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In the past the Center has supported graduate students in the department through research assistantships. This year again, it was announced at the annual awards banquet that \$450 will be awarded to Mr. Billy Pickett to support his summer program of study in Austria and Germany. Through generous arrangements made by Mr. Hartmut H. Gimmler, Program Director of the Deutsch-Amerikanisches Institut Saarbrücken, Billy will be able to spend four weeks in Saarbrücken after completing the five weeks in Vienna.



Texas Tech German Dancers at Mrs. Ericson's Casa del Sol ranch outside Crosbyton.

Texas Tech German Dancers

Over the past ten years the Texas Tech German Dancers have represented the Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Texas Tech University in several hundred performances locally, in the state of Texas, and throughout Germany. Countless memories have been generated by the group. Memorable experiences range from dancing under a 110 degree Texas sun in Nazareth to sloshing through the Schuhplattler in a Munich downpour.

In December a tenth anniversary Christmas dinner/dance was held at Teysha Wine Cellars' new and elegant facility outside Lub-

bock. Four former dancers flew in for the event. Honored guests that evening were Randy Kirk of Galveston, founder, and Meredith McClain, faculty sponsor. After a German dinner by the fire, there was a slide show retrospective of the past ten years' activities followed by—quite naturally—some spirited dancing.

The dancers would like to thank everyone who attended. May the coming decades be as memorable and wonderful as the first!!



Mr. Randy Kirk, founder/director of the Texas Tech German Dancers, flew in from Galveston to be honored at the tenth anniversary banquet.



TTGD Officers: (back row, from left) Martina Greene—Publicity, Wren Wetzel—Director, Amy Fuller—Manager, Karin Mainz—Secretary, Dr. Meredith McClain—faculty sponsor; (front row, from left) Susie Melander—Costumes, and Billy Pickett—Treasurer.