SHU ENROLLMENT INCREASES NEW PROGRAMS ADOPTED

Sacred Heart University full-time fall enrollment increased very substantially and a sharp rise in continuing education study was noted to account for a new record enrollment of full and part-time students at the institution. Final figures were not available at press time but about 2,400 total registrations were noted, about 150 more than last fall.

Several new programs and courses, especially in areas such as legal assistant studies, helped make the total increases possible. Increased scholarship help under state and federal programs also aided but added state sums will be sought by the institution next year under Public Act 551 to help meet fully the increased demand. Parent, alumni and corporate support also showed encouraging progress and continued optimism for future increases in private support was expressed.

The opening fall orientation ceremonies which started the university on its twelfth season of service to Southwestern Connecticut kicked off a year of activities which will focus on a number of Bicentennial events to commemorate Connecticut.

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WILLIAM H. CONLEY – 1907-1974

On July 18, Dr. William H. Conley died. The founding president and first chancellor of the university had been named chancellor emeritus July 1 and honored at a special private dinner by the University Trustees four days prior to his death.

At the time of his retirement as president in 1971, he received the Walter W. Curtis Medal for outstanding service to the institution and under his direction, the university went from 173 to more than 2,000 students.

He was buried in Sharon, Wisconsin — his birthplace. From that community, he embarked upon a career that earned him national recognition as a leader in American Catholic Education and top level executive positions at a number of Catholic and other institutions, including the vice presidency of Seton Hall University and education assistant to the president of Marquette University. He served as director of the Carnegie Study of Catholic Education, a vice president of the National Catholic Education Association, a specialist in education for the U.S. Office of Education and as a member of several regional and national commissions concerned with the maintenance of higher educational standards, and intellectual, cultural, financial and related aspects of American educational growth.

Public tributes came from several sources, including university president, Robert A. Kidera, and diocesan officials. Bishop Walter W. Curtis, although out of the area at the time, altered his travel schedule to participate in the committal services in Sharon.

The Bridgeport Post in an editorial July 22 summarized the major challenge to which Dr. Conley dedicated his final years — the establishment of Sacred Heart. “There was nothing ostentatious about Dr. William H. Conley. He was a peaceful man who went his way unobtrusively accomplishing much and always striving to do even more.” After relating how he came to Bridgeport “to prove that a unique experiment in higher education could work,” the editorial concluded that “as Sacred Heart University continues to grow and prosper, it will be a living tribute to its founders and the professional educator, Dr. William H. Conley, who provided the solid foundations so an ambitious idea could become reality. Dr. Conley accepted the challenge of Sacred Heart, not to enhance his personal career, but rather to help increase the opportunity for a college education.”

BURKART ADVANCED

Joseph R. Burkart, SHU director of development since September 1971, has been promoted to assistant to the president for university development as evidence of his successful development programs of the past year and to note his growing responsibilities in the areas of unrestricted gifts from corporations, alumni, parents and other sources.

A graduate of Washington and Lee University, he has been active in leadership roles on various university programs and in a number of community endeavors.
Among unique early summer semester courses offered for credit in both English and sociology was a three-week Bicycle Study Tour Through New England led by James F. McCarthy (left) at the time instructor in sociology and social work and Dr. Ralph Corrigan, Jr., associate professor and chairman of English, which informally studied small group dynamics and development of folklore.

THE PRESIDENT’S CORNER

by Robert A. Kidera
President, Sacred Heart University

At Sacred Heart University, the academic year 1974-75 began with a note of cautious optimism.

Though still suffering from the emotional and economic shocks of last year’s sudden energy crisis, runaway inflation and the political moral scandals in Washington, the SHU Community exhibited a refreshing and encouraging spirit of hope and good will.

One factor in this spirit, was the announcement that the University had recorded the highest total enrollment in its history — and this in the face of declining enrollments in private colleges across the nation. This fall, Sacred Heart University steadied its full-time day enrollment, while posting major increases in part-time students, many of these in their middle years.

This enrollment increase is attributed in part to the creation of several new course offerings, to the addition of several exciting new faculty members, to increased student aid funds, and to the general improved visibility and prestige of the institution as a whole.

The note of caution is due to the continuing tight fiscal situation in which the University must operate and the continuing uncertainty of rising operating costs.

The Trustees have approved the 1974-75 budget which is balanced, and they have endorsed the President’s Plan of Action to ensure that the current year operates in the black and makes some progress in meeting the tight budgetary situation in which we find ourselves.

Here is where the continued gift support of alumni, parents, local corporations and friends is so important. We are confident that the continued achievements of Sacred Heart University, and its spirit of cautious optimism in these difficult and uncertain days, will encourage the increased voluntary support the University needs from its friends.

NEW PROMOTIONS, APPOINTMENTS NOTED

A number of recent promotions of faculty and various new full-time faculty and administrative appointments were announced during the summer:

Dr. Grace Farrel Lee and Robert B. Berner will have new full-time assignments as assistant professors in the university English department.

Harold H. Wegman has been named director of the business department’s management center, where he will administer the various in-plant programs, management workshops and conferences and seminars the center develops for business men and women.

New associate director of admissions is Spiros Antoniades, who has four years’ administrative experience from Western college in Ohio and has completed all but his dissertation for a doctoral degree in medieval history.

Dr. Farrell Lee’s specialization is nineteenth and twentieth century fiction and drama with a special interest in Biblical and folk mythology. She taught at Hollins college in Virginia.

Mr. Berner is a published poet, fluent in German and will develop the university’s creative writing program and a quality literary magazine. Former teaching experience was gained at Virginia State college and Bowling Green State university in Ohio.

Added to the campus ministry will be Sister Kathleen Deignan, a 1971 SHU Alumna and a member of the Congregation of Notre Dame, who will be a full-time associate of the Rev. John B. Giuliani, university chaplain.

In the news office, Sister Margaret Glendon, a Sister of Charity, has joined the staff as part-time writer.

Faculty promotions include: Richard A. Matzek, university librarian to professor; Dr. Ralph L. Corrigan, Jr., English department chairman, to associate professor, and appointment of Jacob Y. Sachs, as professor of business on a special part-time basis, division of continuing education.

Peter DiOrio was named head baseball coach and assistant to the (Continued on page 4)
FACULTY EARN RECENT DOCTORATES

Dr. Walter E. Brooks, assistant professor and chairman of the department of religious studies and Dr. John W. Brookes, assistant professor of mathematics, received recent doctorates and Dr. Grant Walker, assistant professor of sociology and social work, successfully defended his doctoral dissertation and can now be designated by that title according to his mentor at Fordham University.

Dr. Walter Brooks, a faculty member since 1967, received his doctorate from Fordham and his thesis was titled "The Event of Tradition: A Contribution to a Post-Vatican II Understanding of Tradition." He is directing the new Advanced Religion Studies Program.

Dr. John Brookes, who teaches pure math, probability and statistics, and also computer science, has been with the university since 1970, received a Yale doctorate for a thesis in the area of topological dynamics — an aspect of mathematics.

Dr. Walker, a one-year member of the SHU faculty, based his doctoral thesis on three years of research in a New York City school district and titled it, "Power, Influence, and Responsiveness in a Decentralized School District." He recently worked on a special survey of neighborhood needs for the Bridgeport YWCA this past year.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES PLANNED

The appointment of Dr. John Mahar, chairman and professor of history and political science at SHU, to head the Convocation Committee was announced by President Kidera who noted he will work closely with the Rev. William J. Fletcher, director of cultural affairs, on various programs, exhibits, and other activities designed to promote the institution's celebration of the state Bicentennial initiated last May by the musical production "1776."

One of the special major events of the coming year will be a special exhibit of 27 models of the inventions of Leonardo da Vinci which will open January 6 at SHU. The collection, an IBM touring exhibition, will include models of da Vinci's military tank, guns, and scaling ladder as well as models of more peaceful inventions such as a printing press, spring driven car and two-level bridge. It will be open to the public without charge.

Other major activities to be planned include the Orestes Brownson lecture series, for which speakers and times will be publicized in local media, and the third annual Thomas Merton memorial celebration December 10 at 8 p.m. focusing on Merton's last public address and a choral presentation of some of his freedom songs. The Chaplain's office also will have a December 7 liturgy "A Day for Dancing" and a November 10 joint marriage preparation workshop with the University of Bridgeport at the U. B. Newman Center.

The George J. Voynick memorial lecture by Dr. Peter Lengyel, of Yale is being given this month (Oct. 9).

Several convocation and Bicentennial events will be planned and announced throughout the year.

SHU GRADUATES

CANDIDATES FOR ASSEMBLY

John R. Quinn, of Fairfield, and Thom Serrani, of Stamford, will be Democratic candidates for assembly seats in this fall's election. Both are 1970 SHU graduates. Quinn is running in the 132nd district and Serrani in the 144th district.

Gregory Collins, immediate past student government president and a 1974 graduate, also was a candidate for nomination for the 136th district but withdrew his name in favor of Edwin R. Green, who secured party endorsement.
The Sacred Heart Basketball Pioneers, a regular contender in post-season tournaments for the past several years whose 13-12 regular season in 1973-74 record failed to show their effectiveness in close competition, have a number of veteran performers returning and expect a really top season this year. The Pioneers will play in the Squires Classic, on December 16 and 17 in Union City, New Jersey and then on January 3, 4, and 5 will host their own annual Holiday Classic. Other participants in the Squires Classic will be Kean State, Fitchburg and Marist College, teams coming here for the Holiday Classic will be Bridgeport, Quinnipiac, Adelphi, Clarkson, Plattsburg, Wagner, and Wilkes.

The regular season schedule follows and features several Wednesday and Saturday night home games.

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NEW PROMOTIONS (Cont’d. from pg. 2)

director of athletics, J. Donald Feeley, and will also coordinate the intramural program, head the athletic training program and supervise the gymnasium. For the past eight years, he has been assistant coach and head trainer at Fairfield University.

SHU ENROLLMENT INCREASES (Continued from page 1)

cut’s heritage since the Declaration of Independence. Several convocations and inclusion of activities such as a planned Leonardo Da Vinci exhibit in February also will be added to the successful program of dramatic and musical activities already well established by the university in its commuting region. In addition, the university has strengthened the campus ministry and an expanded program of spiritual and religious activities has been announced for the coming year.

New fall programs in addition to legal assistant studies are a four-year B.S. degree business education program, advanced religion teacher studies (ARTS) and courses leading to a social work major being offered for the first time in the evening.

The business education program will equip graduates to teach business courses in grades 7 through 12 or fill a variety of executive secretarial, administrative assistant or entering level management positions in business.

The ARTS program, established jointly by the university and Diocese of Bridgeport, involves four consecutive semesters of university courses dealing with religious themes. It is open only to certified religion teachers in the Diocese or those with equivalent qualifications and, in various cases, participants may qualify for university credit.

Evening students in the Division of Continuing Education for the first time may receive credit for courses leading to a social work major and classes offered will include practical local agency experience during evening hours. The social work program now prepares both day and evening students training in social work practice skills and prepares graduates for Bachelor degrees and social work employment or possible continued graduate training elsewhere.