New Curriculum Changes, B.E.I. Relocation Provide Dramatic Innovative Trends at SHU

STATE LEGISLATIVE BILLS, DONOR SCHOLARSHIP GIFTS INCREASE STUDENT HELP

Successful legislative efforts and gifts from private donors have combined to open new opportunities for scholarship help for SHU students.

New legislation signed by Governor Thomas J. Meskill now will enable the Connecticut Commission of Higher Education to fund $1,194,000 to independent colleges — including Sacred Heart — on a formula involving their Connecticut based enrollment. At press time, the exact distribution formula was being considered by the Commission. However, if divided on an exact proportional basis, it was predicted in a recent CCIC report that SHU could receive over $100,000. At least 80 per cent of the allotted funds will go to scholarships.

The funds were included as part of an amendment to the General Assembly Appropriations Bill.

In addition, $35,000 has been raised by SHU thus far through private gift efforts for Presidential Scholarships to aid new students to meet their financial costs.

Donations are continuing to be made from businesses, industrial firms and individuals through the efforts of a committee under the chairmanship of Trustee John J. O'Keefe.

A possible additional source of assistance may result from the present deliberations of the U.S. Senate-House Conference Committee on an omnibus Federal Higher Education Bill (S659). The conference have been meeting regularly to try to adjust some 250 differences in measures passed by both houses and have been reporting con-

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New Academic Areas Approach Banking, Secretarial Degrees; Highlight Changes in Program

In response to changing community needs, Sacred Heart University has moved dramatically this Spring to reorganize its curriculum to permit greater electives, offer a Bachelor of Science Degree to go with its B.A. Degree program and introduce two-year degrees in Bank Management and Executive Secretarial Studies. The changes take effect this fall.

In another major move, the University will lease part of its premises to Bridgeport Engineering Institute for evening use. The move will bring several hundred BEI students to campus alongside several hundred more SHU evening division students currently in attendance. Where possible, provisions for joint faculty use in certain courses will be considered. BEI will move classes here next fall.

Curriculum Reorganization

In April, the University announced a new Bachelor of Science Degree has been created alongside the already existing Bachelor of Arts Degree. To widen the scope of elective opportunity for all students, core curriculum requirements have been reduced from 69 to 36 hours. The B.S. Degree will require mathematics and the B.A. Degree will require foreign languages.

The Trustees approved the general principle of core revision and introduction of new programs with all decisions on specific credit hours rearrangement to be the separate responsibility of the University administration.

The changes will be implemented this Fall. They will affect present Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen as well as the incoming Fall, 1972 Class.

The new 36-hour core requirement will embrace four general areas of knowledge as follows: (1) fine arts, history, literature, modern foreign language, (2) anthropology, economics, political science and sociology, (3) biology, chemistry, mathematics, physics, (4) philosophy and religious studies. A student will elect nine credit hours from two disciplines in the first three areas (except for science majors in area three) but are required to select three hours in the fourth from both religious studies and philosophy and an additional three hours in either field.

A candidate's major concentration will consist of not less than 30 nor more than 51 required credit hours in a discipline, including required supporting courses from related disciplines.

Factors considered in approval of the new changes were the general purpose of the University, changing trends in the Greater Bridgeport occupational scene and in student enrollment needs. Objectives of the changes have been to improve curriculum effectiveness, provide greater choice and flexibility for students, develop greater student responsibility for individual decision making, improve the quality of instruction, and make Sacred Heart a more exciting and attractive educational experience.

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Mrs. Leonard Schine, of Westport (right), a member of the "Celebration of the Arts" Committee, talks with Leland R. Roberts, university music director, and Mrs. William H. Conley, wife of the SHU chancellor, before the Reginald Marsh painting "Central Park Lake." The painting was one in a number of the nationally recognized artist's works exhibited as a major highlight of the week-long May 13-21 celebration.

"Celebration of Arts"
Conducted in May

A week-long presentation of musical, dramatic and film offerings and painting and rare book exhibition comprised a May 13-21 "Celebration of the Arts" at the University which attracted several thousand visitors.

Highlights of the activities were a "P.D.Q. Bach" concert by Peter Schickele and an exhibition of paintings and theatrical drawings by Reginald Marsh from the collection of former Connecticut Senator William Benton. Private press imprints from the collection of the Rev. William J. Fletcher, of the SHU faculty, also were displayed.

A two-hour program of international short films, arranged by the Rev. John B. Giuliani, was presented.

Leland R. Roberts directed the SHU community chamber orchestra for the "P.D.Q. Bach" Concert and directed a concert of Renaissance and Twentieth Century music by the University-Community Chamber singers.

A show "The Forties: Popular Songs of Love and War" was presented by the SHU Weekend Cabaret Theater group, directed by Claude McNeal.

"Open House" for Parents
Conducted at University

An "Open House" for several hundred SHU parents took place May 7 to introduce university facilities and present a variety of special programs.

In an address welcoming parents, President Kidera stressed the role of the parent as a university partner in the life of a non resident student and the public role of the institution to the citizens of the State of Connecticut.

A panel discussion involving faculty and administrators, a presidential reception and performance by the SHU Cabaret Theater, a nondenominational prayer service, and tours of university facilities also comprised the program.

Fraternities and sororities and other campus organizations set up booths and introduced visitors to the community-oriented services they perform.

Planning committee members were: Mr. and Mrs. Leo Collins and son, Greg, of Westport; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hemenway and daughter, Patty, of Fairfield; Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Scalisi and son, Anthony, of Norwalk; Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson and son, Tim, of Fairfield; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wood and daughter, Adelle, of Fairfield.

"Among planners of parents' day success"

Among planners for the May 7 Parents' Day were (from left): Miss Sandy Palladino, of Waterbury, SHU senior majoring in English; Gregory Collins, of Westport, sophomore class president; Robert Wood, of Fairfield, parent and member of the planning committee, and the Rev. John B. Giuliani, university chaplain who participated in the event.
THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Robert A. Kidera

Flexibility and relevancy! These two words best describe the new curriculum adopted by Sacred Heart University to be effective with the 1972 fall semester.

After more than a year and a half of study, planning and discussion, the University Senate recommended a major revision of the University curriculum, especially in the area of required core courses, and the creation of the Bachelor of Science Degree in addition to the established Bachelor of Arts Degree.

The Senate recommendations were approved in principle by the Board of Trustees, with responsibility for final approval of specific requirements delegated to the President and his staff. As a result, students at Sacred Heart will be given far greater responsibility for designing their class schedule and for planning their own collegiate education.

In addition, the University has announced several new degree programs and special services to aid prospective students. The College Level Equivalency Program (CLEP) for which Sacred Heart University is the area testing center, will enable many students to earn up to 30 hours college credit for independent study, travel or prior experiences. This makes possible more rapid progress towards a degree for the qualified student.

The new Associate Degree programs in Banking Management (by arrangement with the local chapter of the American Institute of Banking) and in Executive Secretarial Sciences, will provide valuable career preparation as well as basic liberal arts courses to those seeking a two-year program leading to employment.

Perhaps the most dramatic change of all has been the decision by the Trustees of the Bridgeport Engineering Institute to move to the Sacred Heart University campus this summer. Somewhat in the pattern of the "cluster colleges" of Europe, this move makes possible joint use of facilities, library and laboratories and opens new course opportunities to the students of both SHU and BEI.

Throughout all these innovations and changes, Sacred Heart University has sought to broaden and improve the academic programs and services it offers to area students. In doing so, the University is maintaining faith with the purposes on the institution first enunciated by its founders almost a decade ago.

Robert A. Kidera, President

MORE THAN 100 OFFERINGS LISTED FOR SUMMER SESSION

"Man, the Media Maker," "Heredity and Society," "Introduction to Elements of Design," "Graphics and Printmaking," "Introduction to American Folklore" and "Afro-American History" are among more than 100 course offerings scheduled for this summer.

Arthur J. Brissette, assistant dean of the college and director of continuing education, noted that the list of course offerings includes many also given during fall and spring semesters, enabling regular SHU and other college students to use the summer as a third semester.

Registration dates will be June 5 through June 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Room S-202. Summer session classes for the first semester will be from June 12 to July 14, and for the second semester, from July 17 to August 18.

The SHU office of Continuing Education may be contacted for registration information or those interested may phone 374-9441, Ext. 233, in Bridgeport.

"IN THE DIOCESE" PROGRAMS ON WSHU-FM

Reviewing a program schedule for "In the Diocese", a series of programs sponsored over the SHU radio station WSHU-FM by the Diocese of Bridgeport, are (left to right) Rev. Philip O'Farrell, who assists in station religious programming; Wade Hampton, an SHU student who produces the show; and Rev. Alfred J. Sienkiewicz, director of the office of radio and television for the Diocese.
HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

SHU Honors Three
With Honorary Degrees
At May Commencement

Sacred Heart University honored a U.S. Congresswoman, a nationally recognized former athlete and civil rights figure, and an area college president with honorary doctoral degrees at Commencement ceremonies for 385 graduates from the Class of 1972 May 20.

U.S. Representative Ella T. Grasso, of Connecticut’s Sixth Congressional District; Jackie Robinson, the man who broke baseball’s color line after World War II before realizing professional athletic stardom and leadership in Civil Rights activities; and the Rev. William C. McInnes, president of Fairfield University, received the honorary doctoral degrees for their many accomplishments of leadership and human concern.

President Robert A. Kidera gave the Commencement address and stressed several values of the private liberal arts colleges and their role in developing a successful pattern of reasoned judgment and successful professional competence to meet occupational and citizenship conditions in the modern world.

The new graduates give the University a total of approximately 1,750 alumni degree recipients, most of whom live and work in the Southwestern Connecticut commuting region.

A reception for graduates followed the ceremony, which was preceded by a series of precommencement events including an awards night.

One unique feature of the ceremonies was the selection of Mrs. Alice Mezias as Valedictorian. A wife and mother of eight children, Mrs. Mezias is the first evening four year degree recipient to take all courses at Sacred Heart. An English major, she plans to teach.

INCREASED STUDENT HELP

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continuing progress, although difficult problems remained in completing consideration of the Bill.

President Kidera expressed optimism regarding recent trends in SHU financing, citing them as but one example of the renewed interest apparent in many quarters to preserve and sustain the private sector of higher education.

"Sacred Heart indeed welcomes all possible support both from public and private sources to better accomplish its educational mission and to more fully assist a student body residing within Southwestern Connecticut," he said.

ED CZERNOTA DRAFTED
BY PROFESSIONAL CLUBS

Both the Buffalo Braves of the National Basketball Association and the New York Nets of the American Basketball Association have listed SHU All-American Ed Czernota for consideration in their respective college player drafts for next year.

Coach J. Donald Feeley said that Czernota was weighing these future opportunities when contacted on the situation at press time for "Happenings."

The 6’8” Czernota, who was the subject of an April 9 feature article in the "Bridgeport Sunday Post", earned a variety of national, regional and local awards for his outstanding play in the Pioneers’ outstanding 24-2 regular season. One of the top scorers in the nation, his total rebounding and general team play also made him an all-around court leader.

Campus Reports

A "Black Heritage" weekend took place April 21-23 and featured a variety of activities.

Professor Walter Felt, of Yale University, spoke April 18 before the Mathematics Colloquium.

Candidate for office on a Reformed Democratic Ticket was Joseph W. Carota, of Norwalk, an SHU freshman.

"The Trial of the Catonsville Nine," the University Spring Drama production, was performed March 23 and 24 and May 2 and 3 in the auditorium. Story Theatre for Children, another drama production, took place April 15 and 16 in the library lecture hall.

The drama department also sponsored a continuing series of "Cabaret" theater performances in March and April.

The University business department sponsored a management seminar "Coping with the Ineffective Manager" March 23 and 24 for area personnel from retail, manufacturing and service organizations.

The Women's choral group gave a concert of traditional and modern music on campus in April.

Four-week clinics were conducted on technical operations and writing for broadcasting for members of the University's "Radio and Television" course and WSHU staff members.

Fifty-five students, faculty and staff members spent Easter recess in Hawaii.

A sixteen-volume "Encyclopaedia Judaica," an English language encyclopedia of Jewish life and knowledge to the present day, has been donated to the University library by Herman Swist, of Fairfield, his son, Martin, a 1970 SHU graduate, and his daughter Marilyn.

Rabbi Jerome A. Wallin, an SHU faculty member, called the work "... one of the greatest contributions by scholars on all subjects relating to Jewish life and thought."

The books were presented by Mr. Swist in memory of his late wife, Mrs. Mildred Swist, and in appreciation of the education his son, Martin, received at SHU.

An entire day of sacred music was presented Good Friday (March 31) by WSHU, Arranged by Leland A. Roberts, SHU director of music, the special broadcast ran from 6:00 A.M. until after midnight. Both the Good Friday and Easter Vigil Masses said by the Rev. John B. Giuliani, SHU Chaplain, were broadcast as well.

The Irish "Cabaret" from Jury's Hotel, Dublin, made its first Connecticut appearance at SHU on March 23.

Students Tim Wilson, Fran Pierwola, and John Stelluto displayed their works on campus in March.

Dr. Donald W. Brodeur, associate professor and chairman of the psychology department, was guest lecturer at a drug abuse program at Southern Connecticut State College in March.

Dr. John J. McDermott, professor of philosophy, Queens College, addressed a March Convocation on "Ecology and the City."

More than 50 persons participated in a seminar on home buying and building. The four-class course, taught by Attorney Stanley M. Lessler, of Easton, covered all aspects of house ownership procedures.

A mock trial on "Murder" was presented by three local attorneys and SHU students April 25. It was repeated for students of two area high schools on May 1 as part of Law Day observances.
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AIB-SHU OFFER JOINT DEGREE

Stephen P. Boyle (center, head table), President of the Bridgeport Chapter, American Institute of Banking, and President Kidera (seated next to Mr. Boyle) presided at a luncheon of University and AIB officials to announce creation of a joint Associate of Science Degree in Bank Management. Nearly five hundred full-time area bank employees are currently studying with AIB and many of these are expected to enroll for the bank management degree.

REVIEWING NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAL PROGRAM

Charles W. Harper (second from right), chairman of the business department, and President Kidera hold copies of proposals of the recently approved Executive Secretarial program while John W. Welch (left), university business manager, and Dr. William H. Conley, chancellor, watch.

New Two-Year Degrees

The Associate of Science Degree in Bank Management is a joint endeavor of the Bridgeport Chapter, American Institute of Banking, and the University. It culminates a lengthy planning period and can add several hundred banking employees now affiliated with A.I.B. to the part-time SHU student roster.

The interested A.I.B. students will apply to the University through the admissions office for the two-year bank management degree program. Then, they will be enrolled in continuing education division courses instructed by SHU faculty that fit the curriculum department.

The Associate of Science Degree for Executive Secretarial Study offers a curriculum that includes secretarial studies, business management, and electives. It is designed to meet the sharply increased demand for top corporate and executive secretaries needed for local industrial and commercial expansion.

A faculty specialist who will develop detailed aspects of the program and guide student enrollment for the initial class will be announced.

BEI-SHU Cooperation

Where possible, in addition to the basic lease arrangement, BEI students will be assigned to SHU classes in humanities, social sciences, management and business administration. SHU students also would be invited to participate in BEI courses where mutually satisfactory scheduling arrangements can be worked out. Future cooperative possibilities could also involve joint special course offerings and degree programs. BEI offers Bachelor and Associate Degrees in the Engineering field.

President William J. Owens, of BEI, expressed the thanks of its officers and staff to Sacred Heart for their courtesy and consideration during the exploratory negotiations. He said that “we look ahead to many years of significant cooperation between our two schools which will nurture our mutual desire to serve the young people of the area.”

President Kidera stated “the joining of two institutions of higher learning within Greater Bridgeport on a common campus is reflective of a trend recognized internationally today in higher education as the ‘cluster
COUNSELORS HEAR ABOUT CLEP

A capacity audience of area guidance counselors met recently with University officials to hear all about the recently introduced college level examination program (CLEP) at SHU which allows college credit to be granted to students passing general and subject matter examinations. Discussing the program are (from left) guidance counselors: Warren McGuire, Brian McMahon High School, Norwalk; Mrs. Faith Diamond, Weston High School; John A. Croffy, dean of students; and Dr. Charles E. Ford, academic vice-president.

Program Flexibility Increased

Among other recent developments have been implementation of a previously announced College Level Examination Program (CLEP). Under its provision, superior students can earn up to 30 hours advance credit both in general and subject matter categories. John A. Croffy, dean of students, has announced that initial enrollment of students for Fall under the program has already taken place. In addition, the University has been authorized to establish a CLEP Testing Center to administer such examinations and the center started its operation May 19.

The University also has moved to create an internship in accounting for seniors which will be operative next year. Under this program, students involved will intern with cooperating area firms between January and mid-March and their course schedules will be adjusted to provide for this additional practical experience.

Other Recent Developments

The new changes will have the net effect of increasing the students flexibility to select programs of a more vocationally oriented nature designed to fit the nature and conditions of modern occupational activities while still retaining a basic framework of liberal arts elective studies.

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Questions on any of the new programs by interested applicants may be referred to the admissions office.

President Kidera noted that the curriculum revision will permit Sacred Heart to tailor and develop more programs suited to the needs of learners individually and, with the help of guidance and counseling services, to permit them to make wiser and more effective choices for future career preparation.

He indicated that he is confident that the new approaches will gain widespread community acceptance and will help to stimulate substantial additional enrollment in the coming months.