Inflation has won this hand in "the cost of education game" and students at Sacred Heart University will have to dig deeper into their pockets to help refill the kitty. As of September 1, students and their parents will have to do some belt-tightening to the tune of $75.00 per semester. The tuition rate which now stands at $1200 per year will increase to $1400.

Dr. William H. Conley, president of the college, stated in a letter released late last week that the tuition increase is necessary because of the inflationary rise in the cost of tools, materials, and services which the university must provide to maintain its current level of quality.

Dr. Conley added the increase was also necessary to provide the physical plant and activities required for a quality education. He went on to assure parents that all possible economies in the past year have been made in an effort to keep the increase as low as a minimum. The S.H.U. president continued that although other private universities and institutions might have gone in other directions, the University's commitment to the quality of education due its students.

He noted that the university is attempting to work with other privately supported universities in the state to seek more aid for the students and the programs through the "Connecticut Conference of Independence Colleges." Dr. Conley concluded that even though the increase, Sacred Heart's tuition rates remain below the rates charged by other private institutions of a comparable nature.
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Letters To The Editor

Editor's note: Their door is the one that's always locked.

To The Editor:

This is a letter written to apologize to the freshman class and especially Dana Cury for what we believe was an unfair election run off for the office of Vice President of the freshman class. A few of us felt that this election should have been termed invalid and a new run off held. There were many rumors about this election, some we felt were quite true. Our concern was overlooked and the election committee declared it valid. We attempted to get this decision overturned but were unsuccessful. Because of this a committee has been organized to set up new guidelines for elections. Hopefully in the future, they will be enforced. They need to be enforced if the students of Sacred Heart take a little more interest in their University and their Student Government by making an effort not only to air your grievances to your representatives, but also to attend the open meetings.

The Student Government is for your benefit so you think what should be done to improve your University. Our office is downstairs in the north wing. Please feel free to drop in and offer us some suggestions.

Thank you,

Benjamin L. Gelormine
Andrea Januzzi
David E. Presier
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With this quotation of SHU's philosophy in mind, how should the latest tuition increase be seen? One thing is clear: Only a truly unique, educational role can any tuition increase be justified. Certainly there are unavoidable economic problems that any school must face—so one really denies this. But SHU cannot increase its tuition without creating a serious problem for the students who are to benefit from its "unique" character. Middle and upper class students in the Bridgeport community cannot easily afford a $1450 increase per year. If the increase is unavoidable, it is the university's obligation to generate methods to allow students to attend Sacred Heart without financial hardship. In particular, Black and Puerto Rican students should be actively recruited, since they comprise a large segment of the student body.

The problem still remains of making SHU worth the increased money. This again involves a measure of creativity and a willingness to try new approaches to our problems. If we have nothing unique to offer—what do we hope to become? There are other colleges in the area.

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Lack of money might be cited (it always is) as the reason for the neglect. But this is hardly an acceptable excuse. Rather, the lack is one of ingenuity and creativity—two traits which people in a university should attempt to cultivate. Surely there are many people that would come to lecture, talk with us, read poetry—for little or no money. They need not be "leaders of contemporary thought," but just interesting people who have something to share.

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The casualties of our revolution exceeded $4000. Other totalled medical bills that now are in still exceed $2000. Dean Cahler, Fund, Inc. Bill Schroeder, one of sent to the Kent Student Medical maimed, donations should be interested parties should contact: would like to have bands and $200,000 and to raise the money, charges for their involvement in various riot and related indictments against twenty-five students and faculty members ended in the weeks remaining in the academic year. A local grand jury brought indictments against twenty-five students and faculty members for various riot and related charges for their involvement in the Kent State disturbances. Their defense will require nearly $500,000 and to do the money the Kent State Legal Defense Fund has been formed. The LDV would like to have bands and locations to run benefits with the proceeds going to the LDV. Interested parties should contact: Kent State Legal Defense Fund.

In addition to the educational benefits available to veterans from the Veterans Administration, Public Law 91-219 makes tutorial services available to the post-secondary student. This program is designed to prevent students' failure in courses necessary for a successful completion of an educational objective. To qualify for the program, a student must be an ex-serviceman or veteran enrolled under the GI bill. If assistance is deemed necessary by an instructor, the student must obtain an application form (VA Form 21-E-1907) from the local VA office or representative. Certification from the school showing the number of completed sessions must be sent with the completed form. The maximum monthly reimbursement for the tutorial services is $6 for a maximum of nine months. Since utilization of these services for any fraction of a calendar month constitutes an entire month's benefits, an organized monthly program is advised by the VA.

Top 10 Albums from WHSU-FM

1. All Things Must Pass - George Harrison
2. Abraxas - Santana
3. Stephen Stills
4. Jesus Christ Superstar
5. Pendulum
6. Chicago 3
7. Tumbleweed Connection
8. Gypsy
9. Tap Root Manuscript
10. Notes on a Journey

The Lord of the Flies hung on the stick like a black ball. . . The flies had found the figure too. The little life movement would scare them off for a moment so that they made a dark cloud around the head. Then as the blue material of the parachute collapsed the corset figure would bow forward, sighing, and the flies would settle once more.

William Golding, The Lord of the Flies

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Scared Heart University had a few scores to settle with some old rivals. In this year's classic, the Pioneers were to face the toughest lineup of opponents the teams have ever played in any Holiday Classic. Scared Heart University has always left its mark in the Holiday Classic and this season was no different. The past speaks for itself with these statistics: Most Points-Average: 1969, Scoring Average. Most Valuable Player-Everett Howard, 1969. Scoring Average: Game Series, SHU leads Free Throws-Shu, 1969. SHU, 78 points. SHU defeated Stony Brook in the Spread, 24, SHU-87-Hunter (4-27-48). Individuals have also left their mark in the Holiday Classic: Most Classic: Points Series, Rich Pucciarello, 29. Rich Pucciarello, 29, Most Probable Goals Series, Rich Pucciarello, 396, Most Free Throw Game, Rich Pucciarello, 14, SHU vs. Eastern Conn. (12-6-68), Most Free Throw Series, 12. Rich Pucciarello, 1968, Dave Haines, 1968, Scoring Average: Rich Pucciarello, 29.6, 1969. In the first round of a double play on Dec. 28, SHU dropped Middlebury, 106-79, behind center Ed Czernota's 29 points. In the second round, in a rather tense game SHU defeated Hartford University, 75-73. This was due to Ed Czernota sitting on the bench for about thirteen minutes because of foul difficulties. SHU was saved however, by three other stars who excel on the team, Bob Gers who scored 19 points, Ray Vyzas, 17 points, and Bill Cepusko, 16 points. This triumph sent the Pioneers on to the finals to face Stony Brook. This was to be a grudge match, for SHU had defeated Stony Brook 24-53 in the 1969 finals. Once again SHU proved themselves to be superior to Stony Brook by defeating them 64-52.

by SHU's top three: Gers, 28 points (named Most Valuable Player and named to the first All CLASSIC Team), Czernota, 26 points (named to the first All CLASSIC Team), and Vyzas, 17 points (named to the first All CLASSIC Team).

I had the pleasure of interviewing Coach J. Donald Feeley last week, as to his views and opinions of the Holiday Classic. Coach Feeley also added that Ed Czernota and Vyzas played an important part in the SHU victory. "Vyzas was the toughest opponent the Pioneers faced," Coach Feeley said. "Vyzas is the toughest player I have ever had."

Commenting generally on the tournament, Feeley said, "This year the Pioneers faced a team which is the strongest opponent ever, with the strongest opponents since the Classic began four years ago." Coach Feeley also commented on how well the Classic was handled by the sponsors and officials. In regard to the idea of the Classic itself, Coach Feeley said, "It helps the image of SHU to have such fine schools come and play in the annual Holiday Classic."

While Rich Pucciarello has been the sparkplug of the team in the past, a new star has now arisen, Ed Czernota, number 44, center, a "28" 220 lb. junior. There will be an interview with Czernota in the next issue.

Scared Heart University Fourth Annual Holiday Classic, December 30-31, 1970.

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