

LOCAL NEWS

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Bishop's welcomes near-record enrollment

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sented in the 685 beds available.

Principal and Vice-Chancellor Michael Goldbloom 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 their 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 their efforts and welcome four sponsored stu-

dents (two were welcomed in 2015-16).

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 Provigo owner Robert Lafond 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."

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 enrolment 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 Residence:

In its residences, including the newly renovated Abbot Hall new students occupy 76 per cent of available rooms with the remaining made up of returning students. Some 38 countries are repre-

"Try to remember" Knowlton players 25th anniversary celebration



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with songs, dances and scenes from the 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 laced with the perfect taste of what community theatre is all about.

The announcement for the event tells us the following... "Someone keeps stealing scenes from the Knowlton Players...Can the Mayor and one special town councillor solve the mystery before it's too late? In any case, the show must 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 things down. With over 100 shows under their belts, including a diverse range of styles from musicals, pantomimes, comedies, mysteries, dinner theatres and church concert fundraisers, the performances offer something for all tastes and ages. Often performing before a full house and receiving many positive reviews, the group is a model for community theatre troupes.

President of the board of directors, Juli Peasley, says, "Although the Players

are first and foremost, a theatre troupe, they are proud of their choice to donate surplus profits to worthwhile causes. In these 25 years, they have provided fabulous entertainment, brought families together, and been a strong financial supporter of many community groups. All the while, they keep honing their craft to become better performers and to refine the way the troupe is run."

If you are a Knowlton Player or have ever participated in one of their shows, you are especially welcome, but the show is meant for everyone! If you have not yet experienced local community theatre, this celebration is sure to provide a realization of what being involved in such a group can bring to ones life.

The show plays on September 16 & 17 at 7:30 pm at Theatre Lac Brome at 9 Mont Echo Road. The cost is \$10. Phone (450) 242-2510 for tickets and information. I encourage you all to support this show. The hours, from rehearsals to those behind the scenes are many. The greatest reward for these actors is the knowledge that they can, through their talent and efforts bring something to their audience. A full house is always a validation for all involved that the hard work was worth it.

Try to Remember

KNOWLTON PLAYERS presents

A 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

September 16 & 17th, 2016 7:30 PM
at Theatre Lac Brome, Knowlton, QC
Reservations: 450-242-2510

For 25 years, the Knowlton Players have performed for us, making us laugh, cry, sing, dance, cheer and smile, let's celebrate this special occasion with them. Here's to 25 more years with some of the best entertainers in the business! Congratulations and THANK YOU to the Knowlton Players past, present and future.

The challenge of eating local

By Gordon Lambie

Though the closing of the Le Cartier restaurant on Jacques Cartier street earned a quite a disappointed response from its fans and followers, Sylvie Proulx, the owner of the Café Creatif au Croquis 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 Cartier, that's about it," said Proulx, commenting that anywhere else, "everything's covered in cheese."

Though there are all kinds of reasons motivating

people to cut meat and, in the case of vegans, animal byproducts out of their lives Proulx said that she does it both in her life and at her vegetarian café because of concern for the environment.

"Not eating meat has an impact on the environment," the café owner said, pointing to the ability to compost any and all leftovers as

just one item on her list of reasons.

"It is more and more easy, but it's not on everyone's

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CORRECTION

The name of Tiffany Blinn was mistakenly left out of the group photo on page four of Friday's Record in connection with the story "Ribbons cut on new Richmond soccer field. The Record apologizes for this oversight.



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