SHU MEETS CHALLENGE

COBBLE Will SING AT 'HOOT'
by Ted Collins

The Cobblers, a folk-singing group consisting of our 4 Sacred Heart freshmen, will perform in a Hootenanny sponsored by the Notre Dame High glee club. The "Hoot" will begin at 7:15 p.m. on Friday, November 3rd.

The singing Cobblers are John "Doc" Boffa, string bass; Steve Dooley and Larry Tellone, guitarists; and Steve Lanzo, banjo.

Doc. Larry, and Steve Dooley appeared previously as the Hickory, Dickory, and Doc Trio, which provided folk music for our first freshman mixer. Steve Lanzo also played lead guitar in the rock-n-roll group that entertained at the mixer.

In an exclusive interview, Steve Dooley reported that The Cobblers will repeat some old favorites, such as "Five Hundred Miles" and "Darling Corey," in addition to some new numbers: "Don't Think Twice, It's All Right!" and "O Miss Mary."

According to Steve, the Cobblers choose performances solely because they are fun to sing. The group exists to share its enjoyment of folk music with others.

Hastily organized two weeks ago for the forthcoming Hootenanny, the group plans to stay together after the event. Before they were officially organized, the Cobblers occasionally provided extemporaneous entertainment for students in the lounge.

Mass Inspires Students
by Mary Florence Sliney

Sacred Heart University began its spiritual activities with Bishop Walter W. Curtis' celebration of the Mass of the Holy Ghost on Thursday, September 12th, in the University auditorium. The Bishop was assisted on the altar by Joseph Keating and Thomas Mechan. The Rt. Rev. John McGough, a University trustee; the Rt. Rev. John Toomey, chancellor of the Diocese of Bridgeport; and the Rev. John Polinsky, University chaplain, were present on the altar for the ceremony.

Plans for Student Government in Action
by Vincent Reade

In a special interview with Dean O'Sullivan the basic plans for the first Sacred Heart University Student Government elections were outlined.

It is planned that the students will be represented by twelve elected officials who will comprise the Student Government.

Each candidate will be recognized upon the completion of a petition of fifteen students' signatures. These petitions were put into circulation on Monday, October 21, and are expected to be submitted to the Office of the Dean by Monday, October 28. Each student is limited to signing twelve petitions.

Recognized candidates for the Student Government will be given one week in which to campaign. During this time they will be allocated a reasonable amount of space in classrooms and the student lounge for posters and other pertinent information concerning themselves and their platforms. There will also be an afternoon convocation at which each candidate will be given the opportunity to state his qualifications formally.

The actual elections will be held by a straight majority vote. However, in the event of two or more candidates for an office, a runoff election will be held. The choice to a number that will facilitate a majority vote.

Semi-Formal Planned

On October 26 a semi-formal dance, the Halloween Ball, will be held at Sacred Heart University from the hours of 8 P.M. to midnight. Music will be supplied by the Notre Dame Band. Refreshments will be served.

It is necessary to ask a donation of two dollars per couple in order to subsidize the cost of the entertainment.

Tickets for the dance may be obtained from the members of the social committee of the Student Government.
**Editorial Policy of the Obelisk**

Any newspaper aims essentially to give its readers the news in an interesting, concise and objective form. It is the intention of our staff to uphold these fundamental principles.

Furthermore, we hope to offer, as a part of our policy, discriminating articles of collegiate interest which will complement the intelligence of the student body in content and form. In accordance with this policy we will offer regular controversial essays that are intended to stimulate interest and retorts, either in the form of student editorials or letters to the editor.

We believe in the fundamental freedom of the individual to express his views on any subject, and it is our intent to follow this credo by opening our pages to original articles by members of the student body.

**MANNERS**

*A Debt to Ourselves*

by George Oldroyd

The Sacred Heart student is a doer. He will do almost anything for anyone. He has been seen assisting the faculty by opening doors. He has carried boxes of books, unloaded trailer trucks, and aided his fellows in their studies.

By enthusiasm, activity, and courtesy, he has inspired the hearts of all those who have observed this ambitious endeavor, Sacred Heart University.

Outwardly his courtesy exemplifies Christian ideals. Yet, from this realm of politeness he has banished a most important personage — himself. He has forgotten his duties to himself. A student engaged in conversation during a lecture is not being fair to himself. Nor is he being fair to himself as a member of Sacred Heart when he dirties the corridors with cigarette butts. There is always a "best" way of doing something. And when it is truly best it is best for the governed, not the governor.

We ask, then, are the students in the lounge being fair to themselves? Are the students who waste valuable time in the library being fair to themselves?

Our studies show order in the world around us. Can Sacred Heart students see this order? Can it be seen in the lounges? In the library? In the corridors?

Does this mean that manners change or are forgotten when no one is near who can see, who can hear, who can speak, or criticize? It seems beginning a new type of life as responsible adults. This childish behavior cannot be tolerated if we expect Sacred Heart University to be considered among the best colleges in Connecticut.

The term "manners" does not imply a strict formal code of conduct. Nor are manners idle gestures, soon to be forgotten; they are the fruits of a loyal noble mind.

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**Mary Caliendo Organizes Young Democratic Club**

In answer to a request for an article about the Young Democrats Club that she is organizing, Mary Caliendo submitted this letter to the Editor.

**Dear Editor:**

I feel that there has not been enough time as yet donated to the organization of a Young Democratic Club to write an article enumerating our future policies and programs. A complete report will, however, be ready for issue #2.

Thank you,

Mary Caliendo

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**October 17, 1963**

**To the Editor:**

I am very sorry if I will hurt the feelings of any of the students with these words about an incident that occurred about a week ago.

I placed, for the knowledge of all students, an announcement on one of the bulletin boards in our student lounge. The bulletin requested suggestions for a nickname for Sacred Heart.

Some "wise" members of our class wrote a few obscene words on it that I thought were not in good taste for any organization, much less for a Catholic University. It seems to me that these students have forgotten that they are beginning a new type of life as responsible adults. This childish behavior cannot be tolerated if we expect Sacred Heart University to be considered among the best colleges in Connecticut.

(anonymous)

**Dear Editor:**

I recently have become increasingly aware of the appalling conditions of the upcoming student elections. It seems that they have, tragically, lost their basic constitutive value and have taken on the aspect of a three ring menagerie with the prize being offered to the clown with the biggest smile.

Perhaps we should not be too interested in casting a ballot for a representative body that has become a farce, and violated the basic trust which it is charged with. That is to hold an election of the candidates who are best qualified to represent us and not examples of imbeciles.

Regrettfully,

(by the author wishes to remain anonymous, Ed.)

**Young Republican Club Formed On Campus**

by Howard Wiernick

Several Sacred Heart University students are forming a chapter of the political organization known as the Young Republican's Club. The members aim to meet the challenge of today's demand for individuals who are aware of contemporary political problems.

The Sacred Heart chapter will cooperate with hundreds of other similar college groups across the country. The Young C.O.P Club on our campus is affiliated with the Republican Party in the county and town of Fairfield.

Plans are in the making for a well-rounded political and social calendar. There will be opportunities to meet politicians and discuss with them various issues of interest.

The club encourages all students to attend at least one business meeting. This invitation is open to students of any political belief.

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Chancellor and Very Rev. John F. McGough, Supt. of Schools.

On Thursday morning, Bishop Curtis celebrated a dialogue Mass of the Holy Spirit for the student body.

The following Monday classes began and the students soon became acquainted with their instructors. Members of the faculty include: Rev. John Polinsky, theology; Rev. Neville Henry Baurger and Mrs. Marcella C. Malloy, modern languages; William G. Kilbourne and Miss Maureen Lynch, English; John Croffy and Lawrence J. Skane, mathematics; Alan Reinerman, history; Anthony V. Pinzario, science; William R. Ready, librarian, and Richard A. Matzek, assistant librarian. Student guidance is under the direction of Father Polinsky and Mr. Croffy.

Classes well under way, Sacred Heart students directed their enthusiasm toward extra-curricular activities. A temporary student council organized the school's first mixer. Student talent and cooperation combined to make the first social function of Sacred Heart University a great success.

The athletic program, which at present includes intramural football and basketball, is in full swing. Political, dramatic, and debating clubs are being formed.

One year ago Sacred Heart University existed only as a dream in the mind of Bishop Curtis. The opening of Sacred Heart marks the fulfillment of that dream and the culmination of a year's hard work to make that dream a reality.

On October 7, 1962 the eve of his departure for Rome to attend the opening session of the Ecumenical Council, Bishop Curtis formally announced his plans to open a diocesan college. To a board of trustees which includes Rt. Rev. James F. Devine, vice-chancellor of the diocese; Rt. Rev. John F. McGough, diocesan superintendent of schools; James P. Kerr, president of the Avco corporation; was given the formidable task of setting up the new university.
Sacred Heart’s Athletic Program

Northwestern’s Myers Subdues Minnesota

by Robert Biancardi

Northwestern, powered by the All-American arm of junior Tom Myers, surged to a 15-8 come-from-behind Big Ten victory over a spirited Minnesota squad.

A partisan crowd of more than 35,000 at Dyche Stadium in Evanston, Illinois watched as the Minnesota defense held Myers to just four completed passes, and intercepted three other tosses of his in the first three quarters.

But in the fourth quarter Myers displayed the style that named him an All-American in his sophomore year. He completed five passes in as many attempts — including two TD aerials.

On the first play in the final stanza, Myers connected on a 64-yard pitch straight down the field to flankerback Mike Buckner for the initial score of the game. Pete Stamison’s kick for the extra point was good and Northwestern led 7-0.

Minnesota, not to be denied, marched 83 yards in 14 plays to score behind the leadership of third-string quarterback, Larry Peterson. The touchdown came when Peterson, on an option play, pitched out to halfback Al Harris, who scooped 20 yards around the left side to score. The attempt for two extra points was good when Peterson, on a keeper, cut around his right end and into the end zone.

The Wildcats, now on the short end of an 8-7 score, bounced right back when Myers climaxed a steady drive behind the leadership of Willie Stinson, who caught it on the one yard line, and, without a defender in sight, walked over for the score. Myers then put the game out of reach with a two-point pitch to Mike Buckner.

This game marked the fourth time in this season that Northwestern has had to come from behind to win.

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Choose a Nickname for Sacred Heart!

A committee of the Student Government recently issued a questionnaire requesting each student to state what he considered to be an appropriate nickname for the University. This list of nicknames is open to supplement. The five selections receiving the highest accumulation of votes will be placed upon a slate and voted for by the student body, in conjunction with the Student Government elections.

The following are the choices that the Student Government has proposed as possible nicknames for the University. If you have any suggestions, please indicate them on the ballot.


Highlights of the Season

John Yurch and Charlie Rizzo both had the honor of losing their pants during a game.

With the season nearly over, Doc found a patient. A Great Dane cut its foot while chasing a squirrel, and limped to SHU’s answer to Ben Casey, who quickly mended it.

Russ Consiglio provided a halftime show, illustrating her football skills to many admirers.

Rich Kennedy insisted that Sharon Riley be present in the huddle.

Bill Tierney thinks every game should be played under protest; everyone else thinks Bill Tierney should be played under protest.

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Attend Mass

Three weeks ago, intramural football opened the first of Sacred Heart’s sports activities.

The first game matched teams “1” and “5.” The scoring of Dick Kennedy and Vin O’Connor of team “1” was successful in thwarting team “5,” each catching a touchdown pass from Bill Tierney. The game was played in a driving rainstorm, thus making the field quite slippery for ground attack. The final score was 14-4.

Teams “2” and “3” played on October 4. Bob Aliteri and Charlie Rizzo were the big ground gainers for team “3,” which came from behind to nose out the opposition. With time run out, Bob Aliteri raced 60 yards to pay dirt. The stage was then set for Charlie Rizzo’s gamewinning, off-tackle conversion. Bob Bucci and Vin Sharkey were the big guns for team “2.” Team “3” was the victor, 14-12.

Scoring by Dave Wadansoli, Bill Elliot, and Bill Dean meant a 20-6 win for team “2” on Monday, October 7. Team “4,” under the direction of John Lefinance and Frank Bruno, pushed team “5” around, but failed to capitalize on the big plays.

Team “2” slaughtered team “1” in the night game, in which Vin Sharkey and Bob Bucci starred. Not much can be said of this game — it was simply Sharkey and Bucci all the way. The final score was 46-6 for a team “1” victory.

Led by Paul DePietro, who demonstrated the New Jersey style of football, team “1” clobbered team “4” and regained the prestige lost in their previous game. Paul intercepted no less than seven enemy bombs and set up nearly every team “1” score. It was just a matter of choosing the one to take the ball over the line. Truly a fine one man show for DePietro. Final score: DePietro 36, team “4” 6.

Team “3” clobbered team “4” on Monday, October 14, by a score of 280. Ace quarterback Charlie Rizzo’s four brilliant TD passes to Reg Topham and Larry Mann accounted for the score. Several fine receptions by Dave Russell scored the only bright spots in the game for team “4.”

Due to injuries and the nearness of the basketball season, intramural football ended Wednesday, October 16. The athletic department wishes to thank the men who participated in the football program, the referees, spectators, and especially Doc Boffa for his professional medical aid.
Faculty Establishes Grading System

The grading system which was voted into effect by the faculty at a recent meeting is published below:

I. System of Grades

A. Unique mastery of subject matter —
This grade is not automatically assigned to those students with the highest rank in class, but is reserved for outstanding accomplishment.
B+ Superior
B Excellent
C+ Very Good
C Good
D+ Fair
D Minimum mastery of subject matter
FA Failure by absence
WF Withdrawn while failing withdrawn officially — no prejudice
I Incomplete — Temporary
FI Failure — Incomplete
F Failure

Incomplete grade may be altered, with permission of the Dean, by removing the deficiency no later than six weeks after the final examination in the course.

II. Student Scholastic Quotient
The Student Scholastic Quotient is the result of the cumulative quality points divided by the total earned credits. Cumulative quality points are those which are the product of the course credit value and the following grade factors.

A 4.0
A+ 4.3
A 4.0
B+ 3.5
B 3.0
B+ 3.5
C+ 2.5
C 2.0
C+ 2.5
D+ 2.0
D 1.5
D+ 2.0
D 1

Grades of WA, WF, and FI may be reclassified as withdrawn (W) through appeal to the “Committee on Academic Standards.”

III. Attendance:
Students are required to attend all academic and religious exercises.

IV. Honors
a. DEAN'S LIST
First Honors 3.5 or better with no grade lower than B
Second Honors 3.3 but less than 3.5
Honorable Mention 3.0 but less than 3.3
b. GRADUATION
Summa Cum Laude 3.9 or better
Magna Cum Laude 3.6 or 3.7
Cum Laude 3.5

V. Academic Classification
a. “Satisfactory Standing” indicates that a student is maintaining a 2.0 average.

b. “Academic Warning,” “Probation,” and “Dismissal.” Students will be placed on a status of “Warning” when they achieve a poor record during any one semester. The status will be changed to “Probation” and students will be subject to “Dismissal” anytime their cumulative average falls below 2.0. Administration of this program is under the guidance of the “Committee of Academic Standards.”

c. A student shall be eligible for graduation if he has completed degree requirements and has a cumulative grade average of 2.0 with no grade below C in his major area of concentration.

Students Involved
In Dramatic Action

At their October 16 meeting, the members of the Sacred Heart Drama Club voted to present a variety show. Auditions for parts in the presentation, set for the beginning of December, are open to all university students.

Interested students may try out Wednesday, October 23, for roles in Edward Allgeier's The Sand Box, which will be part of the show.

Anyone desiring to write possible acts, skits, or solo numbers for the presentation is encouraged to do so. Outlines of the acts must be submitted to Doc Belfa by Monday, October 28.

‘Autumn Leaves’ Heads

Autumn Leaves opened the social life for the first class of Sacred Heart University in the school gymnasium on Friday night, September 21, 1963.

The dance enabled the students and faculty to become acquainted socially.

A rock-'n'-roll band comprised of four Sacred Heart University students supplied music. The evening, highlighted by a Hootenanny, featured Sacred Heart's own Hickory, Dicky and Don.

President William H. Conley, Dean Maurice J. O'Sullivan and their wives attended the event along with faculty members: Rev. John R. Polinsky, Mr. Lawrence J. Skane, Miss Maureen C. Lynch and Mr. John A. Crofty.

A huge success, the evening set the tempo for Sacred Heart's social events.

Students Voice
First Impressions

by Carol Ann Gerardi

In a recent interview, the male students of Sacred Heart University reported these varied impressions of college life:

Vincent O'Connor:
The responsibilities one has in col­lege life take up all leisure time. The studied material is more concentrated on the student's future ambitions, and is much harder than that studied in high school. Socially it's much differ­ent from high school. Wow!

Richard Wadeka:
College life gives me more leisure time to contemplate my thoughts con­cerning my future life. College social life is more extended than it is in high school. At the time of my high school career, I found that my studies were more difficult. There should be more emphasis on the boys; I think this will increase sportsmanship both on the field and off.

Al Defabio:

Studies are harder than in high school. College demands more respon­sibilities, which is helpful in the growth of an intelligent and well-bal­anced person. College life at Sacred Heart is more personal because here you are treated as a student and an individual not just as a number.

Paul Murray:
For such a large number of people who have never met before, we work well together as a group. As for the college itself, I feel we have a good chance to succeed, because of the in­terest the faculty has in each of us.