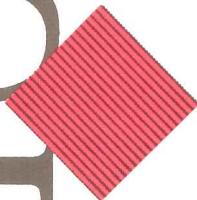


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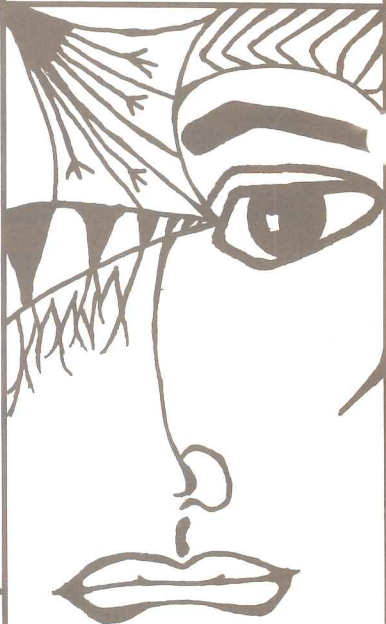
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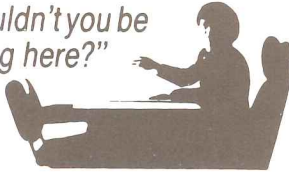
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Conductor **Judith Bieker** first appeared with the River City Mixed Chorus as a soloist in the Vivaldi "Gloria" for the Spring, 1986 performance. She received her Bachelor of Music Degree in 1984, and Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in writing in 1986, both from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, where she was a student of Patricia Price and Harriett McCleary. She has also studied with popular folk and jazz artist Odetta. Ms. Bieker has appeared as soloist with the UNO Collegium Musicum, the Elizabethan Singers, and, in 1981, gave the world premier of four songs by Jackson Berkey. In addition to her musical endeavors, Ms. Bieker is an active poet. Her work has appeared in **The Nebraska Review**, **The Cape Rock**, and **The Metropolitan**, and she has given several readings of her work here in Omaha. Most recently, she directed an interdisciplinary project, "Plainsong: A Poem for Dance and Music" for the UNO New Music Ensemble.

Accompanist **Nick Behrens** was born in Clinton, Iowa, and was transplanted to North Omaha at an early age. He graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 1981 with a Bachelor of Music degree. Mr. Behrens was a voice student of Patricia Price and has studied organ with Marilyn Musick. He has served as organist at St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic and St. John's Episcopal Churches, and is currently Organist/Choir Director at Pearl Memorial Methodist Church. Mr. Behrens has been a part of a number of musical groups, including singer in Zobzari Ukrainian Folk Ensemble, pianist for the Florentine Players, and singer in the Clarion Chamber Chorale.

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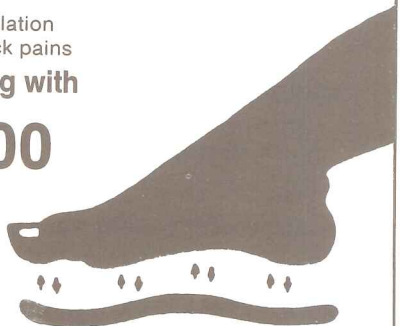
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Following our first concert, presented during the 1984 Holiday Season, we entered a period of rapid growth in membership, under the direction of John Zeigler, then principal clarinetist with the Omaha Symphony.

The Chorus has performed in a number of locations, including the Unitarian First Church of Omaha, Omaha's History Museum, and Lowe Avenue Presbyterian Church. In addition, numerous mini-performances have been performed for a variety of functions.

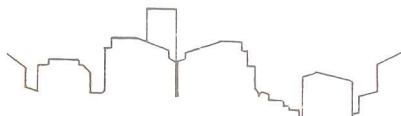
After the sudden and untimely death of Mr. Zeigler in May 1986, the Chorus continued for two concerts under the musical guidance of Dale McDole. In order to select a new permanent director, we are presently auditioning a different director for each concert period.

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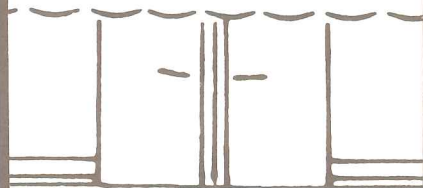
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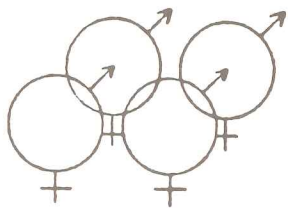
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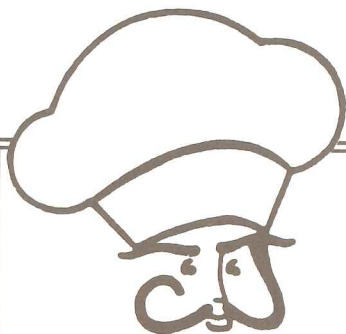
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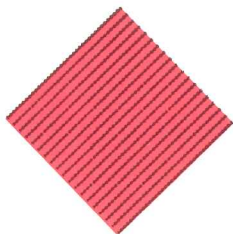
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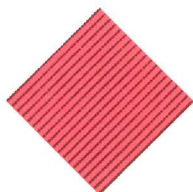
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