Bishop’s welcomes near-record enrollment

Bishop’s University is welcoming one of the largest cohorts of new and returning students this fall with 875 first-year students for a projected total enrollment of 2,350.

Among the students, 15 per cent come from within one hour of campus with an additional 50 per cent coming from the rest of Quebec. Canadians from outside the province make up 33 per cent of the student body while the remaining 17 per cent are foreign students representing over 60 residencies.

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The Scoop

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For those who have long enjoyed the many productions put on by the local community theatre group, the Knowlton Players, it may be hard to believe that the group is celebrating its 25th anniversary this coming weekend.

In a press release out this week, the group announced the upcoming celebration to be held September 16 and 17 where, not only a walk down memory lane will be shared but, some familiar faces will return for the joyous occasion.

Everyone is welcome and this event is one you likely won’t want to miss.

The nostalgic evening will pay tribute to all who have been part of the troupe with songs, dances and scenes from past 25 glorious years, all woven together in a clever play written by Roger De La Mare. This will be a light and fun celebration with the perfect taste of what community theatre is all about.

The announcement for the event tells us that things will go on.

This is not the end of the Knowlton Players and in fact, far from it. The troupe and its efforts continue to receive a lot of community support throughout the region. The Knowlton Players are still going strong with no signs of slowing down. With over 100 shows under their belts, including a diverse range of styles from musicals, pantomimes, comedies, plays, church and community theatre and church concert fundraisers, the performances offer something for all tastes and ages. Often performing before a full house and receiving many positive reviews, group is a model for community theatre.

President of the board of directors, Juli Peasley, says, “Although the Players work was worth it. Principal and Vice-Chancellor Michael Goldblloom says: “One of the exceptional aspects of Bishop’s is that our returning students are largely responsible for Orientation Week. I have been impressed by the follow-up efforts to welcome the new students and to communicate the fundamental values of the University such as mutual respect, social engagement and academic excellence.”

Bishop’s is continuing its tradition of welcoming refugee students through the Bishop’s University/Champlain Regional College Refugee Student Sponsorship Committee. With the continuing refugee crisis resulting from the war in Syria, the committee and the campus community decided to double the efforts and welcome four sponsored students.

The first, a Syrian, is continuing his year of sponsorship that began in January 2016. A second sponsored student, another Syrian who sought asylum in Jordan, arrived over the weekend. Two more students, who will attend Champlain College were recently welcomed, one from Burundi but raised in a refugee camp in Malawi, and a second is from Syria.

Heather Thomson, campus minister and member of the committee, says: “Our group is very excited to welcome our new sponsored students. They enrich our campus and community. We greatly appreciate the tremendous support we receive from both Bishop’s and Champlain.”

Benefits for local economy

Every fall, the local economy in Lennoxville experiences a lift as the area swells with Bishop’s students. The impact these students have on local businesses in both Lennoxville and Sherbrooke is significant. In 2014, Canadian students from outside Quebec spent a total of $22 million on tuition, accommodation, food and other items.

Lennoxville Provoig owner Robert La Fond welcomes the arrival of Bishop’s students saying, “There is no doubt that the students’ presence has a very positive impact on my business. When they’re in town, we have to adjust the volume of inventory in our store to keep up with the demand. Students bring a positive energy to the area. They create a buzz which I’m sure all other business owners in Lennoxville appreciate.”

“Try to remember” Knowlton players 25th anniversary celebration

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The challenge of eating local

By Gordon Lambie

Though the closing of the Le Carighter restaurant on Jacques Cartier street earned a quite a disappointed response from its fans and followers, Sylvie Proulx, the owner of the Café Créatif au Croquït vegetarian restaurant on Wellington Street North said that the loss is even harder for Sherbrooke Vegans.

In an environment that already provided limited options for eating out, the closing of the restaurant meant one less place to turn.

“I don’t eat out other than at The Singing Goat, and I went to Le Carighter, that’s about it,” said Proulx, commenting that anywhere else, “everything’s covered in cheese.”

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