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Dear Editor,

I just read the news of the Augusta Ballet's emergence from debt. Indeed, operating in the black is laudable; still, I ask, at what cost? The sacking of the *entire* creative staff, i.e. the professional 'local talent.' What remains? A couple of folks occupying an office, conference-calling presenters to pick touring companies. Big deal.

Sincerely,

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