Appalachia Impoverished
Again Aided By SHU Students

One of the biggest stories regularly coming out of Southwestern Connecticut each Christmas is the ever-expanding annual pilgrimage of aid conducted during the past six years for residents of Appalachia by SHU's Sigma Tau Omega fraternity. Shown in the act of loading goods on one of four trucks which carried clothing and other articles to thousands of underprivileged residents of that region of the United States at Christmas are: (left to right) James Marrone, president of Sigma Tau Omega; and students John Pieniak, John Corsano, Mary Sheehan and James Paci, chairman of the effort. However, the greatest impact involved thousands of residents in Southern Connecticut, as well as the SHU spearhead of student workers and volunteers, who either gave articles or worked unselfishly to transport them in order to provide the real meaning of the Holiday Season for needy fellow human beings in one of the nation's most critical poverty regions.

Public Affairs Reorganization Takes Place At University

A restructuring and reorganization of Public Affairs has been taking place this fall. The reorganizational process was occasioned by the departure of Joseph R. Burkart, former director of development, to assume a new post in Michigan.

President Kidera noted that he had assumed additional responsibilities this fall in public affairs, which include development, public information, legislative relations and related activities.

William B. Kennedy, who has been with the University since 1967 and is Assistant to the President, has been given the additional title of director of public affairs and placed in charge of all the public affairs areas involved.

Sebastian A. Midolo, a 1970 University graduate, from Warwick, R.I., was named

MASTER PLAN UP-DATE
PROJECTS SHU TRENDS

An updated version of data contained in the University Master Plan studies originally developed in 1974 recently was given to President Kidera and the Board of Trustees. A Master Plan Committee of the University under the direction of Dr. Charles E. Ford, academic vice president and dean, has this responsibility.

President Kidera indicated that the data, while naturally subject to change and revision by the Board before policy and program decisions were made, did show that the University's future appears to be characterized during the coming five

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IN MEMORIAM

On November 15, Mrs. Carol Wymelenberg Ney, Associate Director of Continuing Education, died in an auto accident in Wisconsin where she had been visiting relatives after completing a speaking engagement at the annual conference of the National Association of Summer Sessions in Arizona.

A 1973 SHU graduate, she became well known throughout the Southwestern Connecticut region for her leadership in developing the University's Conference and Counseling program for adult women returning or initially entering higher education, and for a variety of other related responsibilities involving counseling and advising Continuing Education students. She was also active in educational and civic endeavors in Fairfield and leaves her husband, Robert Lee Ney, two sons, and a daughter.

A living memorial fund in her name has been established at Sacred Heart. The University conducted special memorial services for Mrs. Ney shortly after her death.
HAPPENINGS AT SHU

One of the many SHU Fall Bicentennial events that attracted audiences in excess of 5,000 to the campus involved opening of the “Face of America” photography contest featuring the works of amateur photographers. Richard A. Matzek, librarian and Bicentennial chairman and student Arlene Dean review photography announcement materials. The University was recognized by the state for its program which featured performances by author Jonathan Kozol, a Spanish Program Week, Smithsonian Exhibit “Workers and Allies,” a conference “Forgotten Women: Recapturing Our Past,” a concert “Made in America” and the Thomas Merton Celebration sponsored by the campus ministry.

RACISM CONFERENCE CONDUCTED

Ben S. Andrews, Jr., executive director of the State NAACP, was keynote speaker for a Conference on Institutional Racism conducted by Sacred Heart University in November. Thomas W. Todd, part-time consultant in Black Studies at SHU, coordinated the conference activities.

Other conference speakers included Dr. Naim Akbar, co-chairperson of the Office of Human Development for the Nation of Islam; State Senator Wilbur Smith, of Hartford; and Barbara Sizemore, former Superintendent of Schools in Washington, D. C. and head administrator at Lawndale Experimental School, Chicago, Illinois.

Topics of the conference included application of Equal Opportunity Plans to help develop a strengthened economic base for Blacks, an analysis of racism and development of programs to combat its effects, an historical evaluation of racism in the United States, greater awareness of legal tools to eradicate racism where possible, and the necessity of restructuring educational machinery to be more responsive to individual student needs. Mr. Todd’s summary covering recommendations to help eliminate racist practices concluded the conference, which was attended by community residents and students at area universities. Mr. John Langston, of Housatonic Community College, and the Black Heritage organization at SHU, helped Mr. Todd in conference organization.

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years by slow continuing growth in total enrollment at the institution.

He indicated that operationally the University anticipates a continuation of its present sound economic picture despite several national inflationary trends which have affected colleges adversely. He said that through planning, SHU forecasts a balanced budget picture in the coming years with modest increases in faculty to meet specialized student demands, especially in areas such as continuing education.

Commenting on successful past academic trends, President Kidera indicated that the University had succeeded in establishing innovative career-oriented programs in areas such as Business, Legal Assistant, Secretarial study and Media Studies along with basic interest in programs such as Biology and Psychology. These and other academic areas anticipate enrollment increases in the years ahead.

Noting that larger percentages of newer students are expected to come from the more mature adult student market as well as the traditional 18-24 year-old group, President Kidera said that the focus of much of the University’s effort would be to respond to a variety of needs required to assist such students in meeting their career ambitions.

Tuition forecasts, while naturally subject to change if any severe economic dislocations occur, are anticipated to be modest in nature and place the University in an extremely competitive position with those of other private higher educational institutions within the region.

President Kidera cited the projections as but a part of the total report, which is an updated complex of statistical data concerning enrollment characteristics and related information.

The University, the President stated, will continue to emphasize and stress those characteristics of its founding under Catholic auspices which focus on the creation of an atmosphere of religious presence and Catholic-oriented values as an integral part of its central mission. It also will relate, as its founding documents stress, to the intellectual development of the student and work intensively to prepare a stable type of graduate with effective career potential.

“All of the updated Master Plan version will be studied carefully by the University trustees in order to relate it to previous data and shape and discuss future planning in the context of the analysis and information presented.
THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Robert A. Kidera
President, Sacred Heart University

Despite the unsettled condition of our Nation's economy and political outlook, the next five years at Sacred Heart University should show continued improvement of its educational programs, a stabilization of its enrollment, and a balanced operating budget.

In summary, these are the projections and conclusions of the first annual "up-date" of the SHU Five-Year Master Plan just completed by the President and his chief administrative officers and presented to the Board of Trustees.

When the first Five-Year Master Plan was produced in the Fall of 1974, the commitment was made to re-write and "up-date" the report each year. At the same time trustees, faculty members, administrators, students, and alumni leaders were invited to submit comments and criticisms for improving the long-range plan.

Especially helpful in this "up-date" were the contributions of two trustees, Dr. Thomas Vanderslice and Mr. Robert Huebner, whose experience in long range projections and data and budget analysis improved the accuracy and validity of many of the enrollment and financial figures in the original document.

This "up-date" — like all long range forecasts or projections — is predicated on certain assumptions. We are presuming a steady, moderate inflationary trend, and using data on births and past enrollments, we predict that Sacred Heart University can operate on a sound financial basis with modest tuition increases and continued increases in gift income and state financial aid support. The "up-date" is now being reviewed by the trustees and leaders of the University.

The future favorable development of Sacred Heart will depend as well on maintaining the distinctive character and atmosphere which reflects the unique objectives of the founders of our institution.

As we begin our second semester, we note as well higher faculty morale and student satisfaction — all of which adds up to an increased confidence about the future and the support that this institution deserves and can expect in the months, and years, ahead.

ANNUAL GIVING CLUBS EXPANDED BY UNIVERSITY

A Presidential Leaders Club to recognize individuals and firms donating $1,000 or more each year to SHU has been established, according to Sebastian A. Midolo, director of annual giving.

This club has been added to the present Vanguard Club already in existence and limited to individuals who donate from $100 to $999 annually.

Mr. Midolo said that firms eligible for membership in the Presidential Leaders Club may designate executives to hold membership in the company name.

He indicated that, in addition to special cards and listing in the 1975-76 donor report, members of both clubs receive certain additional membership privileges and those interested may contact Mr. Midolo, c/o Sacred Heart University Development office, for further information.

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director of annual giving in October and has been working with Mr. Kennedy in the development of all phases of annual funding operation. He is a native of West Haven and, prior to joining the University, has been a credit and collection specialist with the Rhode Island Hospital Trust National Bank since 1972.

Mrs. Anita H. Vigeant, of Fairfield, has received additional responsibilities as director of special events. She came to the University in 1973 as assistant to the director of development with special responsibilities for alumni relations and various development activities. She is also a member of the University Bicentennial Celebration committee. Mrs. Vigeant is a 1971 University graduate as a psychology major with honors and a native of Rochester, N. Y.

Miss Marion Bortnick, of Stratford, has been reclassified to the position of news assistant. She is a 1975 graduate of Southern Connecticut State College and joined the news office staff in June of this year.

Mr. Kennedy said that a director of public information is being hired at this time and that the administrator should be announced by the time Happenings is issued. He indicated that the director of annual giving, the director of alumni relations and special events, and the director of public information, along with himself, will constitute at this time "an institutional advancement team capable of fully advancing the total needs of the University in a public relations and fund-raising sense."

Campus Reports

La Hispanidad, the Bicentennial Celebration committee, and the Modern Foreign Languages department sponsored a University Hispanic Week in October. The festivities included a Fiesta with food, music, and films representing most of the Spanish countries; Jose Franco's "Concert of the Discovery"; an illustrated talk on primitive art by university trustee, Mercedes de Arango; a display of Spanish costumes; and the liturgy in Spanish.

Robert Vane and Anthony Centopanti have received new positions at the University. Mr. Vane has been transferred to the new position of director of support services. Mr. Centopanti has been designated plant maintenance supervisor.

At the request of President Kidera, a memorial Mass for the University's first president, Sacred Heart University

Dr. Stanislav-Adolf Mikolic, professor of political science and sociology, has become a Fellow of the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society, at the invitation of its Fellows selection committee.

Dan Tedesken, an alumnus of the class of 1969, was elected president of the alumni council to succeed James Sabo, the first president of the council.

Mrs. Camille Reale was promoted to the rank of assistant professor in the secretarial science program. Mrs. Reale directs recruitment for the program and is a member of the University's committee for preparation of business administration curriculum.

A new scholarly journal entitled the Rycenga Symposium will be edited for publication in the Spring by Dr. Grace Farrell Lee, assistant professor of English. The Symposium will feature superior essays from all disciplines, thus representing the best written work from the University as a whole, rather than from one area or department.

Donna DeLieto, a senior business administration major, was crowned queen of Ivy Weekend in the annual contest sponsored by the Inter-Fraternity sorority council. Miss DeLieto was sponsored by the Phi Kappa Phi fraternity.

George Miller, assistant professor of business, was elected president of the University Senate. Charles W. Harper, chairman and associate professor of business, was elected Senate vice president.

The play "Sleuth," a Tony award-winning mystery thriller by Anthony Shaffer, ran for three weekends starting December 5th.

Professor John Chesire, chairman of Social Work, and Sr. Kathleen Deignan, SHU associate chaplain, were named to the board of the Merton Hospitality House, in Bridgeport.

A "We, the People" concert of American music was presented November 23 by the mixed chorus in the auditorium.

Six Mathematics students have been volunteering several hours per week to tutor students from the Park City Alternative High School in Bridgeport.

The Drama department this Fall offered two touring dramatic productions "Spirit of America," a Bicentennial special, and the Golden Goose Ensemble to delight children and adults at area schools and organizations.

William J. Dean, director of admissions, was elected president of the Conn. Association of College Admissions Officers.
Cagers Win In Merrimack Play

While early season play saw the Pioneers start slowly in December, the University cagers rallied quickly to cope the Merrimack Christmas Tournament championship December 20-21 and enter their own January Holiday Classic with a 3-3 record.

Coach Don Feeley’s five, sporting a losing record of 1-3 for the first four contests, rallied impressively against St. Joseph’s (Maine) 92-84 and host Merrimack College, 103-82, in tourney play. Carl Winfree, named the tournament’s most valuable player, and Hector Olivencia, named with Winfree to the all-tourney team, netted 29 and 20 points respectively in the tournament finale. Tony Trimbo, who had experienced some difficulty scoring in some of the earlier contests, also caged 20 against Merrimack and forward Bob Jenkins netted 22.

After routing Pace College, in the season’s opener, the Pioneers slid to three successive defeats at the hands of the University of New Haven, Quinnipiac College and AIC. However, the cagers quickly righted themselves with the Merrimack Tournament success. Players such as Olivencia, Winfree, Trimbo, Jenkins, Julian Tindall and Chris Ogiste appear certain to help Coach Feeley enjoy the right combination for another great winning season despite some early difficulties.

Portugal’s Spinola Highlights Fall Scene

Antonio de Spinola, former Portuguese president and military leader, addressed more than 900 people on November 24 in the auditorium on the danger of a Communist takeover in his native Portugal. His address was sponsored by the History and Political Science departments and his appearance benefitted Portuguese refugees.

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Your Support Requested

Your support in contacting your state legislator and/or the Governor or co-chairmen of the General Assembly Appropriations Committee to urge final completion of Section 10-331 of the General Statutes (formerly P.A. 73-551) at the intended level of $4.5 million is respectfully requested. Several students and others have already joined President Kidera in taking such action. Your voice or pen can be vital at this time.

Names and addresses of the Governor and Appropriations co-chairmen are:

Mrs. Ella T. Grasso
Governor of the State of Connecticut
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Hartford, Connecticut 06115

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Representative John G. Groppo
18 Cherry Street
Winsted, Connecticut, 06098

It has been suggested to the University by several legislators that contact of the Governor is especially helpful in addition to key members of the legislative branch of Government.

During the past three years, the General Assembly passed legislation to help finance Connecticut residents at state independent colleges by adding $1 million annually through a formula designed to contract for student spaces. This past year, however, a final planned stage of $4.5 million designed to complete the program was not implemented. As a result, the 1974-75 level of about $3 million remains roughly in effect for 1975-76, although some slight additional reduction has since been placed. Thus, the intended plan to fund admission of a fourth Freshman class at independent colleges and allow for the four-year inflationary impact of the program failed to materialize.

While Sacred Heart strained its present budget to meet unavoidable spring admissions financial commitments and did hold the line on its full-time enrollment while increasing total students, additional potential admissions demand could not be effectively accommodated at a time when 300 or more full-time student spaces were available. This was unfortunate, especially since it could have been done without capital cost to state taxpayers.

Section 10-331 already has saved several million dollars for the burdened Connecticut taxpayer. The full amount involved represents only a tiny fraction of the state budget for higher education and the formula by which funding is computed is programmed at but half the cost of educating a student at a comparable public institution. In addition, the use of present facilities of independent colleges and the ability of the state thereby to defer any bonding for duplicating what SHU and others are already doing, is self-evident.

Therefore, in addition to providing a truly plural system of higher education and greater freedom of choice among state residents, Section 10-331 already has proven its value as a source of tax relief at a critical time in state history when both the provision of services and the costs involved have become major issues.

The final level needed to complete Section 10-331 requires only $4.5 million. As state appropriations for 1976-77 are voted, your firm and clear support of this measure is most gratefully welcomed. Any additional information or details may be obtained by contacting William B. Kennedy, assistant to the president, Sacred Heart University.