Last month we launched our first Annual Fund drive in many years. By now you have received a letter telling you about our campaign to raise $500,000 for use in upgrading University facilities and services. The entire University is being asked to participate – including the faculty and staff. We already have progressed to nearly 20 percent of our goal. (As a result of the recent phonathon, alumni and parents have pledged over $35,000, and trustees, corporations, and friends are joining in as well.)

When those of us who are close to the University demonstrate a high degree of participation through our financial gifts, our external effort to solicit funds is made easier. Your gift is an investment in Sacred Heart's future as well as your own.

If you have already given, please accept my thanks. If you have not yet contributed, please consider the University's needs in light of your own resources and make your appropriate gift. Remember, your participation is what matters. Thank you.

Dr. Robert A. Preston
President
"WE'RE ALL LUCKY" . . . ROBERTA CABLE

Professor's Family Adopts Chilian Boy

The holidays should be especially lively at the Cable household in Easton this year. Dr. Roberta Cable, chair of the Accounting Department, and her husband, Thomas, have adopted a 3-year-old Chilian boy, John Paul, who joined family members Marvin, age 4, Marni, 21, and Andrew, 22.

"We wanted Marvin to grow up with someone his own age," said Dr. Cable. "The two boys are getting along fine," she added. "Marvin likes to be first in whatever he does. John Paul is not as competitive, so they complement each other in play."

John Paul and Marvin attend St. Paul's Child Development Center in Bridgeport. They both participate in gymnastic classes at the Lakewood-Trumbull Branch of the YMCA.

"There hasn't been a language barrier," noted Dr. Cable. Accepted as prospective adoptive parents by a group of Chilian attorneys and put on a waiting list, she and her husband enrolled in a Spanish language course at the University.

"John Paul was talkative at first," Dr. Cable said, "then became less verbal, aware perhaps that he sounded different. He's speaking more again. The family," she said, "has picked up a few Spanish phrases which we use instead of English words."

The Cables thought that adopting would be easy, but discovered that adoption agencies in the United States mostly seek childless couples as adoptive parents.

"We found that the best route we could go to get a healthy child was in a foreign country," she said. That, too, proved to be a complicated process.

Through the Latin American Parents Association (LAPA), a resource and support group for prospective adoptive couples, the Cables, after many contacts, applications, and rejections, were told that the waiting period would be from 16 months to two years.

"I became very visible," said Dr. Cable. "I sent pictures of our family. I wrote. I called." Five months later, the Cables were on their way to Chili, informed that a male child was available for them to adopt.

"The only description the attorney gave us," said Dr. Cable, "was, 'He's tall, he has brown hair and flat feet.' "

John Paul was one of 62 children, ranging in age from infancy to six years, living in a rural village home run by Swiss nuns. Dr. Cable explained. He had been placed in the home after being abandoned by his family.

"Although he had no toys of his own or any personal possessions, just the clothes he wore, he came from a loving environment," said Dr. Cable. "I think that's why he's adapted so well."

"People say, 'Isn't John Paul lucky.' I say 'We're all lucky.' "

WSHU-FM FINDS A NEW HOME

WSHU-FM, southwestern Connecticut's only National Public Radio station, recently moved to its new location at the Jefferson House.

How does a 24-hour-a-day, seven-days-a-week radio station move its entire operation without going off the air?

"Piece by piece," says General Manager George Lombardi. "It was most important that we lose as little airtime as possible. What happened was that Jason Lopez, our operations manager, introduced the next piece of music from our old studio, and we started playing it in our new studio, quickly cutting the wires," George explains.

He adds that the only on-air interruptions were about 30 seconds of dead-air during the cutover and a 15-minute delay of broadcasting the news that evening. "It was a crazy day," George recalls.

"Of course," George says, "our temporary studio happened to be the back porch of the Jefferson House, and in the next few weeks a listener could easily hear on-air the noise of the jackhammers outside, where men were repairing the parking lots. Most importantly, however, is that we continued to broadcast."

Broadcast delays . . . on-site interference . . . were all the complications worthwhile? Emphatically, George insists, "Yes!"

"We were in desperate need of additional space," he explains. The station now has a 50 percent increase in space, confined to one area. "We are no longer scattered about in different locations."
In a mini-survey, members of the University community were asked:
"How do you plan to spend your Christmas holiday (the week between Christmas and New Year's, when the University will be closed)?"

Whatever your holiday plans, we of the SHU Prints staff wish you joy and peace, with abundant blessings throughout the New Year.
THE BULLETIN BOARD

By Susan Mikusky
Director, Employee Relations

• The Employee Relations Department is working hard to improve communication. For this reason we have purchased new glass enclosed bulletin boards for each building on campus. News of job openings, restructuring or any other “flash” bulletins will be posted.

Our representatives in each building responsible for posting news are: Ann Montanaro, Campus Center; Paul McCormick, Academic Building; Jean Kelly, Madison Avenue; Gerry Diorio, Administration Bldg.; and Nettie Howe, Library. We hope this will help improve University-wide communications.

• We are now in the process of issuing I.D. cards to all our University staff employees. These cards will help identify you to security personnel or in the bookstore to obtain your discount.

• Recently Congress passed and the President signed into law the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, which requires that we hire only American citizens and aliens who are authorized to work in the United States. The Employee Relations Department’s responsibility is to verify employment eligibility of everyone hired after November 1986 by having employees produce proof of identity and employment eligibility, and completing an I-9 form.

There are severe penalties levied upon employers for violating the new immigration law with respect to hiring. Our department realizes that it has been an inconvenience for many employees to find and produce such documents, and we appreciate your complying so speedily. All future hires will be expected to produce identity and employment papers.

NEWSMAKERS

SHU welcomes new staff and administrators who have joined us since September 1.

They include Loulou Canaan of Stratford, typesetting coordinator, Art; Lizabeth Mackenzie of Bridgeport, administrative secretary, Legal Assistant Program; Pamela Ruggio of Stratford, administrative secretary, Nursing; Jena Schaefers of Stratford, departmental secretary, Education; Nancy Sidoti of Trumbull, assistant registrar, Registrar; James Walsh of Monroe, security officer, Security; Richard Wilkins of Hartford, security supervisor/days, Security; and Martha Williams of Fairfield, membership director, WSHU.

SHU welcomes several new adjunct faculty who have recently joined us.

They include Clarence Bastarache of Stratford, instructor, Computer Science; Emerson Black of Stamford, assistant professor, Marketing/Management/Human Resources; Patricia Bollettieri of Easton, instructor, Computer Science; Pamela Bramble of West Haven, instructor, Art; Joyce Brennan of Stratford, instructor, Computer Science; and Meg Lota Brown of New Fairfield, associate professor, English.

Also David Bruce of New Haven, associate professor, Computer Science; Eleanor Burke of Fairfield, assistant professor, Modern Languages; Ralph Burke of Fairfield, associate professor, Education; David Cattanach of Waterford, instructor, Education; and Eva Clements of Norwalk, assistant professor, English.

Also John Corban of Darien, assistant professor, Accounting; Diane Czermawski of Monroe, assistant professor, Math; Anna Di Censo of Derby, instructor, Math; Andrew Dunaj of Derby, instructor, Math; Diane Feigenson of Fairfield, instructor, English; Michael Frichette of New Haven, associate professor, Education, and Tim Gagnon of Bridgeport, assistant professor, Accounting.

Also Kenneth Graham of Stratford, assistant professor, History; John Grogan of Monroe, assistant professor, Accounting; and Jay Guberman of Stratford, assistant professor, Political Science.

Also Glenn Kindlien of Milford, assistant professor, English; Enid Lipeles of Monroe, instructor, Chemistry; Patricia Lohotsky of Fairfield, assistant professor, Accounting; Matthew Magda of New Haven, instructor, History; Vincent Mangiacapra of Trumbull, assistant professor, Computer Science; Barry Manis of Fairfield, instructor, Computer Science; Panagiotis Manthos of Trumbull, instructor, Math; and Carl Marino of Stamford, assistant professor, History.

Also Thomas Matarazzo of Redding Ridge, assistant professor, Computer Science; and Claire May of Bridgeport, assistant professor, Biology.

JOBS OPENINGS

Career Services FT Career Counselor
Security FT Security Officers
Political Science/Philosophy PT Secretary

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