Bicentennial choir begins '91-92 season

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Director Steven Peacock is enthusiastic about the coming year and says that it promises a diverse and exciting schedule of performances both on and off campus.

In past years the choir has been involved in many university and community events including The Arts Cabaret, The Red and Black Revue, Fall Convocation, and local St. Cecilia's Day concerts - all of which earned the choir favorable and encouraging reviews from members of the Fredericton music community.

This year, in addition to the choir's traditional performances, Peacock hopes to experiment with some new ideas such as performing in some of the local schools and churches and even at UNBSJ.

Peacock has high expectations for the choir this year, but he still understands some of the difficulties students have in being involved with some groups during the school year.

"Being a student group, we must cater somewhat to the student schedule. Many students work in addition to school and therefore do not have a lot of free time. We slow down or stop at midterm and exam times in order to ease some of the pressures the students might feel,"

The rehearsals, which are held every Monday night from 7-9 pm, in Memorial Hall, are designed to be enjoyable as well as productive.

The choir performs music from a variety of different backgrounds - classical to contemporary, sacred to secular, and traditional to spiritual - there is something for everyone.

Past concerts have included some prominent local musicians performing with the choir: Madeline Arel, Flute; Angela Birdsell, Soprano; the RCR Band; and Steven Peacock, classical guitar. Under peacock's direction, these elements combine to produce a rich and memorable musical performance.

The choir is always looking for people who are interested in singing. No musical experience necessary just a desire to sing.

Director Steven Peacock emphasizes, "New members are always welcome- anytime during the term. Just show up at practice on Monday night, or give me a call at 459-8166."

Chimo volunteers desperately needed

by Carolyn Rogers

Chimo needs your help. An information, friendship, crisis and suicide intervention helpline, our agency is seeking volunteers who enjoy helping people.

The rewards, like the call, are many and varied:

A university student phones because she suspects her friend is bulimic and wants to suggest help but she isn't sure where help is available. Just being there helps someonehelp him/herself

A young man with AIDS reaches out to a stranger to talk because he's been abandoned by his friends and family.

Just being there for someone alone and lonely is friendship

A teenage boy calls for help because his father beats his mother. Just being there for someone in crisis inspires hope and can be a turning point

A young woman, distraught over the end of her relationship, asks for one reason why she shouldn't commit suicide.

Just being there for someone suicidal can be the difference between life and death Celebrating 20 years of serving residents in Fredericton, Oromocto and the area, Chimo is open 9:00 am to 1:00 am daily, seven days per week; and averages over 800 calls per month.

A Comprehensive Training Program is provided to all volunteers; our Fall Program is scheduled to commence September 28th.

Training, which is a combination of theory and practice, includes lectures on Communication Skills, Substance Addictions, Family Violence, Incest and Suicide Intervention.

Upon completion of the Training Program, volunteers are asked to do 3 four-hour shifts per month for a period of one year, or, in the case of students, until the end of April. Volunteers have the flexibility of choosing their own shifts.

If you are interested in becoming a Chimo volunteer, or want further information call the helpline at 450-4357, or the office ant 450-2937.



