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# Sheptytsky Institute

## Alumni & Friends Newsletter

2005



# Happy New Year!

Welcome to the 2005 edition of the  
**Sheptytsky Institute  
Alumni and Friends Newsletter!**

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*We acknowledge Oristeen Kulyk and Stanley Nowakowski, whose term positions expired December 2005 and who have stepped down from the MSSS Board of Directors.*

If you are interested in serving as a member of the MSSS Board of Directors, please contact Michael Kaminski, President, at 306-789-8880, or your area representative of the Board.

## Registrations are now being accepted for residency during the 2006-2007 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!

Call (306) 653-1711.

Visit the accommodation link on [www.sheps.ca](http://www.sheps.ca) for information on how to apply on-line.

Cover photo: 2004-2005 residence Christmas tree and didux with Nativity icon.

## The Metropolitan Sheptytsky Society of Saskatchewan (from the beginning)

*Part 4 of a look back - taken from a dissertation by Dr. Joseph Lozinsky.  
Used with permission.*

### A Typical Day in the Life of a Sheptytsky Institute Student

The students residing at the Sheptytsky Institute, out of necessity, are obliged to follow a certain schedule each day and to obey the basic house rules.

The day begins for the students at 7:00am. Divine Liturgy originally was held at 7:15 each morning but now is held every Thursday evening because there is no resident priest. The Redemptorist Fathers from nearby Sts. Peter and Paul parish conduct the liturgy. Breakfast is at 7:45 while noon dinner is served at 11:30am. Supper is at 6:00pm. Grace is said in common before each supper. Students may leave individually after meals. Smoking is prohibited in the dining room. A bell is sounded to signal the students to a meal.

Extra curricular activities or lectures occur at 7:00pm or at 8:00pm. Then comes a study period followed by free time. At 11:00pm, all visitors must leave and the students retire to their rooms for more studying or for sleep.

Sunday schedule is different in some ways. For example, since breakfast is served at 10:30am, the onus is upon the students to attend church services voluntarily at some nearby parish church. Also, church attendance on Sundays and holy days is obligatory and binding in conscience.

On Sundays, there is no noontime meal; supper is served at 5:30pm.

In order to maintain the good reputation of the Institute, a list of rules are issued to students upon enrolling in September. Some of these rules include: (a) no drinking of alcoholic beverages is allowed in the residence, (b) no students are to physically hang out of the building windows, roof or fire escape, (c) no visitors are allowed in the students' rooms after 11:00pm, and (d) a one-sided rule of allowing a female student to visit a male student in his room, but not vice-versa.

During the weekends, some of the students go home to see their relatives and friends.

Lozinsky, Joseph (1981). *The Markian Shashkevych – Andrew Sheptytsky Institutes 1935-1980, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.* Munich, German Federal Republic: Ukrainian Free University.

## Do you know where these people are?

**Thanks to those who responded to last year's request and helped us update our address book. Now - can anyone confirm contact information for any of the following people? Please forward their mailing/e-mail address - or ask them to drop us a note. We want to keep in touch!**

Kelly & Celeste Bernakevitch; Larry Benning; Eileen Chuey; Darrell Lischynski; Walter Kindrachuk; Don Kozolowski; Daniel Nunn; Peter Tomashewski; Christopher Steier

## + In Memory

Dan Marciniuk was born in Western Ukraine in 1922, arriving to the Hafford - Krydor area in 1927 with his parents and one brother.

Dan began his teaching career in 1946, receiving a B.Ed. in 1967 and B.A. in 1969. While attending the U of S, he was a resident of Sheptytsky Institute. His 32-year teaching career was spent in the Blaine Lake School Division - as a teacher and principal.

In the fall of 1978, the Board of Directors of the MSSS hired Dan as Executive Secretary on a half-time basis.

In 1982, upon the retirement of Deacon S. Kurywchak, Dan assumed the management of the Institute on a full-time basis and remained here until 1998.

Dan's final months were spent in the loving care of St. Joseph's Home.

Dan was a caring individual, always striving for good relationships among his teachers and students. His philosophy on life was developed by three great influences in his own life - Family, Church and School.

**Вічна пам'ять! Vichnaya Pamyat!**



Dan Marciniuk  
1922 - 2005



## A memory of days gone by....



**A shared room.**

Old photos such as this are posted on our web site. It would be great to add others that you might have in your own archives. All original materials will be returned.  
Please contact the Institute if you can help with this history project.

## General Manager's Annual Report

Слава Ісусу Христу!

*"To provide an academic facility that reflects Christian values and ideals with respect to all activities, social and personal relationships."*

This sentence appears in the Sheptytsky Institute residence pamphlet. Similar wording is found in other material referring to the goals of continuing to provide a "home away from home" - where students can study, worship, socialize and relax. For 53 years the visionaries, founders and supporters of this Institute, our Eparch, and many who have passed through these doors, have worked very hard towards achieving this goal. Since 1975, the MSSS Board has maintained this statement in their objects of the Corporation; and, each new resident sees these words in their guide to Conditions of Occupancy. We do not forget that this is the goal that we continue to strive for!

## 2005 Highlights

### i: Resident life and activities

**2005 - 2006 Residency** • This year, 51 students call "Sheps" home; in double and single occupancy rooms. Our Canadian residents are from BC to Quebec - three are from Asia. This active group of youth have quickly formed friendships that will last for years. They organize events for resident participation here, as well as outside of the building. With the assistance of the entire student body, the Student Residence Council plans the more major group events. Funding assistance for these activities comes from the SRC fee which every resident pays upon application, as well as other money-generating ventures. The residence students are also represented by the Resident Assistant who is required to complete an intense one week University of Saskatchewan RA training course at the end of August. As a peer, this person assists residents with their concerns while also following the policies as approved by the MSSS Board, and laid out in the Conditions of Occupancy Guide.

It has become increasingly evident that, while all applicants are very welcoming of resident policies - sometimes things change once they are expected to start living them. This year, as in the past, has had its challenges with resident discipline. It is with nagging familiarity that I recently read a 1955 article written by Dr. Stephen Worobetz, about the Bursa and Sheptytsky Institute, which stated: "Now and again, Mr. Pryma, had difficulty keeping the boys, with their boundless energy, from getting into mischief." Only the faces have changed!

Residents are given the opportunity to witness as well as participate in the traditions of our Ukrainian Catholic Eastern Rite and our culture. At Sheps we observe the Liturgical feasts of Christmas-Rizdvo, Theophany and Easter. We celebrate with traditional Ukrainian meals as well as some activities associated with these events. Youth/Campus ministry coordinator, Laurie Friesen, leads an exuberant group of residents with house-to-house caroling; - with donations

directed to the SRC activities fund. For the past three years, Nissa Baran has volunteered time by offering pysanka workshops. Our residents are kept informed through: Supper speakers, special presentations, displays, resident newsletters, student web page updates and dining room 'table topper' weekly topics and subjects of interest. Everyone leaves Sheps with some knowledge of being Ukrainian – even if it is just knowing what varenyky are!

**Liturgical Offerings** • Our Chapel has always been a solemn place for personal prayer as well as community Liturgical services. It is open throughout the University academic year (September – April) and by special arrangement during summer months. This year we welcome Fr. Andre Lalach, who celebrates Divine Liturgy at 7 p.m. on Sunday evenings as well as Tuesday to Friday at 11:30 a.m. Visitors are invited to attend these Liturgies and, intentions are welcome. An updated schedule of services appears on the Pastoral Ministry, Divine Liturgy web page.



## ii: Promotions and student recruitment

Living in residence can enhance the educational experience. We promote this by actively participating in presentations which are sponsored by the University of Saskatchewan. We are visible at Experience US!, and the Greystone scholar and Engineering information fairs. Grade 12 students throughout the Province hear about Sheps through the St. Thomas More College high-school liaison person and University staff, who visit high school students and guidance counselors. A direct web link on the U of S Prospective Student home page to our residence is only a click away. Our membership with the Residence Life Professionals Association, which consists of post-secondary housing professionals from BC to Manitoba, enables us to share information on residence life and issues in order to continually improve our own operations.

Word-of-mouth advertising also benefits us. Many residents choose Sheps because they stayed here during summer band or sport camp, or because family or friends have lived here at some point over the years.

We are regular contributors to the Eparchial News journal, parish bulletins, Ukrainian Canadian Congress – SK Provincial Council Visnyk, and, distribute this Sheptytsky Institute Alumni & Friends Newsletter to over 1,400 people.

## iii: Facility

**Chapel upgrades** • In continuing with upgrades – the altar, tetrapod and side altars have now been adorned with proper coverings. Many, many thanks are extended to Dr. William Gulka for initiating and funding this special project. We

## Fond memories

"I took a look at all the new photos at the Student Centre webpage, and it brings me back to all the fond memories.. I still miss being there, and I still remember all faces. Thank you very much for helping my stay being such a good one!" *Sosuke, Tokyo*

<Please add my name to the alumni list> "I was a resident of the "institute" as we affectionately called it - for three years...." *Robert, Calgary*



# Sheptytsky Institute Student Residence Council

Report, December 2005

Another exciting year is underway at Sheptytsky Institute. The student representative council has been busy planning and putting on many exciting events for the residents such a bowling night and a movie night. For Halloween residents had a chance to carve pumpkins and dress up in costume.

Upcoming events include such ideas as more movie nights, paint ball, a car rally, a board game night and any other suggestions that arise at our biweekly meetings.

There are also plans being made for Sheptytsky bunnyhugs and sweatpants to be made available for purchase by Sheptytsky residents.

Funding for SRC organized activities comes from the fee paid by residents, as well as through fundraising ventures such as can/bottle recycling and house-to-house carolling during Ukrainian Christmas.



2004  
AND  
2005  
PHOTOS



are still accepting sponsorship (\$100) of the Great Feast icons. The list of icons, with accompanying pictures, is shown on the Liturgy page of the Pastoral Ministry link on our web site.

### Building and maintenance •

The woes of an aging building keep us constantly watchful of required maintenance. Building Manager, Wayne, does many of the necessary repairs and various upgrades, greatly reducing the costs of bringing in specific trade and service people. Whether the job is changing ballasts or refinishing floors, door closures or furniture repairs, carpet shampooing or landscaping - there is much more than regular caretaking duties required of him. The steam heat system also keeps us cautious of what may lie ahead. Our plumber, Kelly, is prepared to answer our call any time - day or night.

Residents are reminded that they are also responsible for the condition and upkeep of this building. Hallway hockey games, pellet guns, roller blades, bikes, skate boards and the newest cause of damage – heelys, are all a no-no. The general rule to follow is that if you can't do it in your living room at home – you can't do it here either. Sometimes there are questions as to what some must be permitted to do at home.

### iv: General operations:

**Remembering the faithful departed •** Each year, at the time of the Metropolitan Sheptytsky Society Board of Directors Annual Meeting, a Panakhyda is held to pray for residents, directors, rectors and staff who have passed on into eternity. A special memorial booklet is printed each year for this prayer service. A web link to a Memorial page can be found at Alumni Activities. Please forward names that you know are missing from that list.

**Staffing •** We continue to be cared for by our committed staff. Our cooks

**The presence of the Eparchial Youth/Campus Ministry, as well as the SSMI Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Centre (UCREC), is a welcome addition to Sheptytsky Institute.**

**MINISTRY:** Fr. Andre Lalach has joined the Ukrainian Catholic Campus Ministry team working with Laurie Friesen and the University as well as Canadian Catholic ministries to provide a presence and support for students. Eparchial Ukrainian Catholic youth are also supported through this office. Link to ministry activities from sheps.ca. Call 244-7720.

**UCREC:** Sr. Marijka and Sr. Bonnie work throughout the year on the Eparchial Lay Formation Program, Catechetical Certification Program, adult education and spiritual direction. The resource centre distributes Catechism books, manuals and videos. Their web site is at [www.sasktelwebsite.net/ucrec/index.htm](http://www.sasktelwebsite.net/ucrec/index.htm), or linked from sheps.ca. Call 652-1718.



Krista and Angie prepare all menu plans, adjusting to resident likes and dislikes early in the year! Their attention to providing special treats and home baking quickly dispels the rumors of dorm food service. Wayne has dedicated years to the maintenance of not only the building, but making sure that the people who live here are living in a safe and clean environment. When our student residents go home in April, the work doesn't stop. From May to August, the focus is on summer camp accommodations, with attention also given to clean-up and repairs in preparation of the next group of university students.

**Fund Raising** • Historically, we read that our UCWLC and UCBC branches have dedicated thousands of dollars towards the purchase of property, the former museum and library, and regular renovations and upgrades. In 2000, a three-year fund raising campaign was initiated to generate necessary funds for major renovations carried out during that time. Those renovations cost \$192,217.96. Since 2000, we have been blessed to have received \$153,678.00 in personal, parish and organization renovation donations. This summer, the outstanding loan of \$32,321.00 was called in, and we are now digging deep to gather these funds. Please consider making a donation.

**Donor Recognition** • Hand in hand with fund raising comes donor recognition. We are humbly grateful to the support received through the decades of providing a safe and healthy residence to our Ukrainian Catholic community and others. Donors can be sure that our students benefit from their gift now, as well as in the future. We acknowledge our donors by offering a Divine Liturgy for the intentions of our benefactors as well as listing supporters on our web 'Donor Roll' and memorial plaques. Your gift also generates a direct tax benefit for you.

**www.sheps.ca** • We receive over 3,500 'hits' on our web site pages every month. Keeping the information up-to-date and regularly adding photos – new as well as old ones - keeps people coming back. On-line residency information and application form is appreciated by those seeking accommodation.

Staff and residents of Sheptytsky Institute are grateful to the support of Bishop Michael and the Eparchy, the Metropolitan Sheptytsky Society of Saskatchewan Board of Directors, MSSS Board President Michael Kaminski, Past President William Berezny, community organizations, supporters and sponsors, alumni and of course, those who have the faith in Sheps to be their residence!

Helping students make the adjustment to university life, and for many their first time away from home, is an important partnership with our community. It is a very rewarding opportunity to be involved with the students who pass through our doors – whether that involvement is for only a few months, or for years.

*Sincerely, Sylvia Baran - December, 2005*



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**We sincerely thank all donors for their vision and support!**

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## 2005 Scholarship Presentations

Scholarships are offered annually to residents of Sheptytsky Institute. This year, the applications were reviewed by a Committee consisting of MSSS Board members. Two recipients were selected. Presentations were made by MSSS President, Mike Kaminski, at the December 3, 2005, MSSS AGM.

### • Regush Memorial Scholarship

This Scholarship, made possible by a bequest by +Eva Regush, is offered to a student of Ukrainian descent who attends any College at the U of S. Selection is based on financial need and academic achievement. Eligible students have completed one full winter term as outlined in the General U of S Calendar.



**2005 Regush Memorial Scholarship Recipient: Joshua Hrynchyshyn**



**2005 Petryshen Memorial Scholarship Recipient: Ashley Kosolowsky**

### • Petryshen Memorial Scholarship

This Scholarship, made possible by a bequest by +Wasył Petryshen, is offered to a student of Ukrainian descent who studies Ukrainian at the U of S. Selection is based on financial need and academic achievement. Eligible students have completed one full winter term as outlined in the General U of S Calendar.