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The University of Florida Men's and Women's Glee Clubs, well-known throughout the Southeast as the "Singing Gators," will appear here in concert at 8 p.m., March 27, in the Gaither Chapel. The group is directed by John Grigsby, a member of the faculty at the University of Florida. This concert is one of a series of programs which will be presented by the Glee Club in its 44th annual concert tour. This year the Glee Club is touring through major cities of the southeast.

The Men's and Women's Glee Clubs are separate and autonomous musical organizations at the University of Florida. Membership is open to any student in the University, although most of the members are undergraduates majoring in Music, Psychology, Engineering, Law, Chemistry, History, Mathematics, Agriculture, Journalism, and Education, to name a few. On the basis of an audition students are selected for membership in the fall quarter of each academic year.

The Men's Glee Club, the oldest musical organization on the University of Florida campus, was organized in 1907. It is a member of the Intercollegiate Musical Council, joining Harvard, Yale, Cornell, and all major universities of the country that foster the best in music for male glee clubs. The group has traveled extensively throughout many parts of the United States and many areas of the Caribbean. On campus they traditionally perform for Gator Growl,

Annual Christmas Concert, the Spring Arts Festival and for many professional meetings held at the University of Florida.

The Women's Glee Club first began performing in 1948 when the University became coed. For many years the group traveled mainly in the state and were known throughout Florida as the "Singing Sweethearts." The Glee Club has traveled extensively throughout the Southeast, as far north as New York City, west to New Orleans, and in Puerto Rico and Jamaica. The Women's Glee Club performs for campus activities and joins the Men's Glee Club and other University choral groups in presenting Handel's "Messiah."

This year the Men's and Women's Glee Clubs, by touring together, offer a unique and varied program. They will be performing music for men's voices and women's voices respectively. In addition they will be combining their talents for mixed selections.

The University of Florida Men's and Women's Glee Clubs are organizations dedicated to the enjoyment and fulfillment of musical expression, the stimulation and promotion of interest in good music for the benefit of those listening as well as those participating, and the representation of the University of Florida as an institution seeking excellence in art and culture.

The Glee Clubs operate under a charter and are sponsored jointly by Student Government and the Department of Music.

An idea born in a college dormitory bull session in 1964 is about to become a reality again.

The idea was Challenge, Wake Forest University's convention - symposium on contemporary American affairs.

Challenge '69, the third biennial edition of the symposium, opens Thursday at Wake Forest. It will run through Saturday.

This year's topic is "The Urban Crisis--the Student's Response." More than a dozen authorities on urban problems will participate.

Several hundred students and teachers from dozens of colleges and universities are expected to attend.

Challenge has two major goals--to involve students in contemporary issues and to create a forum where authorities can discuss the major problems confronting America.

Miss Norma Murdoch, a senior from Macon, Ag., the executive director of Challenge '69, said this year's program is "an expression of our anxiety over our nation's plight and of our disapproval of student anxiety which manifests itself in destruction."

Challenge is organized and operated entirely by students. Each symposium requires more than a year of planning and preparation.

The budget for each three-day program is about \$15,000. Students must raise it themselves. The university does not provide funds for the program.

