

'Mr. Goodbar' and 'The Choirboys'

Critics take note

By SARAH INGERSOLL

I have come to the conclusion that all movie critics are full of shit.

Take, for example (or should I say examples), two of the more recent movies that are in Fredericton — "Looking for Mr. Goodbar" (Plaza Cinemas) and "The Choirboys" (Nashwaaksis Cinemas).

According to top movie critics, such as Rex Reed, 'Goodbar' was a 'revelation' in motion pictures; 'the best picture in years'. Well, maybe I'm not as 'deep' as Rex Reed (although somehow, I doubt it) but I found myself thoroughly disappointed while viewing this flick. It was the most depressing movie I have seen and if there was a point to it, I certainly missed it. Granted Diane Keaton is a good

actress and she certainly has proved that she is one of the best in the business. However, the character she portrays in "Goodbar" is so unfitting to her. It's a bitchy, uncaring portrayal — the only side of her personality that is appealing at all is when she is teaching her deaf children.

All in all, "Looking for Mr. Goodbar" defied everything that had been said about it and if you haven't seen it yet, don't bother.

Where critics said that "Goodbar" was terrific, they shit all over "The Choirboys". It was acclaimed as "the worst movie of the year".

While it was not the best movie, I've ever seen, it was far from the worst.

It had the right amount of humour (side-holding) mixed with a few tragic scenes.

Starring in "Choirboys" was a variety of actors, among them



Contrary to most critics opinions, 'The Choirboys' is not quite as bad as you may think. An interesting cast of characters.

Charles Durning, Louis Gossett, Jr. (who you may remember as 'Fiddler' in that TV spectacular 'Roots') plus various other stars who you will recognize as supporting actors in hit movies and TV shows. (If you watch 'Police Story' on TV, you will remember most of the actors from that show.) This could be attributed to the fact that Joseph Wambaugh wrote "The Choirboys"

as well as being the creator of 'Police Story'.

"The Choirboys" could very well be described as being 'the day in the life of...' as it attempts to show what really goes on with policemen; the humour in the job, the shitty times, and the tragic times. It shows 'good' cops and 'bad' cops, 'normal' and 'abnormal' activities of cops. Mostly it just shows that police are people and

are subject to the same emotions as you or me; that they are not perfect.

Overall, 'Choirboys' is a very entertaining movie to see, so catch it when you have time — it will be here for a while.

The final verdict? Forget about Mr. 'Goodbar' and go to 'Choirboys' — but then why listen to me, I'm a critic and I'm full of shit.

The best and the worst of greatest hits

By MARC PEP'N

Wait before you blow your money on a shitty album! Read this article. You may or may not change your mind. Before you buy another album, have you ever thought of buying greatest hits albums.

First of all a hit is something you've heard more than once on the radio and you can recognize it

when you hear it. You can normally guess the artists last name but you're never sure what country he/she's from.

Lately if you've noticed there has been a lot of greatest hits, best of, and anthology albums released. The big companies figure it's an easy way to make a few big bucks, so they sell "Johnny Rotten's" 'Best of' album, especially around Christmas time.

However some companies have released shitty Greatest Hit albums like the Kinks which is atrocious. Not one hit on their "Best of" album. However, some like the Moody Blues are masterpieces. There are about 310 Greatest Hit albums going around by the way.

For your money's worth if you are ever going to buy an album, buy a Greatest Hit album. You're paying \$7.98 normally for one, maybe two good songs on an average LP these days. If you get lucky you can get 4 hits in an album. Rumors — you're actually getting ripped off. 45's are usually \$1.28 and X 2 equals \$3.56 for both hits. The only drawback with 45's is that they're a drag to play because you have to change each one every 3 minutes.

The number of hits are in the brackets. If you bought the Who's Greatest Hits — 12 hits at \$1.28, that's \$15. You save \$\$\$\$ by buying Greatest Hits Album. If you buy the Eagles Greatest Hits, how can you lose with every song being a hit.

Watch out for Best of albums, there usually shitty! It's like Johnny Rotten who has one hit but wants to release his best material. Anthology albums are usually double albums that include artists

first and last songs. You generally get ripped off here too!

If you buy a Greatest Hit album, normally you can't go wrong especially if there on sale. If you bought one greatest hit album a week at \$7.98 (8 hits) instead of 4 albums with 2 hits each, you'd save \$24 a week which equals 4 cases of beer or 82 beers or 52 weeks or 4264 beers per year — about 11 beers per day! How can you go wrong?

CHSR Top 40

- 1) Emotion - Samantha Sang - Private Stock (1)
- 2) We are the champions, we will rock you - Queen Elektra (3)
- 3) Just the way you are - Billy Joel - Columbia (5)
- 4) You make Irving fun - Fleetwood Mac - Warner Brothers (2)
- 5) Dance dance dance - Chic - Buddah (17)
- 6) The name of the game - Abba - Atlantic (4)
- 7) Precious painful me - Linda Ronstadt - Asylum (9)
- 8) Turn to stone - ELO - United Artists (8)
- 9) S. melimes when we touch - Dan Hill - GRT (10)
- 10) Peg - Steely Dan - ABC (14)
- 11) You really got me needing you - Peter Dinklage - Warner Brothers (13)
- 12) Sweet sweet smile - Carpenters - A&M (16)
- 13) Desiree - Neil Diamond - Columbia (6)
- 14) Lady love - Lou Rawls - Columbia (11)
- 15) She's not there - Santana - Columbia (12)
- 16) Street people - Randy Newman - Warner Brothers (7)
- 17) Dust in the wind - Kansas - Kirshner (-) Wer
- 18) Were off you know - Klaatu - Daffodil (27)
- 19) California - Debby Boone - Warner Brothers (-)
- 20) Hollywood - Brz Scaggs - Columbia (18)
- 21) Honey don't leave L.A. - James Taylor - Columbia (29)
- 22) Theme from close encounters - Meco - Millennium (-)
- 23) Mindance - Van Morrison - Warner Brothers (37)
- 24) The little red - Commodores - Motown (19)
- 25) Goodbye girl - David Gates - Elektra (23)
- 26) Rock n roll is a viscous game - April Wine (24)
- 27) Easy to love - Leo Sayer - Warner Brothers (15)
- 28) Can't smile without you - Barry Manilow - Arista (35)
- 29) Pretty vacant - Sex Pistols - Warner Brothers (39)
- 30) I'll be somebody - Jackie Del Shannon - Amherst (30)
- 31) Climb to the heart - Rush - Anthem (26)
- 32) Live at your convenience - Alice Cooper - Warner Brothers (38)
- 33) Man to man - Hot Chocolate - Big Tree (28)
- 34) Blue street - Blood Sweat & Tears - ABC (20)
- 35) The circle is small - Gordon Lightfoot - Warner Brothers (25)
- 36) Take me to the captain - Prism - GRT (-)
- 37) Don't want to lose your love - Shirley Eikhard - Attic (32)
- 38) Tried to love - Peter Frampton - A & M (33)
- 39) Gettin' ready for love - Dianna Ross - Motown (31)

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1. Beatles 62-66 (21)
 2. Beatles 67-70 (20)
 3. Rolling Stones Hot Rocks (17)
 4. Moody Blues (16)
 5. Stampeders (16)
 6. Rolling Stones More Hot Rocks (14)
 7. The Who (13)
 8. Elvis (13)
 9. Three Dog Night (12)
 10. CCR (12)
 11. Gordon Lightfoot (11)
 12. Guess Who (11)
 13. Chicago (11)
 14. Bob Dylan (11)
 15. Simon & Garfunkel (10)
 16. Eagles (10)
 17. Donovan (10)
 18. Elton John (9)
 19. Beach Boys (9)
 20. Blood Sweat & Tears (9)

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1. Kinks (0)
 2. Focus (0)
 3. Argent (1)
 4. Leon Russell (1)
 5. Iron Butterfly (1)
 6. Isaac Hayes (1)
 7. Faces (1)
 8. Buffalo Springfield (1)
 9. Stephen Stills (1)
 10. Styx (1)
 11. Kool and the Gang (1)
 12. Lou Reed (2)
 13. James Gang (2)
 14. Black Sabbath (2)
 15. Allman Brothers (2)

Will seals soon be extinct?

What do actresses Tippi Hedren, Pamela Sue Martin, and Monique Van-Der Ven have in common this week? Well, they're all on the Greenpeace Foundation's publicity plane tour which leaves for Canada this week. It's part of the protest against the annual seal hunt which begins there Friday, March 10. Also among the 18 passengers on the plane donated by World Airways president Ed Daly will be California Congressman Leo Ryan, head of the house subcommittee on the environment, and Greenpeace chief, Dr. Patrick Moore.

Moore says that he's particularly upset by the Canadian

government's 180,000 seal pup quota this year, up 10,000 from last year. He says that they based that quota on computer estimates which gave a population figure of 330,000. Greenpeace, using a new technique that directly counts the pups by plane, sets that figure at only 250,000.

The Canadian government says that the seal population has increased, but Moore cites figures from the World Wildlife Fund which show that the number has declined from 3.5 million in 1950 to just over 1 million in 1970. Now, Moore says, "we're afraid it's even less than that." (Newsprint)

Rock 'n Roll Trivia

Rick Lee says to keep trying the questions — it doesn't hurt to know something about what you listen to for music.

1. What was Alic Coopers first LP?
2. Who were The Falling Spikes?
3. What band did Carlos Santana's brother form?
4. What band was Ringo Starr a member of before 'the Beatles found him'?
5. What was the first Chuck Berry 45?
6. What is the largest selling rock band on the Warners label?
7. Where did Jo Jo Gunne get their name?
8. What was the Allman Brothers first band?
9. What was Todd Rundgren's first band?
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