

Former glee club members to sing in reunion concert

The 60 male singers dressed in red polyester sport coats emblazoned with "N" insignia are part of a tradition going back to the university's earliest days, said NU Men's Glee Club director Gary Miller.

This weekend, Miller, director of the group since 1966, will welcome about 60 former glee members who will join his year's group in a reunion concert. The concert, called "The Big Sing," will begin at 8 p.m. Saturday night in the ballroom of the University Center.

KUON TV (Channel 120) will film the concert for broadcast later at an undetermined time.

The alumni group will perform five traditional glee club melodies, including Marshall Bartholomew's arrangements of "De Animals A-comin'," "Humble" and "Old Tom Wilson" and Roger Wagner's arrangements of "Shenandoah" and selections from "Paint Your Wagon."

Together the glee members will perform such songs as "Aura Lee," "Viva L'Amour" and "There is No Place Like Nebraska."

The combined glee clubs will be joined by University Chorale, the UNL Women's Glee club, directed by Carolee Curtright.

The chorale will sing songs ranging

from the sassy, sliding "Girl Talk" (featuring six soloists) to Lekberg's lesson in musical astronomy, "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing."

The present glee and chorale members also will sing a special arrangement of Loesser's "Standin' On the Corner (Watchin' all the Girls Go By)."

The UNL glee club was formed in 1910, Miller said. It was disbanded during World War II and then reorganized in 1955 by Dale Ganz, a UNL music professor. The women's chorale wasn't organized until the 1960s, Miller said.

Most of the returning alumni are Nebraskans, but others are travelling from Louisiana, Wyoming, Colorado and Missouri, Miller said.

Two of the returning members sang in men's glee from 1922-24. Another is from the class of 1932, Miller said. However, most were members after 1966 — the year Miller began directing the choir.

Miller said he organized this year's reunion for nostalgia's sake.

But, Miller said, now that all the alumni are back in town, he might try to persuade them to help buy some new red polyester coats. A few of the coats have been around for 19 years, Miller said. Tickets for Saturday night's concert, available at the door, are \$2.50 for students and senior citizens and \$4 for adults.



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Gallagher

Gallagher brings antics to Pershing Saturday

Gallagher, once the top name in campus comedy before the current glut of young comedians, will perform Saturday at Pershing Auditorium.

Gallagher still does consistent cross-country sell-outs and has been the star of eight comedy specials for the Showtime pay television network.

Gallagher's sagacity and sometimes surreal observations of U.S. middle class have always appealed to an irrevocable streak in college students.

Gallagher was thrown out of Plant High School in Tampa, Fla., and lost his first job at Allied Chemicals. He was fired for arriving at work in a pin-

striped suit and a toy machine gun and jokingly "wiping out the whole secretarial pool."

Many of Gallagher's best routines are part of comic history by now. Wielding his trademark Sledge-O-Matic, a prehistoric mallet, Gallagher parodies the Veg-O-Matic commercials by pulverizing everything from cottage cheese to crab quiche.

Gallagher's Saturday show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$11 and \$12.75, available at the Pershing Box Office, Brandy outlets, Nebraska and East unions and Pickles and Dirt Cheap records stores.

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