dancers, this year's concert will feature works from Artistic Director Steve Gonzales, former Jefferson Dancer and ensemble member of Do Jump, Aaron Wheeler-Kay, and former member of the Houston Ballet and the local modern company, Bodyvox, Kristi Bacon.

Other contributions have come from internationally and nationally renowned dancer and choreographer, Brian Simmeron; former Jefferson Dancer, artistic director and choreographer of The Detail Dance Company, Durante Lambert; and former Jefferson Dancer, Jonathan Sadony.

Tickets are priced at \$15, \$20 and \$25; and are available at the Portland Center for the Performing Arts box office, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; from Ticketmaster, by calling 503-224-4400 or visiting ticketmaster.com or from a Ticketmaster outlet at Fred Meyer.

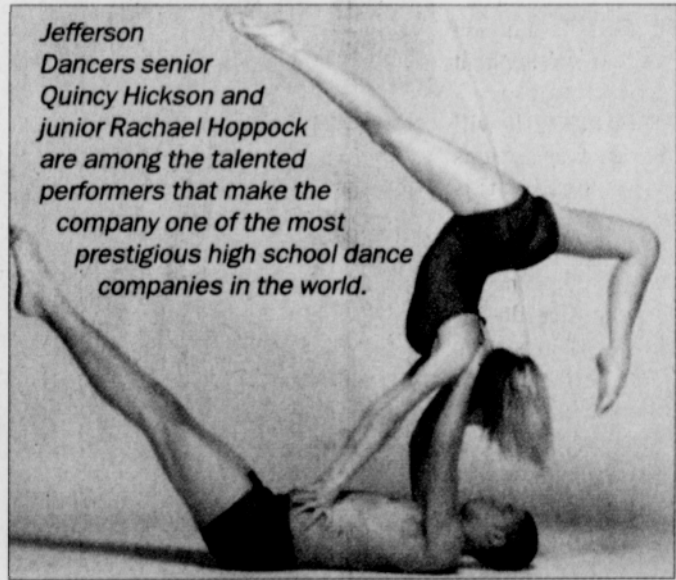
Talented Troupe Proves Excellence

The Jefferson Dancers consists of some of the area's most talented dancers. With acceptances to prestigious performing arts colleges and universities in the country, this troupe shows what excellence in dance is all about. There are 13 seniors in the company this year. That is almost half the company.

Second year company member Austin Tyson will be attending the dance department at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts with a prestigious scholarship of \$35,000. Third year company member Molly Blodgett will also be attending New York University's Tisch School of the Arts and will be studying in their CAP 21 musical theatre program. Third

year company member Taryn Jansen will be attending SUNY Purchase Conservatory of Dance. Third year company member Emma Meskill will be attending Loyola Marymount University.

First year company member Will Christopher will be attending Cornish College of the Arts. Second year company member Brittne Marcell will be attending Clark-Atlanta University. Third year company member Julia Stafford and first year company member Sophie Klicker are currently deciding between multiple highly regarded liberal arts colleges. Third year company member Nate Boddy will be attending the EMT Training Program at Portland Community



Jefferson Dancers senior Quincy Hickson and junior Rachael Hoppock are among the talented performers that make the company one of the most prestigious high school dance companies in the world.

College, while taking classes at Portland State University.

Fourth year company member Quincy Hickson will be attending Portland Community College and working for Magaurn Video. Second year company member Cameron Packham will spend the next two

years on a mission through his church. Second year company member Megan Thompson will be moving to New York City

and first year company member William Ylvisaker will be moving to Los Angeles, both in order to further their dance careers.

Multicultural Film Series -- The documentary Reinventing the World -- World and Time calls for a new social contract and possibly a "basic income" for all citizens. The film will be shown free to the community as the last Multicultural Film Festival monthly installment of the current school year at Jefferson High School, May 6, at 6 p.m. in Room C 39.



Kirk Green Jam Session -- Come enjoy the smooth and soulful sounds of the Kirk Green Band every Sunday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Club 720, 720 S.E. Hawthorne. The jam session and open mic is from 9 p.m. to 10

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p.m. All professional musicians are welcome. For information, call 503-234-7738.



Get Intimate with Storm Large -- Storm Large brings here in-your-face sexuality, raw musical talent and breathtaking emotional honesty to Portland Center Stage in the autobiographical world premier musical Crazy Enough, now playing through June 7 in the Ellyn Bye Studio at

the Armory, downtown.

Live Jazz -- Every Friday and Saturday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Third Degrees Lounge at the RiverPlace Hotel, 1510 S.W. Harbor Way. No cover or minimum purchase. For more information, visit pdxjazz.com.

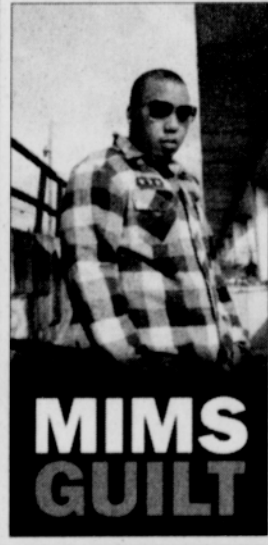
Festival of Birds -- Grab the family and come join us for the festival of birds Saturday May 9, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sellwood Park, just south of Oaks Bottom Wildlife refuge. This is a free festival for the whole family.

Safe Kids Day -- Visitors to the Oregon Zoo on Saturday, May 2, will take part in fun, hands-on activities during 'Safe Kids Day at the Zoo' The event features exhibits and activities aimed at teaching children and parents about safe behaviors. Topics include water safety, poison prevention, traffic safety, fire prevention and helmet safety.

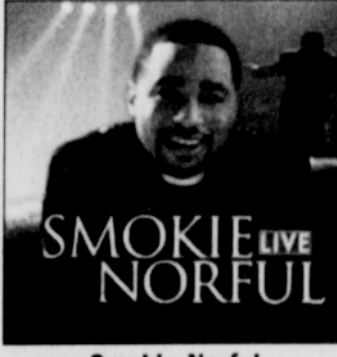
Totally Gospel II -- Peninsula Open Bible Church, 8225 N. Peninsula, hosts all styles of gospel, country, and contemporary music with host Riny Horst each Friday night from, 7:30 p.m. -- 9:30 p.m. For more information, call 503-335-3132.

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