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"HAPPY TOGETHER" - a student-directed folk group which is part of the Concordia College Choir which will be appearing here in Rocky this weekend. The public concert will be heard at the Pioneer School this Friday, November 14th, at 8:00 P.M. "Happy Together" is directed by Scott Hafso, centre, last row, College One student at Edmonton's Concordia College.

## Concordia Choirs here on Friday Night

Edmonton's Choirs of Concordia College will be heard in special concert here in the Pioneer School gymnasium this Friday, November 14th, at 8:00 P.M. The two-hour event, featuring the 65-member Concordia College Choir under the direction of Professor Gordon Hafso, will also see performances by several student folks' groups called "Happy Together" and "SonShine".

Sponsored for area residents by the members of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Friday evening's concert is open to all without admission charge. A free-will offering will be received.

Rocky Mountain House will host the first public concert of the Choirs of Concordia this school year. This weekend will see the Choirs of Concordia in Central Alberta and Saskatchewan. Saturday evening they will be performing in Luseland, Saskatchewan.

Rev. Theo. Reiner, Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, told *The Mountaineer*, "We are especially pleased to be able to host the Choirs for Rocky Mountain House, and, from a personal point of view, I'm doubly pleased, for it was my privilege over the past four years to be able to travel with the Choirs as Tour Coordinator." Rev. Reiner, prior to coming to Rocky Mountain House late last summer, was the Director of Development and Communications for Concordia

feature sacred music of both a traditional and contemporary nature. Many area residents have travelled to Edmonton to hear the Choirs in Concert, heard them locally when they appeared in Rocky Mountain House in 1976 and again in 1978, or, more recently, over radio station CKGY of Red Deer. This past week there was also a brief vignette on television as the Choirs appeared on ACCESS-ALBERTA's education special "Futures", which was seen locally on both CFRN and CKRD television stations.

Directed by Professor Gordon Hafso, formerly music director of a large school in Beverly Hills, California, the Choirs are noted for their choral discipline and crisp diction. Most recently they competed in the cross-Canada MacLean-Hunter "Canadian Choirs' Competition".

Music of a folk and contemporary nature, to the beat of a drum and the throbbing electronic guitar, is performed by several student-directed folk groups from within the Choir. "Happy Together", a 15-member, mixed ensemble, is led by the son of Director Hafso, Scott Hafso, a University One student at Concordia, and an accomplished writer and playwright on his own account. "SonShine" is an 18-member all-girls' group directed by Judy Shierman, a College Two student at Concordia.



Concordia College in Edmonton and as such arranged for extensive concert tours in Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and the industrial heart-land of the United States. "I can personally vouch for them (the Choirs). You'll find them most professional in their choral work, and thoroughly enjoyable," commented Immanuel's pastor. Friday night's concert will



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Concordia College is a 500-student private Lutheran institution located in Edmonton's Highlands' area since 1921. Providing a Christian training for young people in the last three years of High School and the first two years of University-level study, Concordia counts a number of local residents as its alumni, including Mrs. Joan Babitzke, who is serving as the Events' Co-ordinator for the stop by the Choirs in Rocky Mountain House this Friday. Joan is overseeing publicity, serving the young people a turkey supper at Immanuel Lutheran shortly after their arrival in Rocky Mountain House Friday evening, and arranging for their billeting Friday night at Immanuel members' homes. The Choirs will leave Rocky about noon on Saturday after assembling for morning Worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church before they begin their trip to Luseland.

This Friday evening's concert by the Choirs of Concordia College will be held in the gymnasium of Pioneer School at 8:00 P.M. and will be open, without admission charge, to the entire community. For more information Mountaineer readers are encouraged to contact the event's sponsor, Immanuel Lutheran Church, at 845-2063.