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The wave of new dance style

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He now helps the Spurs as their choreographer and coach. He received his training from University Plus classes, being on the Sam Houston dance team, competitions, workshops and private lessons he took in Houston and Huntsville.

"We do the two-step, polka, waltz, East Coast swing, jitterbug and the West Coast swing," Bigam said. "We try to do diverse dances."

"Three years ago, country and western dancing was popular and

footwork in the spins and turns.

Jennifer Froehlich, president of the Spurs and a junior psychology major, has been dancing since she could walk, and joined the club for sheer enjoyment.

"The club allows Aggies to meet people with common dancing interests," Froehlich said. "It gives a chance for people to do something else on the weekend than drink."

Terry Frazza, a junior English major, recently joined the club with her friends.

She started to take the classes because she wanted to perfect her dancing, and the Spurs do not require participants to sign up with partners.

"A girl is supposed to follow the guy," Frazza said. "When the guy does not know the steps it makes it hard to dance and follow the music. So many people are afraid of dancing because they never learned the footwork. If people want to dance and they like to dance, they should get over their fears and take the classes to get where they want to be."

The Spurs are not limited to the club scene, they also have parties in conjunction with the dance studio.

The Spurs also participate in dance competitions. While the team is young, last year the Spurs placed second out of 17 groups in their first competition.

Many of their competing members have graduated, except for three, so they are in the process of making routines and teaching dances. They hope to take part in dinner shows, events on campus and in a friendly competition with the Sam Houston State University dance team. With the Silver Spurs of Aggieland looking towards the future, and one victory tucked in their belt, they look forward to their next competition in April.

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people wanted to learn," he said. "It goes in cycles from very high to now where the numbers have gone down. We are trying to build it up with the west coast swing. It is a cool cool dance. It incorporates quick turn, spins with footwork, and quick patterns."

"The Silver Spurs provide an opportunity to learn something new," Bigam said.

There are eight locations that teach dancing, but only the Spurs teach this style. "When we go to clubs we stand out a lot more and are in the spotlight because the style is different," he said.

There are many forms of the two-step, but the Spurs use more

dance lessons to students.

Aggie Wranglers teach dance lessons twice each semester. Classes range from introductory country and western to advanced jitterbug.

Kristin Davis, a sophomore biomedical science major, is currently taking the introductory country and western class.

"It is fun, but it is frustrating sometimes," Davis said. "It's harder than it looks."

The jitterbug class is the most

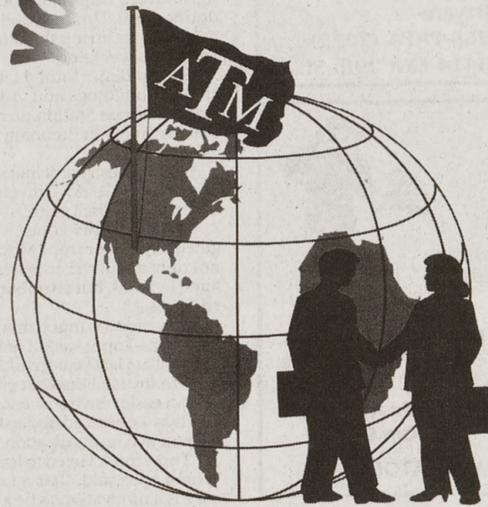
popular. Besides learning the basic jitterbug step, they teach a few stunts as well.

Davis also said it is fun to go to Hurricane Harry's and practice what they learned.

Gayle said the Aggie Wranglers will be the best thing she takes with her from college.

"The feeling I get is awesome," Gayle said. "Knowing you're out there representing Texas A&M is a great feeling."

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Once a couple has made the team, they spend the summer learning the routines and attending four or five dance workshops. When school starts, they have a two hour meeting every Tuesday night and can perform up to six times a week.

Besides performing 113 times last year, the Wranglers teach

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