Music Department Revives Class, Chamber Choir After Three Years

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The music department has revived the Chamber Choir. The choir had been dormant for three years, due to a shortage of faculty.

David Batter, the new assistant professor for music in the Fine and Performing Arts department, has helped enable the choir to perform again.

Batter filled a new full-time position, which allows the department to do more.

He said there has been an incredible response to the group. The Chamber Choir is set up through auditions and may be taken for credit. Currently there are 22 members.

The choir performs a variety of historical styles. Batter said this class allows students to experience music in history through performing as opposed to music surveys, where you read and listen to learn about music.

The group recently performed and had a workshop at Daniel J. Gross High School in Omaha. They have a number of performances coming up. These include one at the Joslyn Fountain Court at noon on Dec. 4, and a performance in St. John’s Church at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 8.

For the spring semester, they are planning to sponsor a 1992 choral festival. About 125 high school students on campus may come, as well as professional instrumentalists from around the area. This will be held the weekend of Feb. 21-23. They will end the weekend with a performance at St. John’s Church on Feb. 23 at 8 p.m.

Batter said one of his goals for the group is to create an image for Creighton in the fine arts area. He said he wants to provide a professional sounding, high caliber group, which will gain recognition and respect in the Omaha area.

“We’ve got the talent and the ability,” he said.

Batter said they hope to have a music major within a couple of years. He said he thinks this would help Creighton become more rounded and increase its desirability for those interested in the arts.

Batter said that groups such as the Chamber Choir give students, who have previously been involved in music, an outlet for their talent and interest.

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