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German Dancers pose in front of the Gorsch Foch Haus in Wilhelmshaven.

GERMAN DANCERS' 1987 GERMANY TOUR

The Texas Tech German Dancers had an opportunity to personally congratulate Berliners on their city's 750th anniversary as a highlight of the group's extremely successful 1987 tour of Germany. Sponsored by American Airlines, twelve dancers and their faculty advisor, Meredith McClain, flew from Lubbock to Düsseldorf to begin four fun-filled weeks of travel in the Bundesrepublik. By the end of the month the troupe was totally exhausted, but all the participants agree that the tour was an exciting and educational experience that they will not soon forget.

Professor McClain arranged the tour, which took the dancers to ten German towns and cities located as far north as the seaport Wilhelmshaven, and as far

south as Munich. The dancers performed in a wide variety of colorful settings, including a wine-tasting party at Düsseldorf's Schloss Kalkum, a Sunday street show on Hannover's St. Georg-Strasse, an open-house festival at Berlin's historic Tempelhof airport and a return engagement at Berlin's Old Texas Town, the largest "western town" in Europe.

Most of all, however, the dancers enjoyed their week-long stay at Schloss Glienicke, an international youth hostel in Berlin. The Schloss Glienicke program offered the group a chance to listen to several very interesting speakers explain the history of Berlin and the status of the divided Germany. After the discussions and films, the dancers hopped onto the subway to independently explore the city and take advantage of its famous nightlife.