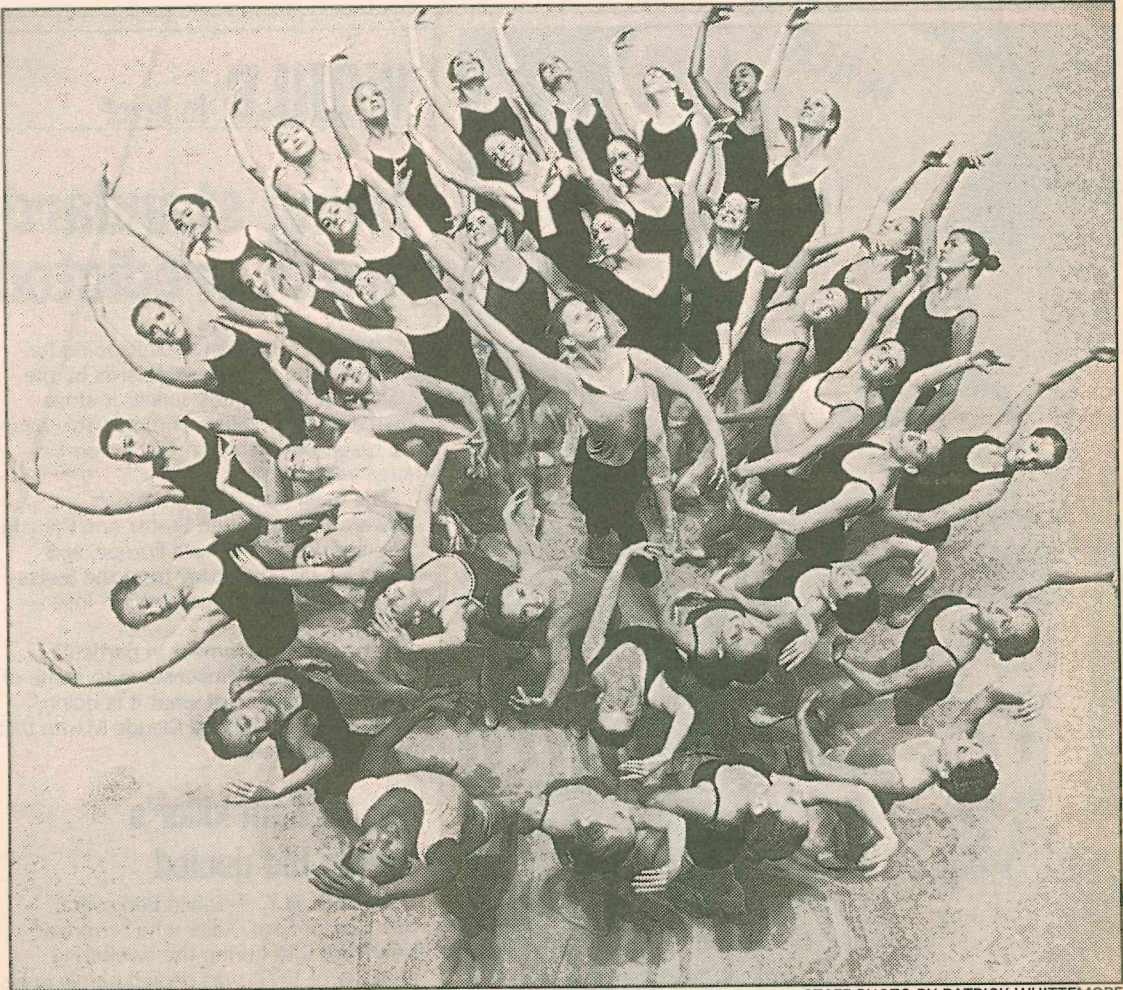


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Art in bloom

Yesterday's hot and humid conditions didn't deter students at Jose Mateo's Ballet Theater in Cambridge from refining their form, with the help of faculty member Kim Swihart, center. Members of the level 2 and level 3 ballet classes practice a back arch called a 'cambre' inside the school's studio.