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**Sheptytsky Institute
Alumni & Friends Newsletter**



of Winter 2003

**May the Joy of the Nativity
be with you!**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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From the Chairman of the Board of Directors

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Recently, a fellow alumnus was passing through Yorkton, Saskatchewan. He revisited the memories of St. Joseph's College and Sacred Heart Academy. In his letter there was pride, there was pain, there was hope. He was proud of our sacred past, he lamented the demise of the institutions; he hoped that it would not be two down and one to go. He prayed that Metropolitan Sheptytsky Institute would be sustained. I share in his sentiments and so do many of you.

In the Spring 2003 Newsletter, I appealed to you for help. Our thanks to those who contributed towards renovations and improvements to the Institute building. Several persons expressed an interest in becoming members of the Board. In October, I received a letter of resignation from one of our Directors - a member of our Executive.

At our Annual Meeting on November 29, 2003 we will be faced with vacancies on our Board and a nagging debt. And, so I urge you once again to support us in whatever way you can - be it morally, spiritually, financially. I, too, am hoping to hear from you and perhaps see a few more present at the Annual Meeting.

Yours in Christ
William Berezny

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Episcopal Corporation of Saskatchewan. On December 1, 1975, the Metropolitan Sheptytsky Society of Saskatchewan assumed full control of the management of the Institute.

The title to the building and property belongs to the Episcopal Corporation of Saskatchewan.

Prior to 1975, the Institute was under the administration of a full-time rector, always a cleric. To help him maintain some form of discipline in the Institute, the rector made use of a House Committee. This Committee, comprising of responsible students, consisted of an honorary president (rector), a president, a vice-president, a secretary, a house manager and an ex-member.

The rector, appointed by the Bishop, was solely responsible to him. The rector had under his supervision a staff comprising of cooks, kitchen help, a custodian, who were termed permanent help, as well as seasonal temporary help. Spiritual guidance was provided the students by either a resident clergyman or a priest from a nearby Redemptorist-run parish.

Throughout the years, the rectors of the Institute were: Rev. Brother Methodius F.S.C. (1953-1954), Rev. Michael Hrynchyshyn C.Ss.R. (.1954-1955), Rev. Gregory Novak C.Ss.R. U955-1956), Rev. Andrew Muzyka (1956-1959), Rev. Andrew Choronzy (1959), Rev. Rudolph Luzney (1959-1964), Rev. Gregory Mykoliw S.T.D. (1964-1967), Rev. Raymond Boyko O.M.I. (1967-1968), Rev. O. Dzerowych (1968-1969), Rev. John Worona (1969-1975).

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Celebrate 25 years
as a Co-ed Residence!

July 2, 3 4, 2004

Check on-line early in the
new year for details.

The First Years at Sheptytsky Institute

*A look back - taken from a dissertation by Dr. Joseph Lozinsky.
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The *Ukrainian News* began carrying advertisements for applications of students interested in staying at the new Institute. Under the advice of the Bishop Andrew Roborecki, Brother Methodius from St. Joseph's College in Yorkton, accepted the position as the first rector of the Institute. He also became the lecturer of courses on the Ukrainian language, literature and history.

The previous year Ukrainian was recognized as a fully credited subject in Saskatchewan high schools. Ukrainian had already been recognized as such by the University of Saskatchewan six years earlier.

During the 1953-1954 school year term, Brother Methodius was teaching Ukrainian as a credit course. Now, not only were St. Joseph's College and Sacred Heart Academy designated as the two schools to teach Ukrainian as a high school subject, but Sheptytsky Institute as well. The students in the Institute as well as City-dwelling students took advantage of these Ukrainian classes.

The students of the Institute took an active part in the life of the University in various ways. For example, the University Student Representative Council had its own Sheptytsky representative: the editor of the University yearbook was a Sheptytsky Institute student as were six members of the yearbook executive and its reporters. Two Institute students were reporters for the *Sheaf*, the University students' newspaper.

That first year there was established at the Institute a new students' organization called **Obnova**. Its membership consisted of Ukrainian Catholic students from the University, the Normal Schools and the high schools of the city.

There were also lectures at the Institute on Ukrainian language, history, literature, on professional ethics and on Christian apologetics. Once again City as well as Institute students, and women students took advantage of these lectures.

Daily Divine Liturgy was offered to the students. The students could obtain spiritual succor from the Rev. Peter Kryworuchka, the bursar of the new Institute.

During the summer the Institute again became a centre of activity as teachers came to attend summer school courses at the University.

Thus, the Institute became a centre of Ukrainian cultural-educational labours and attracted and consolidated our greatest strengths, our co-workers and our leaders.

The Sheptytsky Institute, like its predecessor the Markian Shashkevych Bursa, is closely related to the Ukrainian Catholic Church of Canada. The Institute is owned, and was administered until December 1975, by the Ukrainian Catholic

General Manager's Annual Report

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On November 29th, we officially closed celebrations of the 50 year existence of Sheptytsky Institute as a student resident. A Moleben was held at the Dormition of the Blessed Mother of God Parish, Saskatoon, with Bishop Michael leading us in prayer.

Much has changed over these past 50 years but, surprisingly, much remains the same. The goal to provide an academic facility that reflects Christian values and ideals to our Ukrainian Catholic post-secondary students remains the same. How we achieve this goal may be different and our resident base may be quite varied from the way it was 50 years ago, but, all who call Sheps home have benefited from the personal environment that feeds the body, mind and spirit! We offer more than just a place to sleep and eat. Now we ask ourselves – 'Where will we be in 20... 30... 40... years?'

"So, what's new?" you ask. Come, visit, and see for yourself! In summary you will find:

- Currently, there are 55 residents at Sheps: 19 females and 36 males from across Canada, and beyond. They are of all ages and denominations forming a mosaic working towards the same goal of making Sheps 'home'. An active SRC organizes student based activities and sporting teams; resident assistants provide a link to management; and, we all work together to highlight the cultural and educational aspects of Sheptytsky Institute. Students receive a monthly resident newsletter, which is also posted on the on-line and regular bulletin boards for future reference. Residents are encouraged to keep themselves up-to-date with what's happening where they live. It is also important to keep them informed about what is taking place around where they live, so – please forward us your community events!
- Alumni and friends are kept posted about SI activities via this newsletter and, our Ukrainian Catholic faithful of Saskatchewan can read updates in the quarterly *Eparchial News*. The www.sheps.ca web site is kept updated with current, upcoming and archival information. The web site also allows the opportunity for on-line registration for residency.
- As a unique student residence, Sheptytsky Institute is recognized by the University of Saskatchewan for what it has to offer. Sheps is included on the U of S residence web site and is an active participant of Experience US! and the Greystone Scholar sessions, providing tours to visitors throughout the year.



- Sunday services continue in St Andrew the Apostle of Ukraine Chapel located on the 2nd floor at the Institute. Last year we were blest to have the support of many clergy from our community to provide pastoral care. This year, Fr. Myroslaw Tataryn is back as Chaplain. Regular 11 a.m. Sunday services throughout the academic year provide the opportunity for uplifting our spirits and to learn more about our Eastern religious traditions through the Liturgy and homilies.
- During the summer there was a reassignment of space for the Eparchial offices of the Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Centre and the Youth Coordinator - whose duties were combined with that of the Campus Pastoral Ministry position. A former storage area on the top floor was renovated to become a residence room.
- Outstanding debt on the renovations of 2000 stands at \$59,984.13 from the original \$120,000 loans. These capital improvements included upgrades to wiring (electrical, cable, telephone), plaster and repainting of walls, carpeting, installing of acoustic ceiling tile, washroom renovations... to name a few!

Sheptytsky Institute has always benefited from the support of our community. Again, this year, we are very grateful to the support of Bishop Michael and the Eparchy, the Metropolitan Sheptytsky Society of Saskatchewan Board of Directors, MSSS Board President William Berezny, Past President Dr. William Gulka, dedicated staff, community organizations, supporters and sponsors, alumni and of course, those who have faith in Sheps to be their residence!

Maintaining a healthy environment for students is an important partnership with our community. The significance of providing residence, especially smaller personable accommodation, is recognized for the significant benefits it offers its residents. More and more, campuses plan for expansion of this service – not as a profit making venture but, as an important aspect of university life.

We give thanks to our patron, Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky, for all of our successes and we pray that he will guide us as we move ahead in our very important mission.

Sincerely, Sylvia Baran

Registrations are now being accepted for residency during the 2004-2005 academic year.

Encourage students who will be studying in Saskatoon to visit Sheptytsky Institute and to seriously consider the benefits of living in small residence!

Campus Ministry - an overview of fall activities

- ◆ 9 Ukrainian Catholic students (2 from Sheps) and 10 Roman Catholic students attended the Western Catholic Student Conference in Victoria. Preparations for the event included prayer, reflection, community building and fundraising.
- ◆ Activities for participants, on and off campus, includes: Film Club nights, Busy Person's Retreat, Twilight Retreat, Theology on Tap, Ligouri Circle, AIDS Africa Project...
- ◆ Regular planning sessions take place with the St Thomas More and University of Saskatchewan Ministry Team. Ministry team participation includes events such as the Red Mass, Experience US! and Convocation exercises.
- ◆ Specifically for residents of Sheptytsky Institute, plans are underway for carolling on January 6-8. ***If you would like carollers to visit your home please give us a call!***

Upcoming events:

January 24, 2004	Development and Peace Youth Rally, Saskatoon
February 6-8	Winterfest, North Battleford
Spring	The Spring Thing
August 26-29	Unity -04, Canmore
September 19-21	Youth for Christ, Muenster
July 2005	World Youth Day, Cologne, Germany

For information about any of these events please contact:

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The Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Centre

Located on the 3rd floor of the Institute, this Eparchial resource centre, operated by the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, contains an extensive collection of material that is used for religious education inservice, catechetical workshops and various other programs and retreats. Videos and other material can also be signed out!

This year, Sisters Pat, Bonnie and Marijka have been very active with Lay Formation, Catechist Training, Spiritual Direction and continuing adult education.

Normal hours of operation from September to June, are Tuesday to Thursday, 9:30am to 4:30pm. Call 652-1718.

Visit their new website: www3.sk.sympatico.ca/ucrec