Informal work to open weekend dance shows

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Creighton dance students began selecting music and forming ideas for this weekend's dance concert around Christmas time.

Approximately the first hour and a half of the performance will consist of informal pieces the teachers and students have choreographed.

The remainder of the concert will be performed by arts seniors Linda Wieczorek and Tom McCleerey and arts junior Julie Gilligan.

To complete work on his thesis for his bachelor of arts degree, McCleerey will dance in two pieces. One of these is a ballet duet with Gilligan.

Performing thesis

Wieczorek, who has been dancing since she was 3 years old, will be performing her thesis for her bachelor of fine arts degree.

Wieczorek said dance majors can get either bachelor of arts or bachelor of fine arts. She is the only to receive her B.F.A. at Creighton in the past two years.

Wieczorek said that students can do their thesis on a variety of areas such as written, dance history and performance. She has chosen performance.

Since Wieczorek came to Creighton, she said, she has become more involved with modern dance and ballet. Previously most of her work was in tap and jazz. She said she has done a lot of studies in teaching dance while here.

"Probably the majority of my lifetime will be spent with teaching and choreography," she said. "I wouldn't mind having my own dance company or school."

'Up a creek'

Wieczorek said there have been a lot of times when she has wanted to give up because dancing is such hard work.

"But then I stop and think of what else I really like to do. I'd be up a creek because I really don't like to do anything else," she said.

Along with school and working 30 hours a week as a part-time technician at Chap 7, Wieczorek said, she has been preparing for the concert about 20 hours a week.

Performances for the show are tonight and Saturday at the Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Dance class members prepare for this weekend's performance.