COBBERS ON THE GO

The Cobblers, established as a folk-singing group two months ago here at Sacred Heart, are now well on their way to stardom.

During the Christmas holidays, The Cobblers will appear at an All-Star Hootenanny at the Klein Memorial in Bridgeport on Saturday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m. They will also perform at the Notre Dame Glee Club's Christmas concert at the high school auditorium on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 21 and 22, 8:00 p.m.

Long-range plans for the group, consisting of John Boffa, Steve Dooley, Steve Lanzo, and Larry Tellone, include a trip to Bennington, Vermont, in March, with the Notre Dame Glee Club.

Since their first public appearance on Nov. 2 at the Notre Dame High Hootenanny, The Cobblers have performed at two local chapters of the Elks Club; at a benefit show for the Muscular Dystrophy fund at Roger Ludlowe high school; at a hootenanny at the Museum of Art, Science, and Industry; and at a hootenanny at St. Mary's high school, New Haven.

The Cobblers sing at the Muscular Systrophy Benefit at Roger Ludlowe high school, Nov. 30. Left to right: Steve Dooley, Doc Boffa, Steve Lanzo, and Larry Tellone.

Officers greet bishop: l.to r.: Carol Gerardi, Al DeFabio, Bishop Curtis, Bill Dean, Paul Capogna.

The officers of Sacred Heart's student government welcomed His Eminence Walter W. Curtis as he arrived at New York International Airport on Thursday, Dec. 5, 1963.

The bishop has just returned from Rome where he attended the second session of the Ecumenical Council.

The students who met the bishop are William Dean, president of the student government; Albert DeFabio, vice-president; Carol Gerardi, secretary; and Paula Capogna, treasurer.

The bishop expressed a personal interest in the program of the school, and asked to have his best wishes conveyed to the student body.

COMMITTEE VIEWS SCHOOL

On Wednesday, Nov. 20, the representatives of the Connecticut State Department of Education made their first official visit to Sacred Heart University. This was the initial step in the process by which the University will become a fully accredited institution.

The committee consisted of a distinguished group of educators headed by Dr. Nawat S. Frase.
Mr. Anthony Pinciaro, chemistry instructor, and Mr. Lawrence Skane, math instructor, are sponsoring Sacred Heart's Science Society organized by Israel Menchero. The Science Society hopes to present science films, new lab experiments, guest speakers from local industry, and possibly academic speakers as well. A science fair is also a possibility in the future of the club. Membership in the Science Society is open only to those who are taking chemistry.

Both Mr. Pinciaro and Mr. Skane, in a recent interview, expressed their desire to provide the members with an idea of what science is really like. Mr. Pinciaro said that he hopes to be able to "stimulate science both through the work of the students and guest lecturers presented to the students." Mr. Skane added that he would like to see the club put out a publication some time in the future.

INDEPENDENT PARTY FORMS

An organization known as the Independent Party has been formed, for the purpose of promoting political consciousness in the students, as well as to provide a forum where the members can express their political beliefs. Although at this time the party is not fully organized, it does welcome applications for membership.

The chairman of the club intends to set up a speakers committee, which will invite persons who are currently involved in political affairs to speak on contemporary problems in the political arena.

Those interested in joining or obtaining further information concerning the organization please contact either Robert Kennedy or Paul Zapotocky.

SNOW BECKONS MANY

Several students of Sacred Heart have organized a Ski Club, for the advancement of a sport that offers both recreation and exercise. The club offers the advantage of reduced rates at ski areas, available only to clubs; and invigorating social activities away from, as well as on, the slopes.

It is hoped that through the club the members will be able to rent a house for weekends or the Easter vacation; that they will go on day trips to Powder Hill and Mo-hawk; and that beginners will be able to receive free instructions in the rudiments of skiing.

If there is enough interest in the club, members hope to join the official Eastern Ski Association, thus receiving the benefits of official recognition, and monthly magazine and ski bulletins.

All those interested in joining the club are urged to attend the next meeting, to be held sometime in early January.
Fredrick C. Crews, an English professor at the Berkeley branch of the University of California, has originated a rather permeating spoof against the literary critics to whose nonsense innocent freshman are subjected.

Dr. Crews has created twelve critical analyses of the hidden meaning of A.A. Milne's "Winnie the Pooh" each exemplifying a different school of literary criticism to a point of near absurdity.

The Marxian critic, for example, who approaches all works from a political standpoint, sees "Winnie" as "A Bourgeoisie Writer's Proletarian Fable" with Rabbit as the capitalist manager, Owl as the pedantic plutocrat, and Pooh as the representation of the workers cause.

Some other essays are: "O Felix Culpa"—a critical comment based on the sacramental meaning of "Winnie the Pooh"; and "Poisoned Paradice, the underside of Pooh"—a discourse on "Winnie" with acknowledgements to Friedrich Nietzsche, Karl Marx, and Sigmund Freud.

The Pooh Perplex, with its blatant humor, makes the especial observation that too many pretentious critics are squandering the time of the young college scholars. I heartily recommend this book for both the reader who enjoys a light, humorous story, and the reader who enjoy reading in depth.

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**FLEAS**

I think that I shall never see anything so hateful as a flea,
He never asks whether he may,
He just bites and flies away.

The toughest skin he will pierce.
He's so small yet so fierce
Knowing the devil as an awful tease,
You can be sure Hell has fleas.

K. Dennis Kelly

**STUDENTS FORM CULTURAL SOCIETY**

The Sacred Heart Society for the Preservation of Art, Literature, and Music, an intellectual and cultural society known as SHUS-PALM, has been organized by students and faculty members of S.H.U.

Those interested in applying for membership contact Bernadette Williams.

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**PAN PIPES**

When spring's gold trumpets sound
The ice chains fall away
When Pan Pipes fall away
Life arrows from the ground
The flame leaves light the trees,
The snow wreaths fade from hills;
As Swift exultant rills
Fling white plumes to the breeze.
The blackbird calls and cries,
In lavish passion trills; Against the pristine skies,
His wild sweet love song spills.

Then dance the dryads out,
To sway to Pan God's pipe—
Lithe bodies whirled about,
Green-eyed, their faces white;—
"Til wind songs lash the trees,
And cloud spray frowns the sun;

Then shadows lap the nymphs
Where laughing rivers run.
The last to fade is pan; his goat feet,
silent pass;
Where seldom found is man, and naiads ring the grass.
There dryad diamonds fall in webs of silver gilt;
There sounds the trumpet call; there throbs the blackbird's lilt;
There Pan smiles as he plays, and weeping willows bend—
When Spring enchants the days, and laughs at winter's end—

P.D.R.

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**A STUDENT Expresses His Opinion, Poetically**

A MAN CAN LAUGH BUT....

He who laughs at others as he laughs at himself is an honored man of character
and he who laughs with one who laughs at him and others of his peer is but a fool
but he laughs with the sting of sarcasm is a man of wit, but stands alone.

Peter B. Balkite
WHERE HAS THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT GONE?

We paraphrase a recent popular song:

Where has the Christmas spirit gone,
Long time passing?
Where has the Christmas spirit gone,
Long time ago?
Where has the Christmas spirit gone?
Gone commercial everywhere.
When will we ever learn?
When will we ever learn?

Just where has the Christmas spirit gone? Nowadays it seems that it has gotten lost amid the hustle and bustle of last-minute Christmas shopping. It is hard to believe that Christmas is actually the commemoration of the birth of Christ, and not the invention of some mercenary business men interested only in squeezing the public of its last pennies. Once upon a time, one could feel the joy and peace of this happy season, radiating from the hearts of friends, neighbors, and strangers. No more. Heavy sighs and impatient groans have replaced the smiles and greetings of "Merry Christmas". Giving for giving's sake is nearly obsolete. The babe Christ, born on that snowy December night nineteen hundred years ago, was God's great gift to His loved ones. The first Christmas day was one of infinite love— the love of God; of joy— the joy of the angels and shepherds; and of peace— for the Prince of Peace was born. What has happened to this Christmas spirit, the spirit of joy, peace, and love? When will we ever learn?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
I feel it may interest your readers to hear the reaction of my mother to the news of President Kennedy's assassination. She lives in London and will be 90 years old next July.
"I feel I must write to you about the appalling news that came through on the radio last night. It is just one of those things one cannot believe to have happened. Here no one talks of anything else. After the radio announcement I listened to the Prime Minister's appreciation which was expressed in the quiet, downright way he has. He described Kennedy amongst other qualities as being a deeply religious man. How terribly he will be missed at a time when the tension between East and West was beginning to lessen, even if slightly, owing largely to his firmness and tact. One feels intensely for his widow and can only pray for her through this terrible time. The picture in today's London "Times" of them both just before he was killed shows her so happy and young. The loss to the world is incalculable, but if one has the faith one ought to have, one must believe that God is able to raise up a man to take Kennedy's place."

Sincerely yours,
N.H. Brazier

Dear Editor,
One of the primary functions of Sacred Heart University is to stimulate a mature and intellectual existence indicative to college campus life. The Student Body has been offered the position of mature men and women. Yet the Student Lounge suggests the apathetic feeling of an immature and irresponsible assembly of people who feel this is a "glorified high school." The Student Lounge is not just for students of Sacred Heart; it is a facility of the University used by visitors from other colleges, professors, personal friends, and, upon occasion, parents of the students.

How is the Student Body to have any pride in it's University if any visitor were to make the comment, "such chaos and disorganization in the Student Lounge is a disgrace"? There are those people who will sacrifice their spare time to come after class, at night, to clean the lounge. To these people the University owes thanks, but it takes the 100% cooperation of each individual to respect the lounge as it should be respected...PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Sincerely yours,
Peter Balkite

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Coach Edward Hall, often called the "Rebel" by his friends, was born in St. Augustine, Florida. In Florida he went to St. Joseph's Academy where he played varsity basketball while he was in the eighth grade.

Mr. Hall, a college graduate, has three degrees: a Bachelor of Science, a Master of Science, and a Professional Degree in Guidance. He attended the University of Bridgeport from 1953-1957 on a football scholarship and did his post graduate study at Columbia University of New York.

Mr. Hall has a very extensive athletic background. In 1948 he was chosen All Catholic State and All State for Basketball of Florida. He also entered the United States Navy in 1948. While in the "Navy he played football and was the captain of the football team which won the 1950 Championship of the Far East-Pearl Harbor to Japan. Also in 1950, he was the Welterweight Boxing Champion of the Navy. In 1951 he played for the Pearl Harbor Basketball Team. 1953 saw him entering the University of Bridgeport. In September, 1957 he started coaching at Bedford Junior High School where he is still employed.

As for the Sacred Heart University Basketball Team the coach has said, "Since Starting the season late, I want to get as many games as possible this year just for experience. Next year I want to have a full collegiate schedule." Coach Hall has sent letters to several colleges for games, some of them are: Trinity College, Wesleyan College, the Universities of Bridgeport and Connecticut, Southern Connecticut, Central Connecticut, New Haven College, and Yale. If all of these colleges reply affirmatively, S.H.U. should have at least eight games for its first season.

The S.H.U. basketball team edged Norwalk Technical School, 77-76, in the team's first game on Dec. 10.

Bill Elliott, 6-4 center, and Dave Riehl, 6-5 forward, scored 24 and 20 points, respectively, to lead the winners attack while Steve Lanzo added 12 points. Cerullo connected for 20 points for Norwalk with Sherry contributing 23.

Sacred Heart led by 38-35 at half-time and had to survive a torrid Norwalk late rally to gain the coveted first victory in the historic game.

According to Bob Convertito, team manager and trainer, the team was "very good," but "could have done better had there been more teamwork."

Starting team against Tech. 1 to r; Frank Bruno, Bill Dean; standing- Dave Riehl, Bill Elliott, and Steve Lanzo.

| S.H.U. team 1 to r: R.Convertito, manager; H.Tierney; R.Wadeka; W. Dean; J.Kirby; L.Tellone, asst. manager; standing- F.Bruno, O'Connor, M.Kusick, W.Elliott, J.Sia, D.Riehl, S.Lanzo, and J.Mandanci. | Norwalk Tech. 1 to r: Cerullo, 12 4 28; Limolze, 3 0 6; Bardos, 1 0 2; Leskovsky, 2 2 6; Davis, 2 0 4; Sherry, 10 3 23; Pietkiewicz, 1 1 3; Santos, 2 0 0; Giaqinto, 0 0 0. |
Merry Christmas