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DEC 2, 1985

**SKIRTS WERE FLYING** this weekend as **Bethany Mitchell, 14,** demonstrated the Highland Dance during the **St. Andrews Potluck Supper and Dance** at the **Senior Citizen's Center, Friday.**



# Can-canettes

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"The Can-Can is an art form that to do well, you have to do it perfectly," she said. "We give the act a lot of class and there's nothing sleazy or risque about it. It's family entertainment."

The entire performance takes about 45 minutes during which time the 13 member dance troupe undergoes eight costume changes, costing them in excess of \$6,000 for materials.

"We're not sponsored by anyone so that means so that means we have to come up with our own funding," continued the director. "Last year we did everything we could to raise the \$1,800 necessary to go to Vancouver so that we could perform in the variety telethon for handicapped children last February.

If we win the contract for the B.C. Pavillion it'll mean new costumes, music and material because not only will we be performing on an open 360-degree stage, but we'll have to base our performance on a theme from the Alaska Highway."

With fund-raising projects just underway the troupe will have to press hard to earn enough money to go to Expo, and are hoping the revenue generated through their doll sale will be enough.

"The dolls will be fashioned after the dancers, right down to the feathers on their costumes." They have been sold on the market since last Friday.

Toy replicas of the Can-Canettes are available at the Artspace, Alcan Crafts, the Tourist Bureau, and the Pioneer Inn, for \$26 per doll.

"The girls are very addicted to what they do and are determined to put Fort. St. John on the map," the instructor continued. "The seniors are the main thrust of the group, with

more experience and dedication, but the juniors are a good little group and in a few years they'll be fantastic."

NOV 19, 1985





Summer school CAN be fun! Senior tap students strike a variety of poses as they sound their way through the final minutes of class at the Jellison Summer Dance School yesterday

afternoon. The dance school, which runs from August 19-3 offers students of all levels a number of dance options.

AUG 21, 1985





THE JELLISON DANCERS have been displaying and practicing a number of routines as part of their Almost There Production, which will be performed in Fort St. John this weekend. The troupe of dancers

already has appeared in Grande Prairie and Dawson Creek but finally will get some exposure in Fort St. John.

# Dance show near

MAR 20, 1985

Almost There, a musical dance review of young performers aged five to 19, will be performed on March 22 and 23 at North Peace Senior Secondary School.

The dancers involved in the program are enrolled in the professional study program at Jellison

Studios.

Under the direction of Noelle Jellison, the program consists of tap, jazz, stage and ballet numbers.

Already having completed shows in Grande Prairie and Dawson Creek, this coming week the dance troupe will

perform numbers of the show at the Dawson Creek Arts Festival.

The following week, they will be in Prince George for the Interior B.C. Dance Festival.

On the average, the dancers are involved in 5½ hours of lessons a week. Three of those

hours is dedicated strictly to the dance troupe.

Tickets for the North Peace Senior Secondary School performances of the troupe are available at JRS Audioscene and Performers Wear. The tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens.





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MAR 27, 1985

BALLET WAS one of the dancing efforts displayed by the performers from Jelliison Studios of Fort St. John. The group danced as part of the

Almost There program, which was shown at North Peace Senior Secondary School on Friday and Saturday.





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performances saw dancers from the Jellison studio do a number of dance routines, including jazz, tap and ballet. **MAR 25, 1985**





The Scottish Country Dancers provided the entertainment at a dinner in the Presbyterian Church on Wednesday. The dancers performed a number of routines with a Scottish flavor.

MAR 14, 1985



# Can-Canettes off to Vancouver

FEB 1, 1986

Fort St. John Can-Canettes will be on the way on Friday to Vancouver and the BCTV Variety Club Telethon.

The initial performance of the Can-Canettes at the telethon can be seen on Sunday between 6:15 a.m. and 7 a.m.

Several routines, involving the six dancers making the trip, will be performed in that initial ap-

pearance.

The group may be making additional appearances over the next few hours, should scheduling permit.

Besides performing at the telethon, the Can-Canettes are expected to put in an appearance at several hotels in Vancouver, thanks to arrangements made by the Pioneer Inn.

The Can-Canettes set a fund-

raising objective of \$1,500 once announcement of their acceptance for the telethon was made.

The \$1,500 was to cover transportation and expenses and the Can-Canettes held two bottle drives, performed at various Mukluk Rendezvous events and received generous donations from Businesses, organizations and citizens of Fort St. John to gain the necessary funds.

In the fund-raising drive, the Can-Canettes raised \$1,695.

A donation of \$150 will be made directly to the telethon from the Can-Canettes out of the funds raised.

Persons wishing to send a donation to the telethon along with the Can-Canettes can contact Nancy Dimarcantonio at the Pioneer Inn, 787-0521, before Friday.

The group has particular thanks for the support they've received in the past month and special thanks goes out to: the Peaceland Power hockey team; Fort St. John Kinmen; the Mackenzie Inn; Boston Pizza; Northwoods Inn; Fort St. John Racquet Club; Casey's Neighborhood Pub; Fort St. John Petroleum Association; Lynn Mueller; John and Sophie Heer; and the Pioneer Inn.