Dean hopes for “Best University in US”

"Today's society is bent on servicing people instead of things," concurred Dr. Maurice J. O'Sullivan, Vice President and Academic Dean, during a meeting with OBEILINK staff members. He noted that the new psychology, sociology, and biology majors will enlarge on that "world of opportunity for the college graduate" to serve this new society.

"Since this is a commuter college, we don't have the necessary maximum interchange of ideas among students from various parts of the country," the Vice President said. "We purposely aim to provide a diversified faculty — to bring in people from other areas — and gain a cross section of world and national thinking."

Dr. William H. Conley, president, will open Orientation Week, Monday, during the President's Convocation. Last week he welcomed 30 high school and college journalists to the Second Annual OBEILINK Workshop. Dr. Conley, shown with Danbury News Times Editor Stephen A. Collins, and OBEILINK editors Lois A'Andrea and Gerald Saladyga, called for responsible judgment and accuracy in school publications. The University president is also the Catholic School Journal Editor and a vice-president of the National Catholic Educational Association.

Program aids transition

"All phases of a student's life are included in this orientation," stated Dr. John Mahar, head of the academic phase of Sacred Heart's initiation program. He emphasized that the program designed to make their transition from high school to college easier.

During orientation week the freshmen will meet with campus leaders for discussions on the assigned reading lists. These sessions will revolve around the ideas expressed in P. C. Snow's The Two Cultures and Gardiner's Excess. The two works are recommended to all incoming freshmen. The complete week is devoted to helping the individual find himself which is a necessity for advancement in the college curriculum.

Carl Mahar, who holds four degrees including an M.A. from Marquette and a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, taught at Edgewood College in Madison, Wisconsin, and Mary College in Milwaukee, and Marquette University.

The Department Chairman elaborated on the extensive, improved history program of the college. Sacred Heart students may study U.S. History in a survey course, Western Civilization, European History I and II, American Diplomatic History, Recent American History, The Russian Revolution, American Intellectual History, and Historical Methods and Criticism. The latter was once opened only to graduate students. Two other courses, English and American Constitutional History, will be taught to pre-law students.

Dr. Mahar explained that the History courses at Sacred Heart will attempt to establish a relationship between past history and current events. "The current situation is a result of history," he remarked.

The university has over 80 instructors representing such diverse areas as the Orient, South America, Europe, and all parts of the United States. "Ours is a Catholic College as a breath of understanding," the Dean remarked proudly. "The laymen here make a real contribution to the university; there isn't the opportunity in any other Catholic College to do it as completely."

With the completion of the new Notre Dame Boys high school in October, SHU will have a student capacity of 3,000. Dr. O'Sullivan added that construction for a new library between the faculty building and the classroom area will begin by next Spring. He smiledly confided that a student center comes next, "but we have no time schedule."

Leaning back in his chair, the Dean recalled recent strides for the growing university. The co-operative program initiated this year among UB, Fairfield, and SHU will allow students to use SHU periodicals from any of the three libraries.

With strong pride in his university evident, Dean O'Sullivan said, "Our goals are very simple: I want this to be the best college in the United States. I want the students to have a great intellectual experience, to develop with us; and I want the school to get the recognition it deserves."

Dr. John Mahar, S.J.

The Heart Of The University

Student journalists, Linda Bogart, Rosemarie German, and Pat Powell discuss plans for the coming year with Dean O'Sullivan.

State eases financial barriers to education

"The dream of a college education can now be realized," emphasized Raymond Hughes, Dean of Men, during a pre-school meeting on student activities.

"Residents of Connecticut," Dean Hughes stated, "are able to borrow up to $1500 in each school year to a total of $7500 from the Connecticut Foundation for Financial Assistance To Higher Education."

This program was created as a non-profit, state-sponsored corporation by Public Act 491 of the 1965 Connecticut General Assembly "to improve the higher educational opportunities of persons who are residents of this state."

Loans, according to a pamphlet released by the Foundation, point out the Dean, are made or guaranteed by CFFAHE. It is the role of the Connecticut National Bank. A loan application may also be obtained from the office of the Foundation, Room 207A, State Capitol, Hartford, Connecticut.

The student is responsible for only 5% of the 6% interest while attending school. The remaining 95% is paid by the foundation.

Repayments begin one year after graduation or completion of the program for which the loan was made.

"Upon satisfactory completion of your college program," the Dean of men continued, "the foundation will pay on your behalf 10% of the total amount borrowed on that portion of the loan applied to tuition and academic fees, and may pay up to 20% more if justified by need outstanding achievement or potential."

Use of financial assistance, concluded Dean Hughes, insures the student more time to pursue his most important position — that of a full time university student.
Mixer, picnic, Student Gov't day complete Orientation activities

The Keynote of Freshmen Orientation Week this year is variety. Activities planned and sponsored by the various orientation enterprises will run the gamut from group buzz sessions to informal get-togethers.

Monday, Sept. 12, will be the formal introduction of Orientation and Student leaders toward the theme "True Self." Maureen Duru, S.G. President.

That afternoon Freshmen mixer will be held with a tea for the women students and a smoker for the men students, sponsored by the men's and women's social-service organizations on campus.

Freshman Student Government session will feature upperclassmen focii followed by student to student buzz sessions which will give the freshmen the opportunity to discuss with upperclassmen their personal, academic, and social questions about university life.

Friday and Saturday will bring orientation activities to the American Freshman Orientation Mixer and Picnic. The Mixer is a stag affair open only to freshmen and transfer students.

Spirit epidemic hits SHU

"I anticipate more school spirit; it's contagious," remarked Raymond Hughes, Dean of Men. He looked forward to welcoming 700 freshmen during Orientation Week.

"The SHU will be considered a four year university with a total enrollment of 500 current periodical subscriptions, reserves books, and back issues in microfilm.

Speaking enthusiastically, Mr. Matzek told of the founding of the library in June of 1963. He added with a smile, "We had no books."

After receiving a budget the committee made plans for purchasing 10,000 volumes per year. The library, the first department to be formed, put its staff of four immediately to work. There is presently a total of 40,000 volumes and a staff of 15.

"How can students use the library to their best advantage?" one reporter questioned.

"Know what you are looking for," Mr. Matzek advised wisely. "If a student has a particular reference question, he can be aided by the librarian and staff if the question is properly understood."

Mr. Matzek restated the advice, "the best way for an individual to understand his library is to go there and ask the staff questions."

To supplement his duties in the literary department, Richard Matzek has a radio program, "Reward of Reading," on which he holds discussions on books and gives short reviews of current events.

Dean notes

Dean Flaherty gets mixed feelings. He is happy until he disciplines himself for study. He believes that being happy until he disciplines himself for study, he will have achieved self-discovery.

We may all slip through college on a slide greased with oil from midnight cramming sessions. But there is a happy path for those who want more than 2.0. A rocky trek through 4 years of uncertainty leading to a lifetime's continuous growth, with the real success measured in satisfaction from each discovery.

Dean of Women opens Class of '70

Gene Ann Flaherty, believes that a Dean of Women can only be as effective as the students, their parents, and their teachers. She believes that if the Dean is happy, the women on campus will be happy. She realizes the importance of the Dean being happy with her new flock of women.

Dean Flaherty brought up the unique difference between living and existing. "A student, to be a contributing institution must feel that he belongs." She concluded that every individual's awareness of our activities, social, spiritual, and academic, are the building blocks of who we are individually and the university can realize their respective potential.

To an audience of 400 people concerning university rules and laws, Dean Flaherty stated that she prefers to set up guides to what the majority of students feel is the standard of acceptable social behavior. But importantly, to communicate these standards to the student before the question of wrongness (or rightness) arises. She plans to communicate individuals with their own goals.

Serving the entire Fairfield area, as well as Long Island and parts of Massachusetts, New York, and northern New Jersey, the station runs a full six days of programming.

Begun August 5, 1964, WSHU received Radio and Television Communications Commission rating five months later, in January, and began programming from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. This June it extended its hours from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday to Friday.

The station shares Booth Hill with W22EZ FM as the location of its transmitter, and operates the transmitter in the college studio by remote control.

In concluding the tour, Mr. Najamy welcomed any interested prospective freshmen with an open door policy sufficiently enough so that Dean Flaherty's "open door" policy will fully realize itself.

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