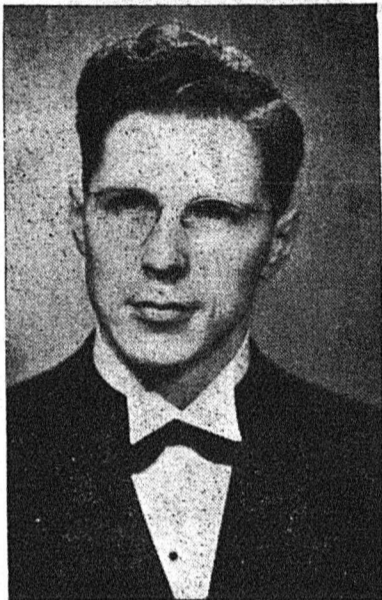


from the
early beginnings...

DIRECTS CHORUS



GORDON CLARK

Mr. Clark is a man of many affairs. He is going through university with a medical doctor's degree in mind, and after graduation, probably will take post-graduate work. There's always more work for a doctor. But apart from medicine, he studied the piano seriously, with one of Calgary's leading teachers. Also he is a cellist of more than ordinary ability and he finds time to give instruction on this instrument to other aspiring performers. Further, he plays in the cello section of the Edmonton Philharmonic orchestra.

First director
of U of A
mixed chorus

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THE
**UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA
MIXED CHORUS**

AT

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the

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the beginning

Converted in 1944 from a glee club of moderate proportions, the group has increased steadily in size to a 130-member organization, one of the largest of its kind in the dominion. In the war years, most of the singers were of the gentler sex. Then, it did much to keep flying the banner of choral singing. Now that the war is over and the boys have come home, it has developed and expanded into one of the major campus musical activities.

University Mixed Chorus



Shown above is a group picture of members of the University Mixed Chorus, which was so capably led and directed this year by Gordon Clark. The Chorus presented two outstanding concerts in the morning at the Knox United Church, Edmonton, last year. The group was enthusiastically appreciated by large crowds on both occasions. The artists left Edmonton for their home town of Bowar.

30 years

The U of A Mixed Chorus is now in its thirtieth exciting year having been recognized as a Literary Association of the Students' Union in 1943. Though only a small (22 members) choir, it presented a program of Christmas Carols to the University audiences over Student Radio CKUA that year.

In March 1945, Mixed Chorus was officially founded, and under the direction of Gordon Clark presented the first of its many concerts to be held in Convocation Hall. During the years 1945-47 the chorus increased its membership to 130 and scored hits with concerts in Convocation Hall and McDougall Church; in Calgary, Banff and Red Deer.

The fall of 1947 brought with it a new and much to be admired director - Professor R.S. Eaton. He was with the chorus twenty years until 1967 when he left the University on sabbatical. His position was assumed by Mr. James Whittle who conducted the chorus for two years and again in 1970-71. In 1969-70 Dr. David Stocker directed the chorus.

Professor Ron Stephens (B.A., B.Ed., M.M.) has directed the chorus for the past three years and plans to make this 30th-annual concert series in SUB Theatre March 14, 15, and 16, a memorable one.

Pat Paradis

