

## Three receive degrees at commencement: Kidera gives farewell remarks, is honored at reception

The Connecticut Lieutenant Governor, Robert K. Killian; a Bridgeport surgeon, Dr. Daniel T. Banks and the newly appointed superintendent of Bridgeport schools, Mrs. Geraldine Johnson received honorary Doctor of Laws degrees at commencement exercises May 22.

Mr. Killian also gave the graduation address in which he urged the 381 graduates of 1976 to help make the American system work and to follow the example and dedication of the nation's founding fathers. The University presented Mr. Killian with a degree in recognition of his own contributions and commitment to Connecticut's citizens and government.

Dr. Banks, who has served as attending surgeon at St. Vincent's hospital and presently is consulting surgeon, was cited for his service to the community as a doctor and philanthropist. He is the donor of a scholarship fund that is awarded annually to a SHU student interested in a career in medicine.

Mrs. Johnson was cited for her accomplishments as an educator



President Kidera, main commencement speaker and honorary degree recipient Robert K. Killian, Bishop Curtis, honorary degree recipients Geraldine Johnson and Dr. Banks.

and a community leader. A former teacher, principal and director of developmental programs in Bridgeport schools, she is presently assistant superintendent of schools for elementary-middle school education. She becomes superintendent July 1.

Dr. Charles E. Ford, SHU academic vice president and dean, presented the candidates for degrees which were conferred by President Kidera.

### Kidera gives farewell remarks

President Kidera, who will be

leaving SHU July 1 to become president of Nazareth College, Rochester, N.Y., also delivered farewell remarks.

He thanked the University community, the Board of Trustees, and Bishop Curtis, president of the board, for providing him and Mrs. Kidera "with a wonderful opportunity to fulfill our vocations in the field of Catholic higher education." He stated that "today, Sacred Heart University stands at the peak of its career — academically, financially and spiritually. It stands poised on the threshold of a new era of development and change and awaits a new president who will bring it a new vigor and a new approach for the era ahead."

The Board of Trustees held a special reception following the commencement ceremonies in honor of the departing University president. Members of the University community, friends and associates gathered in the administration building as Mr. Kidera received a special University gift and a citation from the state commission of higher education.



President Kidera is presented with a gift from the University by (left to right) Robert Huebner, vice president of the board; Bishop Curtis and Dr. Ford.



## Fall admissions picture bright

Continuing a trend that has been evident at Sacred Heart for the past five years, admissions applications show an increase over last year by about five percent.

William J. Dean, director of admissions, attributes this increase to a number of factors, including the economy. "Sacred Heart is maturing in all aspects. The number of alumni has increased, our academic reputation is growing, and our intercollegiate sports have been successful. All these things combine to make the University much more visible to the public."

There are still spaces available for freshman and transfer students, but Summer is a busy time for the admissions office, and Mr. Dean expects more applications and acceptances by September.

High school students continue to apply for career-oriented programs, according to Mr. Dean. At Sacred Heart about one out of every three applicants is interested in business areas.

### Various sources tapped for scholarship aid

Appropriations for 1976-77, totaling slightly more than \$2.8 million to help finance state residents attending Connecticut private colleges, including SHU, was approved by the General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor last month. This figure is roughly the same as the 1975-76 level of funding through which SHU received \$266,000 for scholarship aid.

Through legislation passed in the U.S. House and Senate, it appeared virtually certain as *Happenings* went to press that Basic Opportunity Grant levels would remain at the present \$1,400 maximum despite earlier attempts in the House appropriations committee to reduce that sum significantly. In 1974-75, SHU received \$92,910 in such funds for tuition and related costs from students who attended the institution.

Private sector total support, as of May 17, was slightly more than \$70,000. A financial report and complete donor roll will appear by early September.



**TESTIMONIAL AWARD** — Bishop Curtis (left), president of the board, awards the Walter W. Curtis medal for outstanding service to Sacred Heart University to Dr. Maurice J. O'Sullivan (right) at an informal dinner given by friends and associates in honor of the founding administrator who retires this month. Rabbi Arnold I. Sher (center) was master of ceremonies for the event.

## SHU profs named Yale Fellows; Roberts receives humanities grant

Dr. H. Arliss Denyes, Dr. Raoul De Villiers, and Dr. John Mahar, have been selected by Yale University to participate in its Visiting Faculty Program this Summer. The program, which is made possible by a Lilly Foundation grant, includes a \$750 stipend, all course fees and full borrowing privileges in the Yale library for one year, and an additional \$250 contributed by Sacred Heart.

Dr. Denyes, chairperson of the Biology department, will be studying "The Geologic History of Life." Dr. DeVilliers, chairperson of the Mathematics and Operations Research department, will be working in the Yale computer center studying programming and working on a special research project which deals with teletraffic routing.

Dr. Mahar, chairperson of the History and Political Science department, will attend two classes, "Europe in the Middle Centuries: Foundations of the Modern World" and "Ancients and Moderns in the High Renaissance."

This is the second year SHU professors have been selected as Yale Fellows. The program is open to professors teaching in Connecticut

colleges and universities.

Leland Roberts, University music director, has been awarded a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities which includes eight weeks of summer study at Kansas University.

Mr. Roberts, who is an associate professor of Fine Arts at SHU, will participate in a seminar on early American music and do independent study on the influence of United States intellectual and cultural history on the music of the period from the Revolutionary War to the Civil War.

### Report from the Search Committee

Robert D. Delaney, chairman of the Presidential Search Committee, indicated that as of the latter part of May the committee was continuing to screen applicants and move forward in the selection process. He said that at such time as a decision might be reached, it would be communicated through all appropriate media channels.

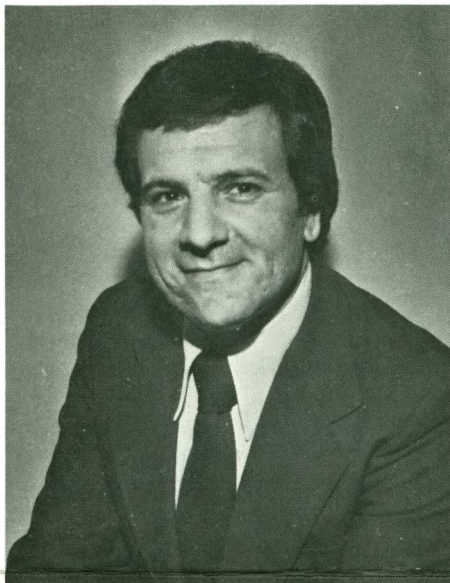


## 15 members added to Regional Council

In its continuing effort to involve local citizens in the development of Sacred Heart, the University has named 15 new members to its Regional Council.

The membership term of the new members will be from July 1, 1976 to July 1, 1979.

The new members are: Mr. Earle Anderson, vice president, United Illuminating Company; Mr. Paul Beliveau, plant manager, Bridgeport Brass Company; Mrs. Hugh Catalano, vice president, Dinan Auxiliary; Mr. Leonard Gilbert, editor-in-chief, *Bridgeport Post Telegram*; Mr. Joseph Gormley, Sr., former state senator; The Rev. Nicholas V. Grieco, director of communications, Diocese of Bridgeport; Mr. George Harkins, president, Hartford Finance Corporation; Mr. William Hawkins, executive vice president, Greater Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Bernard Helfrich, superintendent of schools, Diocese of Bridgeport; Miss Arlene Jones, St. Vincent's School of Nursing; Mrs. Anne McCarthy, director of personnel, People's Bank; Mr. Eugene Miller, publisher, *Ansonia Sentinel*; Mr. James Shanley, vice president-administration, AVCO-Lycoming; Mr. William Howard Taft, executive vice president, Manufacturers Association of Southern Connecticut; and The Rev. Msgr. Jean C. Tetreault, pastor, Our Lady of Fatima Church, Wilton.



## Board selects first alumni trustee

The appointment of Charles L. Rizzo as the first alumni representative to the Board of Trustees has been announced by the Most Reverend Walter W. Curtis, president of the board.

Mr. Rizzo, who was among the three nominees selected by the Alumni Council, was chosen by the board at a recent meeting to serve a three year term. Candidates were solicited through a bulletin to all alumni.

A 1967 SHU Business Administration graduate, Mr. Rizzo is Manager, Industrial Relations and Personnel for the Bassick division of the Stewart-Warner corporation. He is an Alumni Council representative and chairman of the fund raising committee.

## 8 men, 6 women to chair departments

Dr. Grace Farrell Lee, assistant professor of English, has been appointed to a three-year term as chairperson of the English/Media Studies department.

Dr. Farrell Lee, who joined the SHU community in 1974, is the editor of the Rycenga Symposium and a member of the Honors Committee. She received her BA degree in Psychology and English from Emmanuel College, and her MA and PhD degrees in English and American literature from Brown University.

Faculty members reappointed to one-year terms as department chairpersons were: Dr. Arliss Denyes, Biology; Charles Harper, Business Administration; Dr. Anthony Pinciario, Chemistry; Dr. Bernard DeWulf, Education; Virginia Zic, Fine Arts; Dr. John Mahar, History; Dr. Raoul DeVilliers, Mathematics; Maria-Teresa Torreira, Modern Languages; Dr. Edward Bordeau, Philosophy; Dr. Donald Brodeur, Psychology; Dr. Walter Brooks, Religious Studies; and Dr. Nicole Cauvin, Sociology.

## Three receive new administrative posts

Three new administrative appointments were announced last month by President Kidera.

Spiros Antoniadis, assistant director of admissions, has been given additional responsibilities as acting director of cooperative education.

Ms. Phyllis Berns, who was director of cooperative education, has been appointed acting director of continuing education and summer school.

Ms. Laudelina Martinez, who has been director of continuing education and summer school, will become assistant dean of special services July 1, with major responsibilities for extending the service of the student personnel office to the evening and part-time students. She will report to John A. Croffy, dean of students.

Mr. Antoniadis joined SHU in August 1974. He earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado, a Master's from Miami (Ohio) University and completed all course work for a PhD degree in medieval history from Miami University.

Ms. Berns became director of cooperative education in July 1975. She is a graduate of SHU and a graduate student in counseling at the University of Bridgeport.

Ms. Martinez joined the University in February 1975. She received a BA degree from the College of New Rochelle, an MA from Fordham University and is a PhD candidate at Fordham University.

## New chaplain named

The Rev. Paul Merry has been named University chaplain, replacing Rev. John Giuliani, who has been transferred to the Emmaus Community, Stamford.

Father Merry will share chaplain's duties with Sister Kathleen Deignan, C.N.D.

Formerly an assistant pastor at St. James Church, Stratford, Father Merry attended St. Thomas seminary, received a BA degree from St. John's seminary in Brighton, Mass. and also attended the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome. He was ordained in 1971.



# SHU baseball team captures first regional title

Sacred Heart's baseball team has completed an outstanding season, under the coaching of Pete DiOrio.

Boasting an 18-5 regular season record and a .324 team batting average, the Pioneers went on to capture the Northeast Division II cham-

ionship with a 4-0 record which included triumphs over favored New Haven. The victory is the first regional title for any varsity athletic team at SHU.

Earlier this month, the team headed for the NCAA College World Series in Illinois, where they suffered a first round, 11th inning loss to Midwestern Regional champs Southeastern Missouri State. SHU was eliminated in the second round by California-Poly, but, with many veterans returning, has high hopes for next year.

Two Pioneers were also named to the NCAA district one, division II college baseball all-star team, picked by the coaches. Catcher Joe Rietano led the voting, batting .432 for the highest season average on the all-star team. Dennis Burke was picked for the third baseman slot of the 11-member squad.

Other Pioneer standouts include pitchers Junior Viens and Paul Marciniak; and on the bases and in the field, Ray Fontaine, Bob Bielen, Frank Timmeny, Brian Huntley, Bob Velky and Marcial Delgado.

## CAMPUS REPORTS

- Edward Malin, assistant professor of Psychology, and Leonard Persson, assistant professor of Business, have been awarded doctorates. Dr. Malin received his BA degree from the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, and his MA and PhD degrees from Fordham University, Bronx, N.Y. Dr. Malin has been with SHU since 1971, and was recently elected president of the University Senate. Dr. Persson was awarded a doctor of education degree from Columbia University, New York City. Dr. Persson, who began teaching at SHU in 1972, is a member of the Faculty Affairs committee and University Senate. He is also the coordinator for the computer center and for the program in Personnel Administration.
- The Rycenga Symposium, SHU's interdisciplinary journal, is now available to members of the SHU community. Students who contributed written works are: Evelyn Avoglia, Marge Bernardo, William Dorfer, Marlene Gaylinn, James Hubbard, Vivienne Knapp, Colleen Rowe, Al Senese, Peter von York. Illustrators are: Maryann Avery,

Michael Callan, Judy Corrigan, Robert Gemza, Terry Moorehouse, and Marian Tomascak.

- Dr. Raoul DeVilliers has been elected president of the executive committee, SHU chapter, American Association of University Professors. Other newly-elected officers are: Dr. Nicole Cauvin, vice president; Dr. Rosemary Green, secretary; James Wieland, treasurer.
- Members of the Alumni Advisory committee for Biology, English, Psychology, and Spanish, were present at the first annual committee luncheon, May 1. Committees for each department consist of faculty and alumni who meet periodically to discuss curriculum changes.
- May 1 was officially declared Awareness Day for the third year in a row. The purpose of Awareness Day is to make people conscious of the architectural and attitudinal barriers facing the handicapped. As part of SHU's program, an "architectural barriers obstacle course" was built so that students, faculty and administrators could

experience the limited mobility of the handicapped. Since May 1, access ramps for people confined to wheelchairs have been constructed at the library, administration building, and several entrances to the main building.

- Judith Shapiro, assistant professor of political science and urban studies, was the recipient of a House resolution by the State General Assembly praising her efforts in establishing a legislative intern program at SHU.
- Maryanne Gerics and Gary Levin were the winners of the 24-hour dance marathon sponsored by Kreuzfahrer fraternity, April 11. The marathon dancers raised over \$31,000 to benefit the Western Connecticut chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.
- The Women's Center, located on the balcony of the center lounge, was officially opened on May 6. The center is designed to provide an area where SHU women can meet to share ideas, study for exams, obtain career information, or just relax.

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