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USI Dance Team gears up for basketball season

The USI Dance Team has been perfecting their routines in preparation for basketball season, which opens this month. The team performs at all home men's basketball games in the Physical Activities Center (PAC) at the University of Southern Indiana.

The team also attends the Universal Dance Association's national collegiate dance competition each year. In January 2002 the USI Dance team placed 6th out of 24 teams. The competition routine is choreographed by the team and is a combination of all dance styles. This year's competition will be January 16-18, 2004 in Orlando, Florida.

The Dance Team participates annually in the Evansville Fall Festival Parade. They also host a yearly dance clinic for young children and a competition for area dance teams, which will take place in February 2004.

Jamie Cummings of Wadesville, Indiana, has been the dance team coach for six years. This season's team captains are freshman Hollie Bratcher, freshman Jennifer Guebert, and sophomore Laura Muensterman.

Guebert said, "I am very excited about this season. We have a great group of girls and we work well together. It should be a great year."

The 2003-2004 dance team members are from various Indiana and Illinois cities and include the following:

EVANSVILLE

Angel Bailey
Schoeny M. Distler

Rachel Gries
Laura Muensterman

OTHER INDIANA

Newburgh

Allyson Taber

Brookville

Kelly Alig

Ferdinand

Ashley Meyer

Gary

Dontrese Richards

Hammond

Aisha S. Key

Lafayette

Hollie Bratcher

Mitchell

Sarah Rader

Shoals

Janelle Holt

Valparaiso

Jennifer Julovich

ILLINOIS

Steeleville

Jennifer Guebert