

Student employment centre opens its doors for another season

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With summer fast approaching, most young people will be actively searching for employment.

To help make the job search process a little easier, the Milton and Georgetown Human Resource Centre of Canada for Students (HRCC-S) is now open.

The centre held its grand opening Tuesday at its office at 310 Main St., unit 106 (across from TD Canada Trust).

"I'm very excited to be back in full swing again this summer," Anne-Marie Chiles, supervisor of the North Halton/Dufferin HRCC-S, told the small crowd at the opening.

"The student offices are run by students. People can come in and access the computers for a job search. All of our services are free of charge and we look forward to servicing you."

Charla Armstrong, co-ordinator of HRCC-S Peel/Halton/Dufferin, said the mission of HRCC-S is to enable students to actively participate in the workplace.

"The first job is a large transition we all have to make. We have 350 offices across Canada and helped 460,000 students with job searches last year. Our success is due in large part to the community involvement. I know the Milton and Georgetown offices will do well again this year in assisting people with their job search needs."

Mayor Gord Krantz, who officially

opened the centre, offered words of praise. "The centre provides an opportunity for youth. I'd like to think we are an affluent community but there are those who struggle to work their way through school."

Since 1968, HRCC-S offices have been assisting students and employers across Canada with their summer employment needs. The offices provide a variety of free services, including helping students to improve their job search skills and acquire meaningful employment and helping employers to find qualified, enthusiastic help.

HRCC-S is part of the Government of Canada's Youth Employment Strategy (YES), an action plan to help young Canadians successfully make the transition from school to work. The strategy is designed to help young people acquire knowledge, skills, work experience and career information needed to enter and participate fully in the labour market.

"We're here to help assist students with the skills they will need to be ready in the world of work," Ms Chiles told *The Champion*. "Some of the people who come in don't know what they would like to do. People can come in and use our services as many times as necessary. I think this is a fantastic initiative and I'm proud to be part of it."

The centre will close at the beginning of August. For information about centre services, call (905) 878-8418, ext. 213.

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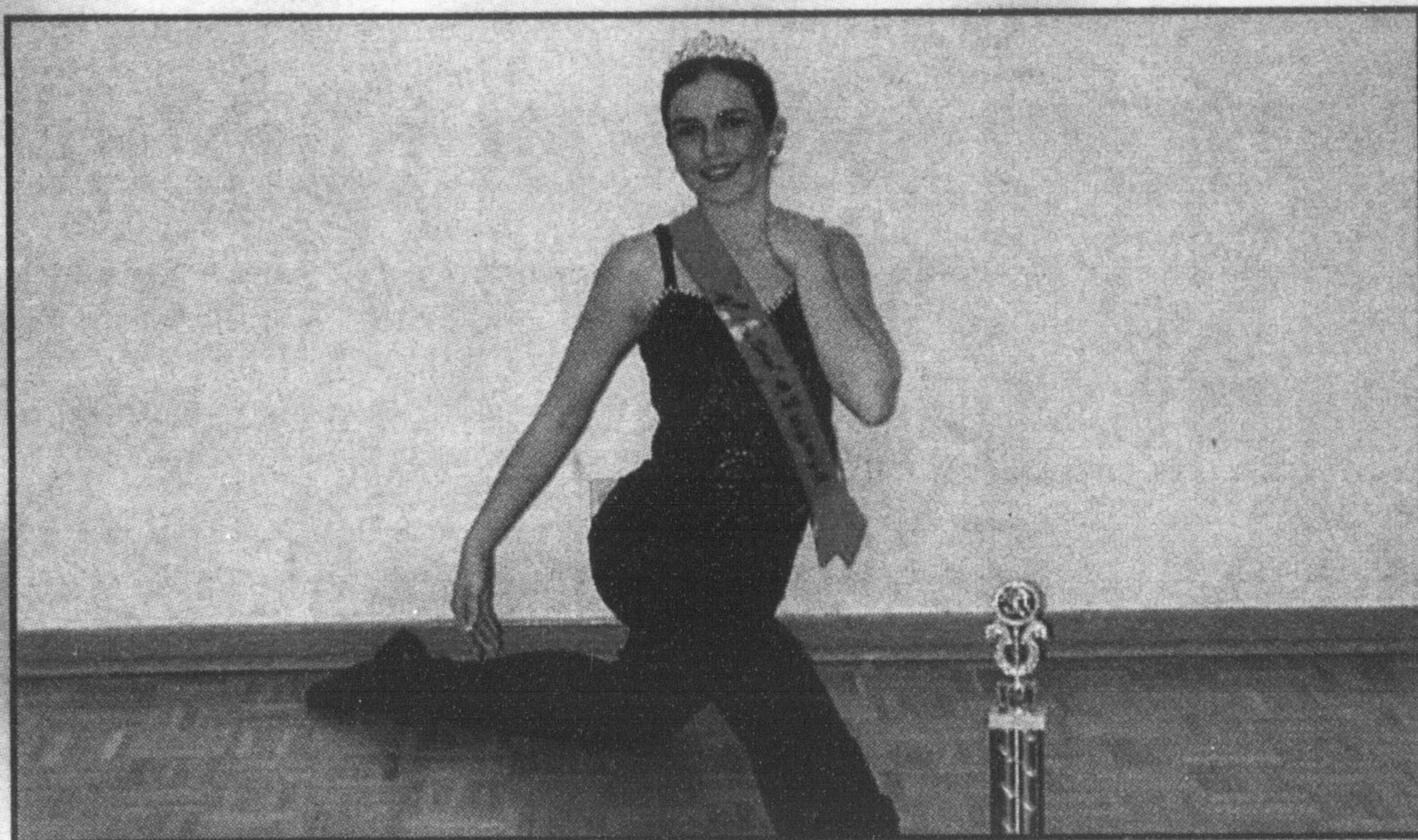
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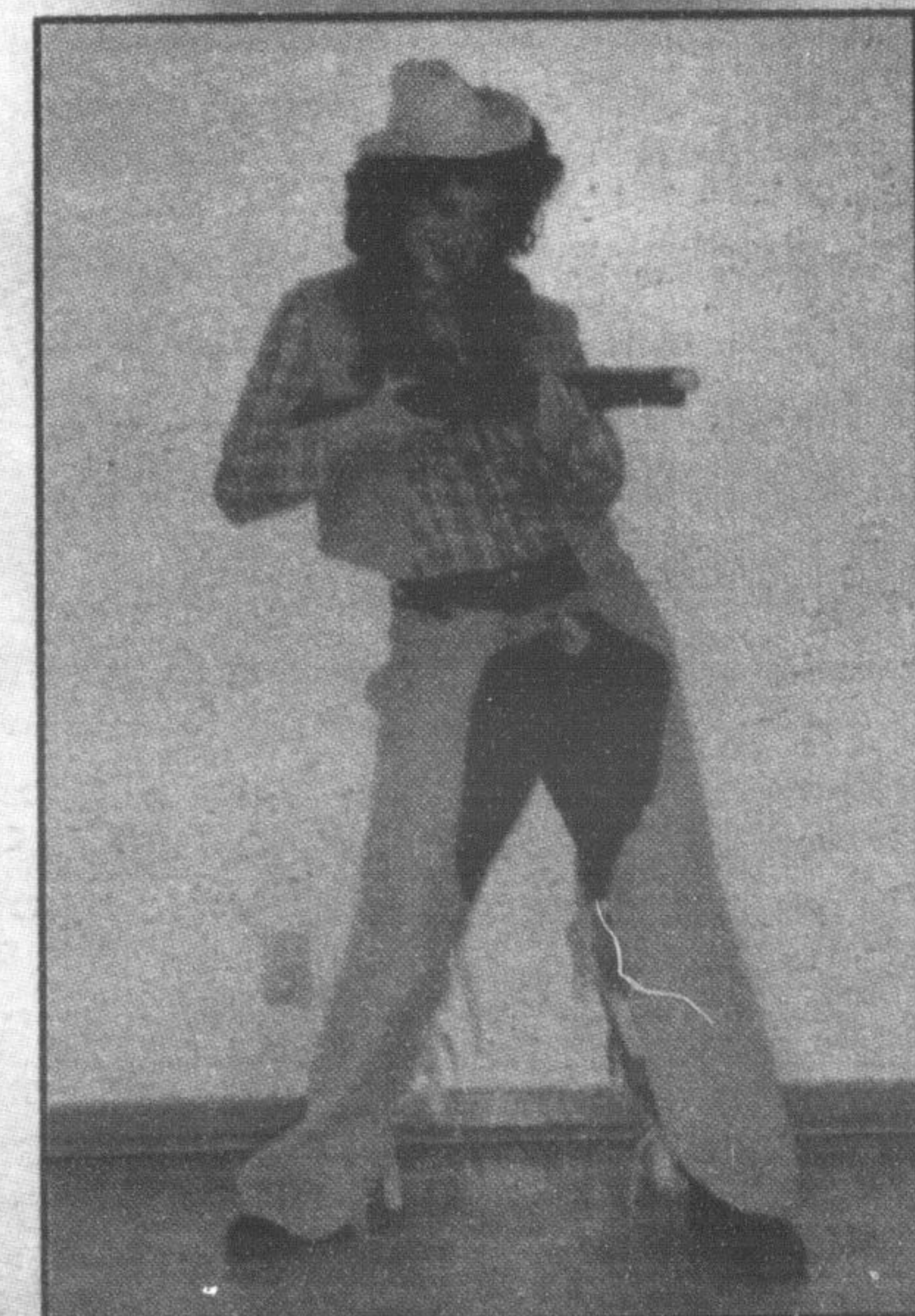
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Duet/Trio

The Dancers from The Dance Shoppe Competitive Team traveled to Western New York over the weekend for the three-day international dance competition, On Stage America. The Team competed against dancers from 12 other studios located in Canada and the United States. The Dance Shoppe dancers were rewarded for their hard work and exceptional performances with 9 Diamond Awards, 40 Platinum Awards and 4 Gold Awards. Special mention to Michelle McArthur who was awarded a Diamond Trophy and First Over-All Award for her Musical Theatre Solo, "You Can't get A man With A Gun". Acro-Jazz trio "Kiss Kiss Boom Boom" featuring Jessica Liske, Jessy Stark and Paige Woolley received a First Over-All Trophy scoring the highest out of all Duet and Trios at the competition. The Dance Shoppe was very proud of senior Dance Team member and instructor Miss Rachelle Seguin who was awarded the Title of Miss On Stage America 2002 for her lyrical performance, "I Hope You Dance". All of The Dance Shoppe Competitive Team members would also like to congratulate their Artistic Director, Miss Ruth-Ann Gray who won the Best Choreography Award for her Lyrical Production, "Heal the World", a tribute to September 11th. The Dance Shoppe Competitive Team continues their season this weekend in Waterloo. Once again, we wish them well and continued success.

