igh school gals go to college nowadays to learn how to twirl a baton.

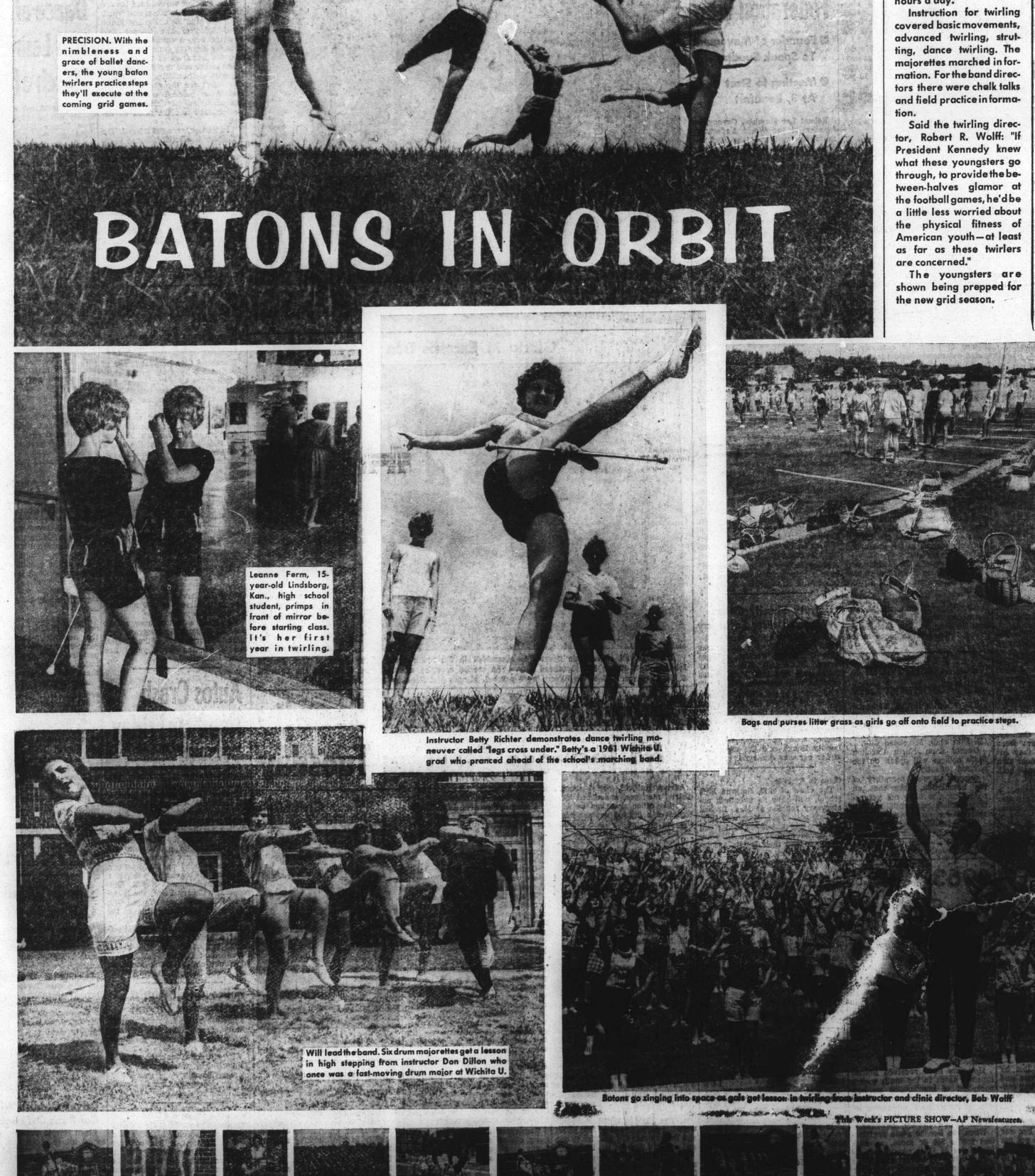
For two days, this summer, 371 twirlers, drum majorettes and band directors took over the campus of the University of Wichita in Kansas. They were from high schools in Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Oklahoma. It was the school's six annual training session, or clinic.

The baton-twirling was an all-girl affair. Boys predominated in the band section. Classes lasted five hours a day.

covered basic movements, advanced twirling, strutting, dance twirling. The majorettes marched in formation. For the band directors there were chalk talks and field practice in forma-

tor, Robert R. Wolff: "If President Kennedy knew what these youngsters go through, to provide the between-halves glamor at the football games, he'd be a little less worried about the physical fitness of American youth-at least as far as these twirlers are concerned."

The youngsters are shown being prepped for the new grid season.





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