

The Arts

Ballinger excels with many talents

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Nancy Ballinger, athlete, teacher, dancer, and a mother of two grown children, has been a teacher at Brevard College for 15 years and leads quite a full life.

Ballinger is a graduate of University of South Florida with a degree in Special Education and a minor in Ballet. At Brevard College she teaches Ballet to students aged 5 through college level. Ballinger also teaches aerobic dance, beginning and intermediate ballet, life-guarding, swimming, and first aid. This may seem like quite a schedule for one



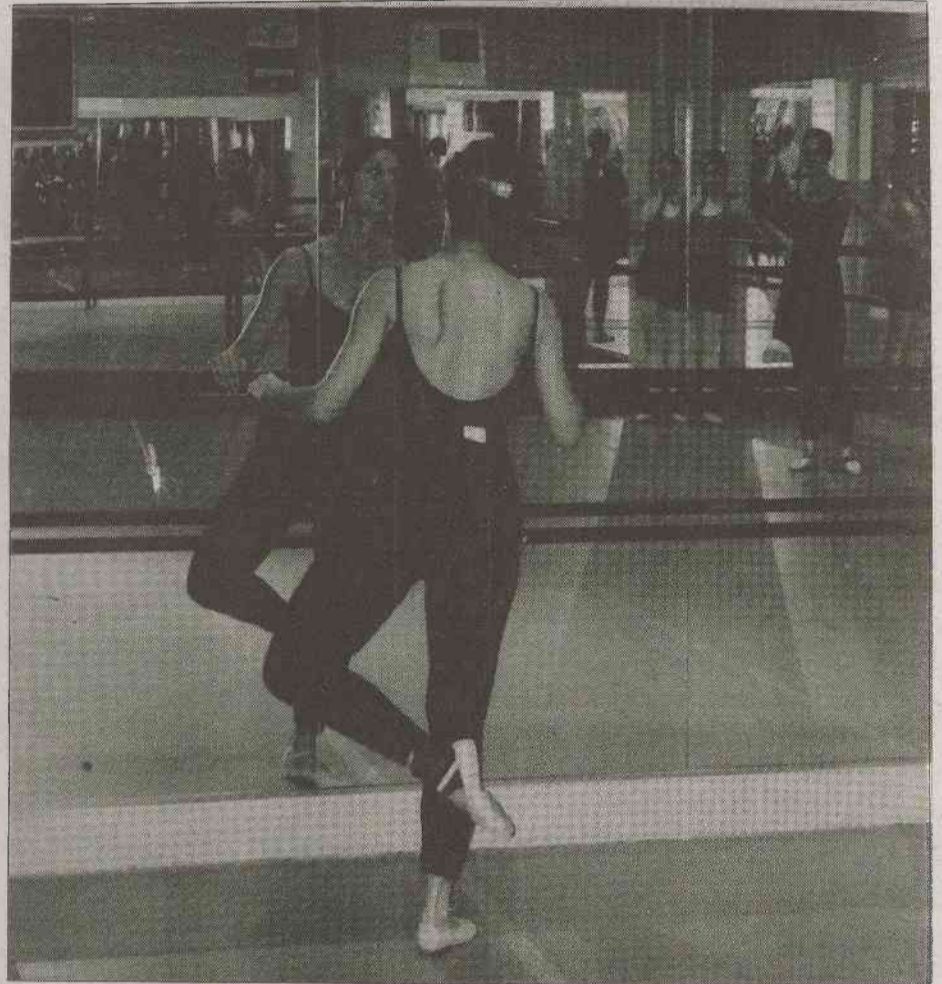
person, but Ballinger stated that she is, "quite satisfied with her life as a teacher."

Ballinger has been married for 22 years and has a son, Nathan, who is 18, and a daughter, Allison, who is 20. She has lived in Brevard for 20 years. She explained, "I came to teach here because of the opportunities I had with dancing and swimming."

Each day Ballinger's schedule is booked. Not only does she teach a variety of classes, but she also finds time for herself. She swims 1500-2000 yards, 4 times a week, and runs 4-10 miles, 5 times a week. Ballinger trains for triathelons in the Summer months as well. As if that is not enough, she also volunteers to teach swimming lessons to handicapped children.

Although Ballinger has lived out many of her aspirations, she still wishes to accomplish more. "I would like to dance more and take more dance classes on my own," Ballinger said, "and I would also like to do more camping, hiking, and backpacking."

Nancy Ballinger is an example of dedication. She is a woman who possesses numerous talents, and anyone who takes the time to get to know her and her capabilities is better off for it.

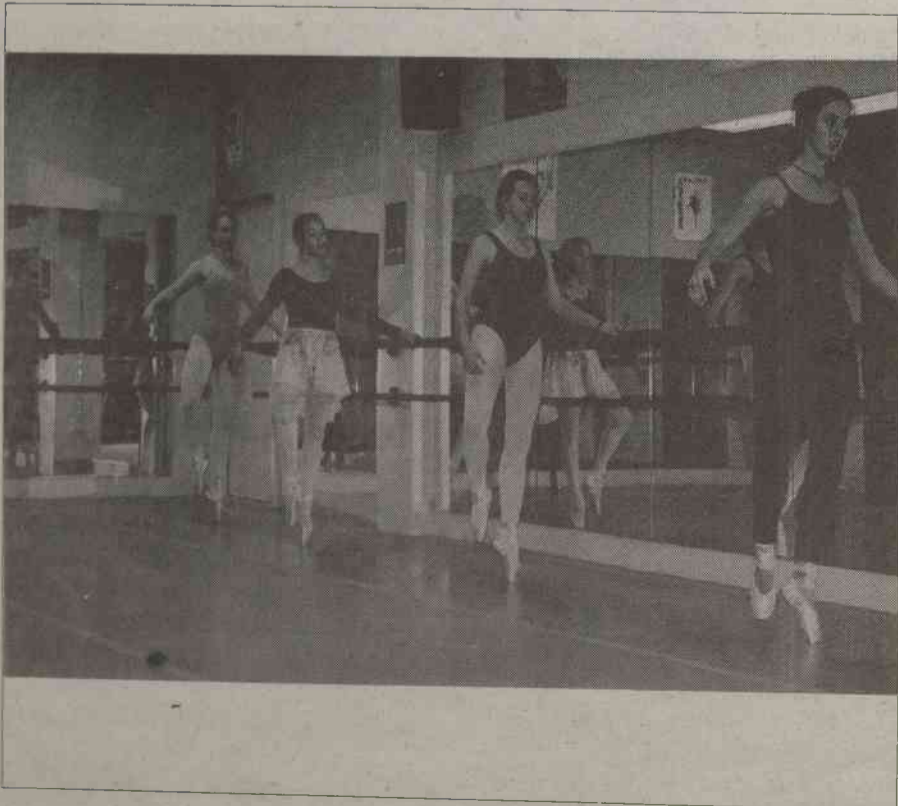


Ballinger is taking time out to show her students the correct dance moves. She has been involved with dance for several years.

Clarion photo by George Spitzer

Students concentrate on their dance moves. The dance studio has been a popular place for students for many years.

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Art is something to appreciate

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As registration quickly approaches, many students find themselves studying the class schedule for the Spring 1997 semester in vain. With such a wide variety of classes to choose from, it is difficult to know if what you intend to take will be challenging and beneficial. Whether you are Monet reincarnate or totally without an artistic skill, Art Appreciation is a class that is simply too good to miss.

Art professor Dr. Janov knows that while some students are desperately trying to expand their art history horizons, many other students are simply trying to fill an elective requirement towards graduation. Therefore, she doesn't try to give a semester-long crash course in art. Instead, she gives short lectures, frequently shows slides and ends almost

every class with fun and simple projects that even the most artistically uninclined is able to handle. Projects include cutting and pasting, chalk drawing, and a self portrait collage for the final exam.

While Dr. Janov's course is a lot of fun, it also requires studying and a certain amount of dedication. Without a doubt, the class is worth the work because what you learn can be used in your future regardless of your major or occupation. As art plays a very important role in today's work, it is beneficial to have a certain amount of knowledge concerning the subject. So, whether you feel that you will benefit from an art appreciation course or not, consider taking the class for the sheer face that, inevitably, it will prove to be helpful one day.