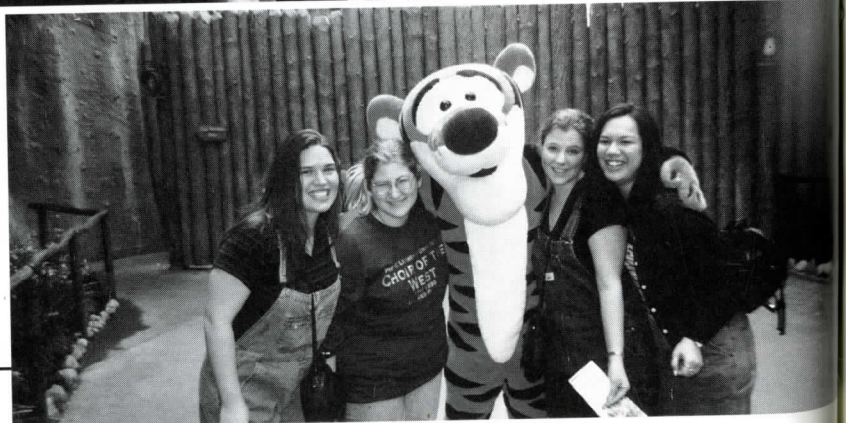
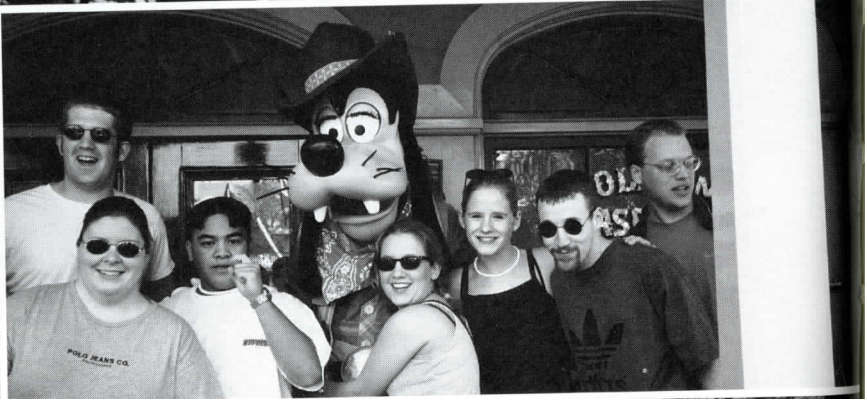


Choir of the West on Tour



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Choir of the West

Dr. Sparks

Sopranos

Sara Bleything
Maija Durr
Gretchen Hjelt
Britta Hobbs
Michelle Jennings
Stacie Lintvedt
Sarah McDougall

Angela Meade
Elizaebeth Nielsen
Michelle Pleny
Krista Severeid
Heather Sewell
Sara Wolbrecht

Altos

DeborahCash
Erin Culver

Alana Dellatan
Diane Gilpin
Holly Johnson
Sarah Lane
Karlene Miles
Lori Olsen
Angela O'Brien
Megan O'Hanlon
Katrina Schwartz

Jamie Unger

Tenors

Chris Chappel
Ryan Davidson
Gavin Jensen
Chris McCafferty
Robert Meek
Nick Pharris
David Porter

Erik Samuelson
Jon Sanford
Jorguen Senon
Rick Wilkerson
Steve Wolbrecht

Basses

Carl Church
David Coffey
Benjamin Harris

Mark Hjelmervik
Gordon Long
Justin McLeod
Stephen Roddy
Patrick Ryan
Micah Sheller
Erik Trask
Matthew Vancil
Brandon Vrosh



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Dr. Richard Sparks, Choral

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Dr. Richard Sparks, director of Choral Activities and Professor of Music,

received the American Choral Director's Association's Julius Herford Award for the most outstanding choral dissertation for 1997 at the National Convention in Chicago in February 1999. His book based on the dissertation, *The Swedish Choral Miracle--Swedish A Capella Music Since 1945* was also published in time for the convention. Sparks had a busy year with Choir of the West. After returning home from a January tour to Southern California and Arizona and singing their homecoming concert, the choir began work on the Ensembles Concert which showcases the independence, creativity, and humor of the choral students. The Choir also sang an Evensong service for the International Organ Symposium on April 8th and joined Choral Union in May to sing Orff's masterpiece *Carmina burana* with faculty soloists Lisa Ganung, Stephen Wall, and Barry Johnson.

*Dr. Sparks poses
with former Choir of
the West conductor,
Dr. Maurice Skones,
in Tuscon, Ariz.,
during the choir's
J-Term tour.*