DR. HERBERT C. CLISH EARNS PAPAL BLESSING, CURTIS MEDAL

Dr. Herbert C. Clish, special assistant to the president and chancellor, received a special apostolic blessing from Pope Paul VI and became the third recipient of the Walter W. Curtis Medallion for outstanding service to Sacred Heart University in special ceremonies preceding his retirement December 31.

Dr. Clish, who was responsible for the successful initial accreditation report accepted in 1969 and supplementary re-accreditation report to the National Association of New England Colleges and Secondary Schools this Fall, was presented with his recognition at the annual faculty–staff Christmas party December 10.

He also served as dean of faculty and chairman of education.

Prior to coming to SHU in 1968, Dr. Clish was dean of the St. John’s University School of Education, superintendent of schools in several areas — including San Francisco, California — and nationally recognized as an expert in educational administration and finance.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PLANNED FOR MARCH, 1973

Sacred Heart University will celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of its founding charter with a series of special events and programs which will be announced as soon as arrangements have been completed, President Kidera indicated last month.

He said that a special planning committee is being arranged to develop the program. The Tenth Anniversary of the founding charter will be March 14, 1973.

The centerfold section of “Happenings” contains a special report on the past ten years of the University. It is hoped that alumni, parents and friends of the institution will join with faculty, staff and students to make the planned series of commemorative activities eventful and significant in the life of the institution.
President Kidera Named CCIC Head
Supports CHE Statement

President Kidera was elected president of the Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges at its Annual Meeting October 28, 1972. William B. Kennedy, assistant to the SHU president, had been named chairman of the organization’s public relations committee a few weeks earlier.

The University, which received its first payment of public funds from Lieutenant Governor T. Clark Hull in special ceremonies at the State Capitol November 8, has joined other CCIC members in supporting the position of the Commission of Higher Education (CHE) that total amount for contract instructional services at independent colleges now be raised through legislation from $1.1 to approximately $3.3 million.

At present, payments made to independent colleges such as SHU are based on ten per cent of their Connecticut enrollment. The CHE recommendation would represent a thirty per cent base figure.

However, President Kidera did note that the CCIC, while supporting the recommended CHE funding level in principle, did retain as its overall objective the fifty per cent base figure requested initially by the private colleges as being representative of student need at such institutions.

Allocations are based on one-half the difference in educational cost per student between public and private college costs minus tuition at public institutions.

The Commission for Higher Education also is developing criteria on a recently developed Bill to provide $500,000 in contract services for faculty, facilities, and programs to be awarded to eligible independent colleges in Connecticut.

President Kidera also was named as a member of the Connecticut Hospital and Educational Facilities Authority this past Fall.

WILLIAM F. GRANT
RETIRES

William F. Grant, director of placement and career counseling and former director of placement, has retired.

He graduated from New York University with a bachelor’s degree in business administration and also attended the University of Pennsylvania and Southern Connecticut State College.

His memberships have included the Greater Bridgeport Personnel Association and Chairman, School and College Relations Committee, Connecticut Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

Mr. Grant received a special citation for past services at the December 10 faculty-staff Christmas party.

Campus Reports

A program leading to a bachelor of science degree in chemistry was approved by the board of trustees in October and will go into full implementation in chemistry was approved by the board of faculty, students and staff meeting daily at 8:30 a.m.

Mathematics, was elected president of University of psychology, and George F. R. Miller and Leonard N. Persson, both assistant professors of business administration.

A new weekday Liturgy began in September for faculty, students and staff meeting daily at 8:30 a.m. in the chapel.

Five freshman coeds selected as Presidential Scholars who began studies at the University in September gained substantial course credits through the College Level Examination Program (CLEP).

A Parents Night for parents of University freshmen and transfer students was conducted in October.

An attractive new University catalogue with a bright blue cover has been published. Ralph L. Corrigan, Jr., chairman of the English department, compiled the catalogue under the direction of Dr. Charles E. Ford, academic vice-president and dean.

The day school for preschoolers reopened for the fall semester with almost an overflow enrollment of 30 children.

Joining the full-time faculty in September were: the Rev. Thomas F. Loughrey, associate professor of English, Miss Christina J. Taylor, instructor in psychology, and George F. R. Miller and Leonard N. Persson, both assistant professors of business administration.

The fourth Theological Institute began in October with two course offerings: "Fundamentals of Contemporary Christian Morality" and "The Gospel or St. John."

The counseling office has developed a special program to meet the needs of Spanish-speaking students. Miss Lucy Arroyo, a SHU alumna and graduate student at the University of Bridgeport, is currently staffing the program.

Two seminars in a five-part symposium on finance were given in November by the SHU Management Center. Covered were venture (high risk) and corporate finance. Three other sections of the symposium will be presented one a month in January, February and March.

Roger Kahn, author of "Boys of Summer" about the former Brooklyn Dodgers in the 1950’s highlighted a day-long program devoted to the theme "In the Matter of Play." Other activities included a panel discussion, lecture and films.

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President Kidera received the "Scouting Citizen of the Year" award from Fairfield County Council #48, Boy Scouts of America, on December 9.
TEN YEAR CELEBRATION
OF SHU PLANNED

Ten years ago, a group of interested Catholic laymen and spiritual leaders obtained a charter from the State of Connecticut to create Sacred Heart. Since this time, the University has remained committed to a philosophy of Judaeo-Christian liberal education for a nonresident, coeducational student body and it has pioneered in the development of several exciting new career-oriented programs geared to meet future regional needs.

On March 14, 1973, the University will celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of the founding of its charter. In recognition of this occasion, several events and activities are being planned. A special committee is being formulated to develop these plans and complete details and arrangements will be announced.

SHU enrollment has risen from 173 to more than 2,100 students since 1963. Strengthened student counseling, greater financial student aid through public and private support, academic and admissions office expansion, the creation of a modern library, a rapidly growing evening program, and continuing social action efforts by students also have helped to make SHU a permanent Southwestern Connecticut fixture.

A continuing program of visiting lecturers and performers — ranging from actor William Windom to anthropologist Ashley Montagu and poet W. H. Auden — have effectively supplemented regular classroom instruction.

New programs such as Chemistry, Philosophy, Executive Secretarial Studies and Banking Management have been introduced. A flexible course elective system, bulwarked by sound guidance, now permits students to combine innovative patterns of study.
Dr. Conley and Dr. Herbert C. Clish hold material presented to a visiting committee from the Association of New England Colleges and Secondary Schools which resulted in the institution's initial accreditation for a three-year period in December, 1969. The University earned full re-accreditation from the same professional organization at the organization's annual meeting last month in Boston.

The University's spiritual mandate is reflected in activities such as the SHU Religious Studies Institute, an active program of Masses, chapel meditations, and Chaplain's film series reflecting contemporary spiritual and ethical problems.

A nationally ranked basketball team, a continuing series of "Cabaret" drama performances and major drama productions, and University-Community concerts have been continuing items of recent public interest. The modern SHU library has enjoyed increases in adult community borrowers. Services such as the Management Center and various institutes have assisted area business and industrial firms seeking consulting assistance.

Recent efforts have been made to establish and expand parent, alumni, corporate business and regional council constituent groups to assist in the University's future support. During the past several years, Sacred Heart has also helped play a leadership role in the efforts of organizations such as the Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges to seek public funding for various programs at private higher educational institutions.

Sacred Heart University, which first gained national prominence at its founding for an innovative system of lay administration then unique in Catholic higher education, has since become an exciting "University on the move" in a variety of educational ways. Its new five-year plan discussions will seek to develop and coordinate the many advantages it has already obtained and the next ten years promise to be even more interesting and productive ones for a vital valuable center of the Connecticut educational scene.

A ceremonial highlight of the institution's recent history occurred in September, 1971, when Robert A. Kidder was installed as its second president before students, faculty and community residents.
The current academic year is rapidly becoming a most significant milepost in the life history of our University.

The announcement by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges that Sacred Heart University has been fully accredited again, and the encouraging report of the visiting team, signify that the academic stature and prestige of the University continue to grow.

Plans for the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the granting of the charter of the University — scheduled for the week of March 14, 1973 — are taking shape. The remarkable growth of Sacred Heart University will be spotlighted and announcement of the goals and outlook for the next five years will be made.

Presently, representatives of the faculty, administration, student body, alumni and parents are busy formulating the five-year Master Plan which will serve as the blueprint for the years ahead. An important part of this projection will be the financial resources needed by the University to underwrite this new era of development and growth.

We were pleased to receive our first grant from the state of Connecticut this past month to provide for tuition awards to more than 125 deserving students. In all, Sacred Heart University received $126,000 from the state and together with the other private colleges of the state, we are hopeful that this amount can be substantially increased for next year.

At the same time, we are intensifying our efforts to obtain gift support from alumni, parents, corporations and friends — all of which will go towards scholarships unless otherwise designated by the donor.

Sacred Heart University is completing its first decade in a flurry of successful events and significant decisions — all of which bode well for the years ahead.

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**“BEATITUDE WALL” DISPLAYED**

Rev. Thomas F. Loughrey, associate professor of English at Sacred Heart University, interprets to SHU students the 40-foot long “Beatitude Wall” mural painted by Sister Corita Kent and commissioned for the Vatican Pavilion of the 1964 New York World’s Fair. It was displayed in the SHU cafeteria during most of the Fall semester.

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**HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT DIES**

Jackie Robinson, who earned an SHU honorary degree last May 13, died October 21 after being stricken in his Stamford, Connecticut home.

Mr. Robinson, who broke baseball’s color line after World War II and became a leader in civil rights, was one of three recipients to receive honorary degrees at the 1972 Commencement.

Several campus memorial services and commemorative events were conducted by students and faculty.

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**SHU Board Plans Memorial to Late Msgr. James P. Devine**

The board of trustees voted in its first meeting of the 1972-73 academic year to empower a special committee to select “an appropriate and lasting memorial” to honor the late Monsignor James P. Devine, a founding trustee, who died on July 13, 1972.

Monsignor Devine was active in the creation of the university and his abilities in areas of finance and organization were instrumental in the institution’s successful establishment in 1963, the trustees noted.

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**New Personnel Internship to Start in Summer, 1973**

The business administration department has created a new internship program for students concentrating their study in personnel administration. Selected students during the summer between their junior and senior years will work in the personnel departments of area businesses and firms to gain practical experience in the field. The first students to participate in the program will take positions in the summer of 1973.

The department’s first internship for accounting majors, announced last Spring, is taking place from January 1 to March 15, 1973. A dozen SHU students are working for accounting firms, municipalities, businesses and industries for on-the-job experience.

Under the personnel administration internship, students will receive exposure to the major areas of personnel administration, compensation, manpower development, employee relations and personnel services.

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**17-65 PLAN ANNOUNCED**

A 17-65 plan to permit 16 and 17 year old high school students and over 65 adults to take up to 6 hours credit without tuition payment has been announced and the university admissions office may be contacted for details.
TOTAL ENROLLMENT GAIN NOTED IN FALL SEMESTER

An overall enrollment gain was noted this Fall, according to figures released in September which indicated a rise from 2,040 to 2,123 in total student attendance.

Significant gains were noted in part-time student categories. Full-time enrollment was adversely affected, however, by a lessening in the number of hours required for graduation which is a temporary condition. However, the number of entering full-time freshmen rose slightly above that of Fall, 1971.

Total credit hours for part-time students also rose significantly from 3,544 to 5,074 hours.

Gains in part-time enrollment were: Evening enrollment, 404 to 555 students; St. Vincent's Hospital Nursing Students, 99 to 154 students; part-time day students, 139 to 154. Part-time enrollment was reduced from 1,400 to 1,260 students.

Noting that both total enrollment and total income at Sacred Heart had exceeded previous predictions, President Kidera indicated he was extremely pleased at the new trend "which reverses a pattern of recent years and gives us every confidence for a continuing increase in our total academic program and institutional services."

Approximately 97 per cent of the total full-time enrollment is Connecticut based and a majority of both full-time and part-time students are from the Greater Bridgeport Area.

DRAMA CABARET THEATRE IN NEW LOCATION
WILLIAM WINDOM DRAWS ENTHUSIASM AND ATTENDANCE

Relocation of Cabaret Theatre from the center lounge to the all-purpose conference center of the administration building took place this Fall.

Songs from "Godspell," "Our Hero," and "Songs from the Roaring 20's," the 40's and 50's have been among shows presented in Friday and Saturday evening performances during the Fall Season.

Claude McNeal, professor and head of the SHU drama program, directed the major drama production for the Fall semester, Harold Pinter's play, "Old Times."

WINDOM PRESENTS THURBER POETRY

Another highlight of the Fall scene was the poetry reading appearance of nationally celebrated television star William Windom to present an evening of the poetry of James Thurber October 21. Several hundred interested community residents and students jammed the SHU auditorium for the presentation, which was sponsored by Student Government.

REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

President Kidera (left) congratulates John J. O'Keefe (center) on his re-election to a second term as president of the SHU Regional Council. Other new officers include: (from left standing) Val Carlson, third vice-president; William E. Howe, treasurer, and Tyler Baldwin, first vice-president. Seated are: (from left) Mrs. Theresa Connell, secretary, and Mrs. Kay Cleary, second vice-president.

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SHU BASKETBALL TEAM HIGHLIGHTS RAY VYZAS

The Sacred Heart university varsity "Pioneers" had a 4-3 record at the December break and were preparing to compete in the annual SHU Holiday Classic as "Happenings" went to press.

Feeling the loss of All-American Ed Czemota, SHU depended on rugged Ray Vyzas, a 6-6 200-pound forward, for much scoring success in early season competition. Ray was off to a fantastic start against California-Irving in the Pioneers' home opener in the New Haven Coliseum with a 37-point night and he later fired in 36 more against Castleton State.

Scores were: Cal. (78-102), St. Michael's (67-75), Castleton State (96-70), King's Point (86-71), St. Anselm's (75-43), C. W. Post (42-45) and AIC (86-82).

In addition to Vyzas, SHU was hopeful at the start of the season that 6'7" senior Mike Eiring, 6-6 junior Jim Kelly and 6-5 freshman Julian Tindall would be of help to Vyzas in the height department while smaller, proven performers such as Bill Burke, Bill Cespedes, and Dan Teel would be able to contribute effectively.

It was anticipated that a combination of team scoring balance and continued development during the season would post another highly successful record for Sacred Heart by the campaign's end.

PEOPLE'S BANK, SEARS AMONG LEADING RECENT SHU DONORS

Gifts of $2,500 from People's Savings Bank and $2,300 from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation have helped to highlight recent development support, Joseph R. Burkart, director of development, has announced.

In addition, a special gift of $2,500 received from the Marie Heyes Clemens Fund is being applied to faculty advancement, he noted.

The grant from People's bank is to be used for the University Presidential Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships in varying amounts to academically qualified Connecticut students.

The Sears grant includes $1,600 in unrestricted funds and a $700 restricted grant designed to supplement the University Library book acquisition budget.

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