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Texas Tech German Dancers



The Texas Tech German Dancers after a performance before a large group in Nackenheim, West Germany

The Texas Tech German Dancers' Sesquicentennial tour of Germany in 1986 was a spectacular success. Twenty dancers and their sponsor, Professor Meredith McClain, were flown from Lubbock to Frankfurt by American Airlines. In Frankfurt, Daimler-Benz provided them with three vehicles for their six weeks of travel throughout Germany.

As in 1983, the Tech group started their tour with a week-long stay in West Berlin. They had performances in many different settings, including the colorful "Bundesgartenschau," the federal garden show. One day was spent in the largest "Western" town in Europe, Old Texas Town in West Berlin, where the dancers performed their Texas show. Johnny Rex,

the only professional cowboy in Germany, arranged free lodging for the dancers in log cabins in a forest outside "Fort Fun" in Bestwig, Germany.

Throughout the tour—from Hamburg to Salzburg, from Heidelberg to Munich—these Techsans announced the 1986 Sesquicentennial of their state, invited Germans to consider visiting Texas during the festivities, and once again fulfilled their role as "Goodwill Ambassadors" for the state of Texas.