

32 Sing Total of 200 Years

1966 Graduates

Top row, left to right: Frances Kulhanek, Rose Marie Naas, Karen Chappie, Jan Meckenbier, Joan Boston, Joyce Hemmelgarn, Judy Neiderman, Joan Hanson, Jeanie Hoying, Mary Hilton and Charles Srode.

Center row: Bob Kaskocsak, Bob Brun, John Stevens, Larry Tobe, John Wehner, Joe Kreis, Bill Borton, Virgil Binion, Leo Steahly and Larry Coblentz.

Bottom row: Joseph P. Geiger, director; Mary Clara Pfander, Janice Loges, Nancy Kobrin, Catherine Lehman, Mary Blake, Michelle Kunnen, Brenda Ferguson, Pat Brun, Jane Boston, Amy O'Brien and Peg Brun.

Chorus to Graduate Its Largest Number

A total of 200 years of singing with the Inland Children's Chorus will be concluded on May 17 when 32 graduates lift their voices one final time at the annual Spring Festival.

General Manager L. C. Wolcott will present graduation certificates to 21 girls and 11 boys during the intermission at Memorial Hall. It is the largest number of chorus members to be graduated at any one time during the chorus' 30-year history. The ceremony will climax many years of dedication.

Among the graduates are two sets of twins, Peg and Pat Brun, 15-year-old daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome H. Brun, five-year Chorus members, and Jane and Joan Boston, 16-year-old daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Boston, seven-year Chorus members. The twins are sophomores at St. Joseph Commercial High School.

Eleven of the graduates have eight years of Chorus membership; four have seven and five have six.

Comments by Chorus graduates emphasize their appreciation to Inland and to Director Joseph P. Geiger for the opportunities offered:

Leo F. Steahly, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Steahly, a sophomore at Chaminade:

'Having been a member of the Chorus for eight years, I feel a great sense of accomplishment. It's really great to look back and recall many events that were most enjoyable and beneficial to me in many ways. Cooperation, punctuality and responsibility are the three things I got out of the Chorus. My thanks go to the opportunity given me to

participate in such an organization."

Janice Loges, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Loges, a sophomore at Julienne, also an eight-year Chorus member:

"During my membership in the Inland Children's Chorus, I have gained a greater appreciation for music of everytype and a greater sense of responsibility and accomplishment. I am very grateful that I have had the opportunity to better myself in this way."

Mary Clara Pfander, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Pfander, a sophomore at Alter, also eight years with the Chorus:

"From my participation, I learned a love of good music, I acquired self-discipline, and I learned to sacrifice my wishes to do the best for the Chorus."

John Wehner, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wehner, Sr., a sophomore at Chaminade and an eight-year Chorus member:

"I have found enjoyment and a great deal of satisfaction out of working to entertain people. And I have gained many new friends. The Chorus has benefited me in many ways and I was proud to belong."

John Stevens, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Stevens, a sophomore at Northmont and an eight-year member:

"I learned to appreciate good music and how to enunciate my words. I really enjoyed being in the Chorus."

<u>Frances Kulhanek</u>, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kulhanek, eight years with the Chorus and a sophomore at Julienne:

"I got the satisfaction of being a part of someone's enjoyment. It taught me responsibility; it gave me lasting friendships with others, and it helped me to get better equipped for my life to come."

Robert Kaskocsak, 15, son of Mrs. Antoinette Kaskocsak, a sophomore at Chaminade and seven-year Chorus member:

"The Chorus has given me a new outlook on music. It has taught me music appreciation and has advanced my cultural background."

Mary Blake, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Blake, a six-year Chorus member and a freshman at Julienne:

"Being a member of the Inland Children's Chorus is a wonderful experience I will never forget. Through the Chorus I acquired an appreciation of many kinds of music and the experience of singing with other people."

Charles Srode, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Srode, a five-year Chorus member and Stebbins High sophomore:

"I have gained quite a lot of wonderful friends whom I will never forget. It has taught me the true meaning of obedience and consideration for others. I have gained a musical education that I will always remember."

Other graduates and their years of Chorus membership:

Virgil Binion, 4; William Borton, 8; Robert Brun, 5; Karen Chappie, 6; Larry Coblentz, 8; Brenda Ferguson, 3; Joan Hanson, 3; Joyce Hemmelgarn, 5; Mary Hilton, 5; Jeanie Hoying, 5; Nancy Kobrin, 8; Joe Kreis, 6; Michelle Kunnen, 8; Catherine Lehman, 6; Jan Meckenbier, 7; Rose Marie Nass, 8; Judy Neiderman, 4; Amy O'Brien, 5, and Lawrence Tobe, 6.