Administrative changes occur; Committee begins search

On February 6, Robert A. Kidera, second president of the University, announced his decision to resign July 1 to become president of Nazareth College, Rochester, NY. Mr. Kidera came here in July, 1971 after the late Dr. William H. Conley, founding president, had been elevated to the post of Chancellor.

Dr. Maurice J. O'Sullivan, administrative vice president, who has been on administrative leave since last summer to perform special research, will retire this June.

Search Committee formed

Robert D. Delaney, secretary of the SHU Board of Trustees, has been named chairman of a Presidential Search Committee comprised of trustees and representatives of the university administration, faculty, students and alumni. The committee has been developing search procedures and recruiting applicants for consideration.

Mr. Kidera said his resignation was submitted with "mixed emotions" since "I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure at SHU", and he expressed his gratitude for support of the university community in his endeavors. He has been active in a leadership role in national, state and regional organizations involved with higher education.

Mr. Kidera will become the first male president of Nazareth College, founded in 1924 originally as a women's college by the Sisters of St. Joseph. Now an independent, coeducational institution, it has 2,600 graduate and undergraduate students.

A principal founding administrator

Dr. O'Sullivan, a principal founding administrator of the university in 1963, has held the positions of academic vice president and dean, vice president for development, and more recently as administrative vice president. He also has been active in community affairs and has received recognition for his participation in various area activities.

Convocation fetes church role in state history

On March 18, Sacred Heart celebrated the role of the Catholic church and its leaders in American life with a convocation on "The Catholic Church in Connecticut — A Bicentennial View."

Highlights of the evening were the main address by Monsignor John S. Kennedy, editor-in-chief of The Catholic transcript, and the conferral of the honorary degree, Doctor of Laws upon the Most Reverend John F. Whealon, Archbishop of Hartford.

In his greeting, University President Robert A. Kidera noted that the nation has focused attention on the political, military and economic leaders in Bicentennial celebrations and the role of the church has been largely ignored. "Sacred Heart is fulfilling its role as a Catholic university in adding this vital extra dimension to the Bicentennial observance," he said.

As Monsignor Kennedy addressed the group of community and civic leaders assembled in the auditorium, he called upon American Catholics to follow the example of "fidelity and adaptability" exhibited by the early immigrants who established the Catholic church in Connecticut.
Social Work becomes major program

The University senate and the Board of Trustees has approved Social Work as a major. The new major will offer a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science and will be under the direction of the Sociology and Social Work Department.

John Chesire, assistant professor and director of the program, explained that the Social Work major provides training for beginning professional practice in Social Work, coupled with community service and preparation for graduate work.

While preparing the proposal for approval, the department obtained state and national data which projected an upward trend in demand for social work graduates and growth in professional opportunities.

The Social Work curriculum is structured around department and University core requirements, with courses in related fields. Core courses include introductory topics, methods courses such as Social Counseling and Interviewing, and issue courses. A number of new electives are also available such as Family Therapy, Feminist Movement and Social Work Practice, and Social Gerontology, the sociology of age.

The heart of the program explained Mr. Chesire is the field experience upper class students acquire in local agencies. Juniors gain four hours of practical experience per week, and Seniors have the opportunity to work in the field two days a week. This field experience is supplemented by weekly field instruction seminars.

The Social Work Program is also being considered for accreditation by the National Council on Social Work Education. The program has been approved pending a “sight visit” sometime this spring. “Accreditation is important because it gives national recognition to the program” explains Mr. Chesire. “And SHU students who attend graduate school will be able to achieve advance status.”

Mr. Chesire, who holds a MSW from Columbia University, receives support from two part-time faculty: Anthony Tomanzio, MSW, an associate executive director of United Way and Thomas Jordan, MSW, teacher and planner for local programs.

Professor donates book collection

We can make our minds so like still water that beings gather about us that they may see, it may be, their own images, and so live for a moment with a clearer, perhaps even with a fiercer life because of our quiet.

This hand-lettered bookplate appears in over 500 books in the fields of Irish literature and culture donated by Reverend William Fletcher, assistant professor of Sociology. The collection includes many volumes of Irish poetry by Irish poets.

The books, which give the library an invaluable resource, have been placed in the rare books section of the library, the special collection and the general collection.

Nason exhibit highlights bicentennial calendar

This month the University Round Room was transformed into an art gallery displaying a selection of paintings and prints by the late Connecticut artist, Thomas Willoughby Nason. The exhibit was sponsored by the University Bicentennial Celebration Committee.

A self-taught artist, Nason was born in Massachusetts and eventually settled in Lyme, Connecticut, one of the great centers of American art. Known as the poet on wood, Nason is best remembered for his printmaking. His subject was the world around him, the nature of New England. The artist achieved national stature receiving more than 50 prizes and honors and a place of prominence in the print collection of the Victoria and Albert museum in London.

A special multi-media presentation depicting the artist’s life, was prepared by Reverend William Fletcher, assistant professor of Sociology; Richard Matzek, University librarian and chairman of the Bicentennial Celebration Committee; and Dr. Donald Coonley, assistant professor of English/Media Studies. The show included slides of Nason’s studio and home in Lyme, an interview with his widow Margaret Warren Nason, and reminiscences of Nason’s fellow artists and friends.
On June 30, I shall complete five years as President of Sacred Heart University, and shall move to Rochester, New York, to become president of Nazareth College. I do so with mixed feelings.

I shall regret leaving a fine institution and my many loyal and devoted friends. Despite extremely difficult economic and social times, the past five years have been most successful for Sacred Heart University, and I take considerable pride in what has been accomplished.

When I accepted the presidency in 1971, I indicated I would serve at least five years which I felt would be necessary to accomplish the special tasks facing us at that time. I believe we have accomplished what we came to do — and today I believe Sacred Heart University has reached new heights academically, financially and spiritually. It is poised on the threshold of a new, promising era, ready for a new president to give it a renewed thrust and vigor.

The history of each American college consists of distinguishable chapters, in which each president leaves his particular emphasis or character. This will be true of Sacred Heart University. As founding President, Dr. William Conley set the pattern and initial character of the University. It was my assignment to update its curriculum, recapture the spirit of community and innovation present at the founding of this institution and to restructure the financial and administrative base of the institution to ensure survival and growth. The third president now faces a new challenge of changing social mores and life styles, a period when new demands will be made on higher education.

Many excellent candidates are available and the Presidential Search Committee's task will be one of selecting the most suitable president for the years ahead.

In the meantime, we shall devote all our efforts to completing our own term, and providing a smooth, effective transition to the new leadership. These are exciting, interesting times, which can lead to the most productive era in the life of Sacred Heart University and they deserve the best efforts of us all.

**Faculty growth**

**two additions**

**10 promotions**

This semester the faculty gained two full-time members and 10 established members received promotions in rank. Mrs. Roberta Cable and Dr. Sidney Gottlieb were added to the full-time faculty this past January. Mrs. Cable, an assistant professor in Business Administration, teaches areas of accounting, general business, and financial analysis. Dr. Gottlieb, an assistant professor in the English department, teaches freshman rhetoric, drama and the novel, and American literature.

Mrs. Cable was a Portfolio Manager at City National Bank in Bridgeport prior to her full time appointment, the only woman in the state of Connecticut to hold such a position.

She received her MBA in financial management from Pace University in New York, and her BA in sociology from Douglass College in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Dr. Gottlieb comes to SHU with seven years teaching experience at Rutgers. He received his BA from Bates College, Maine, and his MA, M. Phil, and PhD degrees from Rutgers.

He has done scholarly work on the English poet, George Herbert, and is preparing a short critical book on the subject.

The 10 faculty members who received academic rank promotions are: Charles Harper, Business, to Professor; Mr. Arthur Brisette, Business, Mr. John Cheshire, Sociology, Dr. Donald Conley, English/Media Studies, Mrs. Diana Leslie, Business/Secretarial, Mr. George Miller, Business, Mr. Leonard Persson, Business, Dorothy Siegfried, English, Dr. Christ Verses, Biology, and Mr. Lawrence Waterbury, Business, to associate professors.

The promotions are effective July 1.

**HEW renews co-op ed grant**

The U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare has renewed a one-year grant for development and strengthening of Sacred Heart's cooperative education program.

The $34,000 represents an increase over last year's funds and was given along with similar grants to Housatonic Community College and the University of Bridgeport under the auspices of the Higher Education Center for Urban Studies (HECUS).

Mrs. Phyllis Berns, SHU's cooperative education director, said that the money will be used to expand the program and increase business participation. Cooperative education offers students the unique opportunity to combine alternating semesters of academic study with related off-campus full-time paid employment.

**New director in Public Affairs**

Stephanie A. Federici has joined the Public Affairs section as director of Public Information.

Before coming to Sacred Heart Ms. Federici was editor of corporate communications at Clairol Inc., in New York City. A graduate of Rosemont college in Pennsylvania, Ms. Federici's responsibilities are developing the university's public information program including news operations, publications and state liaison.

**‘1776’ is drama’s Spring offering**

The award-winning musical "1776" is being presented as this year's major dramatic Spring offering. The production, under the co-direction of Claude McNeal and Mark Graham, is scheduled for three weekend presentations: April 23, 24; April 30, May 1; and May 7, 8.

Tickets are on sale at the campus box office for $3.75, with special student and group rates.

In its first season on the New York stage "1776" won the New York Drama Critics' Circle and Tony awards. "1776" ran for over three years in New York.
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• This Spring, the Advanced Religion Teacher Studies (ARTS) program will award its first certificates of completion. The unique two-year program of in-depth religious study was established in 1974 to provide religion teachers with an adult understanding of modern theology in order to improve the quality of religious education.
• SHU students Mario DelValle and Ada Hernandez mobilized a relief drive by the Spanish Coalition of City Universities, for the victims of the earthquake that struck Guatemala. The students organized various fund raising events to finance shipping the food, clothing, medical supplies, and tools collected during the three week appeal.
• Kreuzfahrer fraternity sponsored a 24-hour Dance Marathon for the benefit of the Western Connecticut chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis society, Saturday, April 10 in the gymnasium.

Upcoming events on the Bicentennial Celebration calendar include: “Echoes of the Ages” a free concert by the Chamber Singers and Community Chamber Orchestra, May 1 at 8 p.m. in the library lecture hall; the annual Spring concert by the SHU Chorus, May 2 at 4 p.m. in the auditorium; the film “Hello Dolly”, shown free of charge, May 4 at 8 p.m. in the library lecture hall.

• In February, John P. Huck, comptroller and business manager, was named “Business Man of the Month” by the Bridgeport chapter of the National Association of Accountants. He was recognized for his achievements in the accounting field and his participation in community affairs.
• 31 seniors were named to “Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.” The students were chosen on the basis of their outstanding academic achievement, service to the community, and leadership in extra-curricular activities.
• Anita Vigeant, director of alumni relations and special events, spent several weekends in February helping her husband Fred prepare a special photo exhibit of the oldest Catholic Churches in Connecticut for presentation at the March 16 convocation.

Baseball team plays 27-game schedule

Sacred Heart launched a 27-game baseball slate at the end of March with Coach Pete DiOrio predicting improvement over the previous year’s 9-17 record.

He noted, in pre-season comments, that last year’s batting attack should be strengthened this year by improved pitching. A number of returning veterans have been joined by a number of talented transfer and new students to develop an even stronger staff.

SHU has winning basketball season

The SHU varsity men’s basketball team had another winning season with a 14-12 record, although hopes of another post-season tourney bid failed to materialize.

Hector Olivencia, Tony Trimboli, Carl Winfree and other SHU players had sparkling individual performances during the campaign. However, a number of injuries to key players, some problems on defense, and several close losses combined to prevent a really outstanding season.

The Pioneers lost their Holiday Classic in a 104-97 overtime thriller to St. Michael’s College, a team they later defeated. They also extended the eventual regional NCAA tourney winner, the University of Bridgeport, before losing in a regular season game.

One favorable point is that all of the key players are expected back again next year for another try at the NCAA crown.

The SHU women’s basketball team concluded its second year of competition with a winning 8-6 record; back row (from left) A. Julie Vaikutis, Beatrice Norris, Jody Artis, Lori Jones, Deborah Colson, Bonita Johnson, Marianne Farrell; front row (from left) Chris Andrews, Judith Arany, Pam Strba, Valerie Tuozzoli, Sue Keiser and Coach Rosemary Stratton.

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