

Music Refreshes the Soul

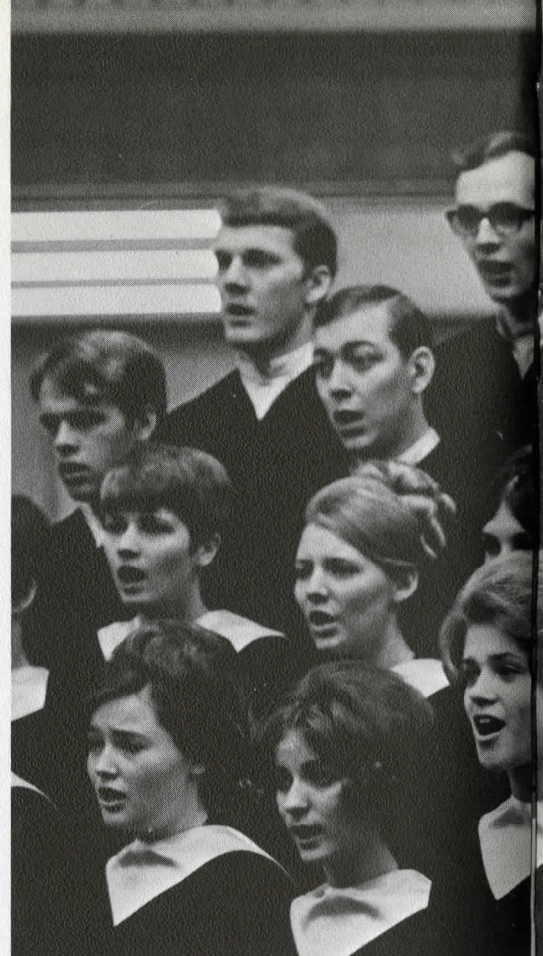
Pacific Lutheran University vocal groups spent a busy, varied, and productive year.

The Choir of the West, under the direction of Maurice Skones, gave Christmas concerts at the Bank of California, McNeil Island Penitentiary, and Fort Lewis. They joined with the University Chorale to present the annual PLU Christmas concert.

Again the Choir of the West took its annual tour. This year's tour included cities in Washington, Montana, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia. Upon returning, the Choir presented the Homecoming Concert featuring works of Bach, Berger, and Willan. Plans were made this year for the choir to appear at the 900th anniversary celebration of Bergen, Norway and to present concerts in other European cities during the summer of 1970.

To complete the year, on May 31 the Choir of the West presented the world premier of a new composition, "The Word of God," by Jean Berger. The work was written by Berger especially for the concert, which was the first cultural event held in the new Clifford O. Olson Auditorium.

The University Chorale presented three concerts. In November, they gave concerts in which two major works, "The Lord Smile on You" by Bach and "Missa Brevis" by Mozart were presented. The Chamber Orchestra accompanied the Chorale in the performance. In March, a program of sacred music in the jazz idiom was given by the Chorale, the Borromeo Boychoir, and the Chamber Orchestra. For its May concert the Chorale presented a program of mass settings. The Chorale was directed by David Urness and the Orchestra by Stanley Petrulis.



The Choir of the West participates in the annual Christmas Concert.





The Choir of the West performs at the Bank of California during the Christmas season.

Ambassador Quartet, Left to Right: Mark Houglom, Ivan Gorne, Mark Swinehart, Greg Allen.



Saga Singers, Left to Right: Connie Koschmann, Paula Grams, Jeanne Land

