

SVU 2001 North American Conference

“The Czech and Slovak Legacy in the Americas Preservation of Heritage with the Accent on Youth”

Lincoln, Nebraska, August 1-3, 2001

Organized by
the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences (SVU)

Under the auspices of

H.E. Alexandr Vondra, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the US
and

H.E. Martin Butora, Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the US

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the University of Nebraska at Lincoln,
College of Arts and Sciences,
Department of Modern Languages,
European Studies
and

the Czech Language Foundation,
the Czech Komensky Club,
the Nebraska Czechs of Lincoln,
and the Nebraska Czechs of Wilber.

Word from SVU President

This is the third SVU conference devoted to the subject of Czech and Slovak Americans and the preservation of their heritage. We have specifically selected Nebraska for its site because of the large Czech and Slovak community here and their rich cultural traditions and contributions. The University of Nebraska, where the meetings will be held, is also one of the few universities in the US that offers the Czech language and has been teaching since 1907.

Some 100 scholars and popular speakers will offer papers in more than twenty panels exploring the Czech and Slovak legacy in the Americas with the focus on preserving their heritage and the accent on youth. Topics include history of immigration; assimilation and acculturation; language; the role of major ethnic organizations in preserving our heritage; future and role of young people; contributions of Czech and Slovak settlers and their descendants; archival and library holdings; cooperation with Czech and Slovak Republics; genealogy sessions; etc.

Between sessions the participants will have the opportunity to view the exhibits and collections of special family memorabilia, art, and unique archival material that will be on display. There will be an opportunity to meet leading scholars and community leaders from all parts of the US and Canada, as well as distinguished visitors from the Czech and Slovak Republics.

An authentic Czech meal will be featured on Thursday evening, followed

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by a polka dance at the Cornhusker Hotel, so bring along your dancing shoes! There will also be a banquet on the final evening. On-campus housing will be provided by the University of Nebraska's new Kauffman Honors Hall offering suites with private bathrooms as well as some other amenities not present in traditional residence halls. Only 100 guests can be accommodated in Kauffman Hall, so we urge you to make your reservations quickly if you plan to stay there.

The SVU conference is held in conjunction with the colorful 40th annual Czech Festival in Wilber, NE - Czech Capital of Nebraska and USA - which will follow on August 3-5. During this Czech Festival the 15th annual Miss Czech-Slovak USA Pageant will be held wherein 20 states will be represented by young ladies of Czech and Slovak descent. The theme of the Czech Festival in 2001 is “Youthful Czechs” in recognition of the past Nebraskan “Czechs of Wilber” chapter queens. The Miss Czech-Slovak USA Pageant is held two nights during the festival. It is a very colorful, exciting and entertaining ethnic pageant involving very special and proud Czech and Slovak girls who, over these past 14 pageants, have gone out into society as youth ambassadors. ➡

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Word from SVU President

I urge all SVU members and other interested people to take advantage of the excellent program and the various amenities our Nebraska Conference offers and come with us to Lincoln in large numbers. Ambassador Vondra was in Lincoln last August to give a talk and he spent the weekend in Wilber and was overwhelmed with the beauty and culture that the festival had to offer.

We want all of our conference participants to leave this Nebraska conference filled with the same kind of pride, enthusiasm, and excitement that we are all feeling as we plan this event for you. Combine it with a vacation and your entire family will have a splendid time.

MILA REHCIGL, SVU President

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### SVU North American Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska, August 1-3, 2001 REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of person(s) accompanying you: \_\_\_\_\_

Institutional Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone and/or fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee:

\$35.00 (SVU Member)      \$30.00 (Spouse)  
\$45.00 (Non-Member of SVU)      \$15.00 (Students)

*Non-dorm participants:* Please see the three special meals noted at the bottom of this form and indicate if you would also like to attend them. Reservations are required two weeks in advance to participate in the specialty meals.

If you stay in the dorms, you are required to purchase a meal plan. The room rate with the meal plan is \$34.00 a night per person, double occupancy, three meals a day. Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday are prorated because you will only have one meal on each of those days (see below listing for details).

Check in time is 2:00 pm or after. Check out time is before 10:00 am. If you plan to stay for the entire Wilber Festival, you would want to spend the night of August 5th in Lincoln and leave on Monday, August 6th. The first 100 guests will stay in the new Honors Kauffman Residence Hall, complete with private bathrooms! The charming Niehardt Residential Center will be used for guests when we exceed the 100 spaces in Kauffmann.

- Night of August 1 = \$25.50 \_\_\_\_\_ (per person, double occupancy, supper only on August 1)
- Night of August 2 = \$63.00 \_\_\_\_\_ (per person, double occupancy, 3 meals banquet at Cornhusker Hotel is \$29 extra) or
- Night of August 2 = \$34.00 \_\_\_\_\_ (per person, double occupancy, 3 meals Czech dorm food supper)
- Night of August 3 = \$52.00 \_\_\_\_\_ (per person, double occupancy, 3 meals, banquet is extra \$18.00)  
or
- Night of August 3 = \$34.00 \_\_\_\_\_ (per person, double occupancy, 3 meals, regular dorm meal)
- Night of August 4 = \$22.50 \_\_\_\_\_ (per person, double occupancy, breakfast only on Saturday)
- Night of August 5 = \$22.50 \_\_\_\_\_ (per person, double occupancy, breakfast only on Sunday)
- Breakfast morning of departure  
= \$4.50 \_\_\_\_\_ (add \$4.50 per person for breakfast the morning you check out)
- Parking for dorms = \$2.00 \_\_\_\_\_ (covers entire time you are in Lincoln)
- Transportation to Wilber \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15.00 roundtrip per person, per day)
- Registration fee \_\_\_\_\_ (see above for appropriate fee)
- Additional banquet costs from below:  
\_\_\_\_\_ (for non-dorm residents only)

**Total**                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ check made payable to SVU

*Single occupancy:* The rate for Single Occupancy is an additional \$18.00 per night. Please note the changes above. If you are planning to share a room, please indicate who will be your roommate \_\_\_\_\_.

To help us plan for the transportation to Wilber, please indicate below the day(s) you need transportation:

Saturday, August 4 (# of people \_\_\_\_\_)

Sunday, August 5 (# of people \_\_\_\_\_)

*Cancellation Policy:* Refunds cannot be issued after July 15, 2001. If you have questions, please send an e-mail to: [coszly1@unl.edu](mailto:coszly1@unl.edu).

Send this application form along with the appropriate fee (made payable to SVU) A.S.A.P. to: Cathleen Oszly, Department of Psychology, 238 Burnett Hall, UNL, Lincoln, NE 68588-0308.

*For non-dorm participants:* Add the following to your registration check:

Czech dinner in the dorm on Thursday, August 2, 6-8 pm, # of people x \$7.50 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Czech dinner at the Cornhusker Hotel, Thursday, August 2, # of people x \$35 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Friday, August 3, 6:30-9:30 pm, # of people x \$25.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED 2 Weeks in Advance.

I want to go to lunch on August 1 and tour the Univ. of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha afterwards.

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## TENTATIVE PROGRAM

### I. Emigration and Immigration

#### History of the Czechs and Slovaks in North America

Chair: Clinton Machann, Texas A & M University

Lawrence and Elaine Cerny, Huber Hts., Ohio

A Walk Through Newburgh Heights and Slavic Village

Milan Fryscak, New York University

Frantisek Korbel — A Czech Pioneer in California

Jan Klinka, Vancouver, British Columbia

Czech & Slovak Immigration to Canada With a Focus On Western Canada, Especially British Columbia

E. A. Kral, Wilber, Nebraska

A Brief History of Cultural Preservation Accomplishments at Wilber, Nebraska, A Czech-American Town

Stepanka Magstadt, Plzen, Czech Republic

Czech Immigrants and Emigres Re-Visited

Pat Novak, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Grandpa's Stories

Michael Rokos, Baltimore, Maryland

The Early Immigrants — Why? A Salute to Augustine Herman, First Permanent Czech Settler in North America and Those Who Came After Him in the Late 1800's

Ludmilla Saskova, Moscow, Idaho

The Struggle to Find a Place: Bohemian Homestead Communities in Idaho and Montana at the End of the 19th and the Beginning of the 20th Century

Budimir Zvolanek, St. Louis, Missouri

History of Czech and Slovak Immigrants in St. Louis and Personal Recollection on Immigration

## **II. Cultural Contributions**

### **Preserving Heritage and Culture through Music**

Chair: Joel Blahnik, Fish Creek, Wisconsin

Co-Chair: Sister Anita Smisek, New Praha, Minnesota

Joel Blahnik, Fish Creek, Wisconsin

Alliance Publications, Inc. (API) — A Czechoslovak Musical Voice Bridging the World

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Don Trouba, Elkhorn, Nebraska

The Czech Heligon Accordion: Its History and Applications

Sue Underwood and Maureen Beck, Crete, Nebraska

Traditional Czech Folk Music and Instrumentation Including Musical Demonstration of the Dudy

### **Preserving Heritage and Culture through Literature**

Chair: Ann Billesbach, Nebraska State Historical Society

Lorraine J. Duggin, Omaha, Nebraska

Personal Poetry Reflections

Margaret Hermanek Peaslee, University of Pittsburgh at Titusville

Bozena Nemcova Remembered

Tim Prchal, Oklahoma State University

The Bohemian Paradox: My Antonia and Popular Images of Czech Immigrants in the Early Twentieth Century

### **Preserving Heritage and Culture in the Home**

Chair: R. Thomas Zumpfe, Lincoln, Nebraska

Anne Callahan, Nebraska Czechs of Lincoln, Nebraska

Velma Kotas, Nebraska Czechs of Lincoln, Nebraska

Ostry Family: Mike, Karen, Matthew (12), Louis (10), Cecilia and Angelica (8), Maria (7), Helena (4), and Anthony (2), Nebraska Czechs of Butler County, Bruno, Nebraska

Jarmila Vogel, Masaryk Club of Boston

Czech and Slovak Cultural Heritage in the Commonwealth of MA

Full audience participation

### **Czech Architectural Experiences**

Chair: Al Hamersky, Lincoln, Nebraska

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Czech Architectural Heritage

David Murphy, Lincoln, Nebraska

The Passing of Old Czech Carpentry in the North American Central Plains

William H. Tishler, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Bohemian Folk Architecture in Wisconsin

### **Czech and Slovak Contributions to Medicine**

Chair: Jitka Stiles, Prague, Czech Republic

Co-Chair: Louis Gogela, Lincoln, Nebraska

Lawrence F. Jindra, Columbia University, New York

New Advances in Glaucoma Surgery

Patrick Kudlacek, and Steven C. Sansom, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha

The Importance of the Calcium Sensitive Potassium (BKCa) Channel in Hypertension

Jaroslava Moserova, Senate, Parliament of the Czech Republic, Prague

Title to be announced

Jitka Stiles, Prague, Czech Republic

Positive and Negative Aspects of Molds in the Food Industry

### **III. Institutions, Organizations**

#### **Czech and Slovak Museums**

Chair: Layne Pierce, Lincoln, Nebraska

- E. A. Kral, Wilber, Nebraska  
Czech Culture Captured in Small Nebraska Museums
- Don Martin, Winter Park, Florida  
The Albin Polasek Museum
- David Muhlena, Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library
- Richard Pavlasek, Austin, Texas
- Woody Smith, La Grange, Texas  
The Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center in La Grange, Texas

#### **Czech and Slovak Library Archives and Collection Development**

Co-Chair: Jean Dickinson, University of Nebraska

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- Jean Dickinson, University of Nebraska  
Some Researches into the Treasures of the University of Nebraska“Czech Heritage Collections”
- Sandra Levy, University of Chicago  
Czech and Slovak Collections at the University of Chicago
- David Muhlena, Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
A Proposal to Create a Czecho-Slovak American Library, Czech and Slovak Museum
- Daniel Necas, University of Minnesota  
Czech and Slovak American Collections Above the Bohemian Flats of Minneapolis:  
The IHRC at the Elmer L. Andersen Library

#### **Czech Festivals and Celebrations — Roundtable**

Chair: John Fiala, Lincoln, Nebraska

- Charles Keller, President, Nebraska Czechs of Wilber, Nebraska
- Doris Ourecky, Nebraska Czechs of Wilber, Nebraska
- Toni Birmingham, Chair, Czech Festival in Phillips, Wisconsin
- Elaine Benda, Board of Directors, Oklahoma Czechs, Yukon, Oklahoma
- Lorraine Lafler, Panhandle Czechs of Nebraska, Sidney, Nebraska

#### **Presidential Symposium: Role of Ethnic Organizations in Preserving Our Cultural Heritage**

*Chair:* Miloslav Rechcigl, SVU President

- Vlasta Becvarova Barber, President, Czech and Slovak Society of Oregon, Tigard, OR
- Elaine Benda, Board of Directors, representing the Oklahoma Czechs, Inc., Yukon, OK
- Peter Bisek, President, Bohemian Citizen's Benevolent Society of Astoria, Inc., Astoria, NY
- Daniel Hrna, Chairman of the Board, the Czech Heritage Society of Texas, TX
- Charles Keller, President, Nebraska Czechs of Wilber, NE
- Larry Laznovsky, President, American Sokol Organization
- Judith Mabary, Executive Secretary, the Czech and Slovak Music Society, St. Louis, IL
- Jan Hird Pokorny, President, Bohemian Benevolent and Literary Association, New York, NY
- John M. Richard, President, Czechoslovak National Council of America, Cicero, IL
- Glen Riensche, President, Czech Language Foundation, Fairbury, NE
- Michael G. Rokos, President, Czech and Slovak Heritage Association of Maryland, MD
- Ron Stiles, President, Komensky Club, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, NE
- Stanley Broz, Regional Director, Slavonic Benevolent Order of the State of Texas, TX
- Jiri Karas, Delegate, House of Representatives of the Czech Parliament, CR
- Jaromir Slapota, President, Czechoslovak Foreign Institute, Prague, CR
- Milan Spacek, Senator, Senate of the Czech Parliament, Olomouc, CR

## **IV. Accent on Youth**

### **The Assimilation and Acculturation of Youth**

Chair: Ron Stiles, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

- Sharon Holliday, Lincoln, Nebraska  
International Student's Adjustment Process at a Midwestern University
- Richard Kimbrough, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
The Outsiders: How People Adjust to Non-Native Cultures
- Ron Stiles, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada  
Language: The Prime Target to Assimilation
- Mary Stretton, Fort Collins, Colorado  
Assimilation Difficulties of Second Generation Americans
- Veronika Zavrelova, Olomouc, Czech Republic  
Dealing with New Communicative Situations in Czech Community(-ies) Living in the USA

### **Youth Movement**

Chair: John Fiala, Lincoln, Nebraska

- Elaine Benda, Oklahoma Czechs, Inc., Yukon, Oklahoma
- John Fiala, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Czech-Slovak Youth Ambassadors
- Mary E. Kasper, Miss Czech-Slovak USA first runner-up from Kansas  
Keepin' the Culture
- Sylvia Laznovsky, Oakbrook, Illinois (lives in Ennis, Texas)  
Preserving Sokol for its Youth in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Membership Chairman, American Sokol Organization
- Karina Molacek, Clarkson, Nebraska  
Youth's Heritage Importance, 2000-01 Miss Czech-Slovak USA Queen
- Doris Ourecky, Wilber, Nebraska  
Youthful Ambassadors, National Czech-Slovak Pageant Co-Coordinator
- Joan Sedlacek, Oakbrook, Illinois  
Preserving Sokol for its Youth in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Educational Chairman, American Sokol Organization

### **Student Exchange Programs**

Chair: Glen Riensche, Fairbury, Nebraska

- Joel Blahnik, Fish Creek Wisconsin
- Renea Gernant, Concordia College, Seward, Nebraska
- John Rocarek, The Czech Heritage Foundation Scholarship Program
- Jana Tuzar, Chicago, Illinois  
Matice Vyssiho Vzedelani — Czech American Institution Which Gives Scholarships to Students
- Veronika Zavrelova, Olomouc, Czech Republic

### **Teaching Czech Language**

Chair: Katya Koubek, University of Nebraska

- Katya Koubek, University of Nebraska  
Teaching Czech Language in Context
- Mila Saskova-Pierce, University of Nebraska  
Intermediate Czech Language Classroom, The Teaching of Culture, and Heritage Preservation
- Lisa Wakamiya, Florida State University  
Current State of On-Line Resources for the Study of Czech
- MaryLu Stika, Lawrence, Kansas  
The Realities of Teaching Czech to Multi-Generational and Multi-Level Groups

## **Hot Topics in the Helping Professions**

Chair: Holly Zumpfe, University of Nebraska-Omaha

Pam Dickey, Lincoln, Nebraska

Antibiotic Resistance in the New Millennium

Joseph Swoboda, Lincoln, Nebraska

Cultural Perspectives in Mental Health Treatment of Czech Youth

Mary Swoboda, Lincoln, Nebraska

Cultural Perspectives in Mental Health Treatment of Czech Youth

Holly Zumpfe, University of Nebraska-Omaha

What We Know About ADHD

## **V. Genealogy**

### **Catching Up With the Past**

Chair: Gordon Pejsar, Lincoln, Nebraska

Eugene Aksamit, President, Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International, Edina, Minnesota

Researching Your Czech and Slovak Ancestors from the U.S.

Jiri Eichler, Prague, Czech Republic

The Story of Cabelas: From Trebon to Brainard, Nebraska

Karen Hobbs, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Using Austrian Military Records and the Story of a Bohemian Regiment in Two Wars, 1864-1866 (The workbook to help find the right film from among the 2665 military records titles in the LDS catalog will be available at cost.)

Daniel Hrna, Czech Heritage Society of Texas

Use of Library Facilities-Internet to Entice Youth to Appreciate Genealogy

Robert Janak, Beaumont, Texas

The Czech-Moravian Brethren Community in Texas Between the Wars. Notes on Funeral Records Published by the Czech Heritage Society of Texas

### **Preservation of Czech-American Culture: Online and Offline**

Chair: Layne Pierce, Lincoln, Nebraska

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Digitalization of Nebraska Czech Artifacts and Intergenerational Cultural Transmission

Louis Reith, Georgetown University

From the Coasts of Bohemia to the Banks of the Platte

Ludmilla Saskova, Moscow, Idaho

New Technologies. A brief demonstration of publishing text and images on the internet.

Jarmila Vogel, Masaryk Club of Boston

Czech and Slovak Cultural Heritage in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## **VI. Cooperation with the Czech and Slovak Republics**

### **Coming Together: A Czech-U.S. Partnership for Child Research and Democracy Building**

Chair: Gary B. Melton, Clemson University and  
President, Childwatch International

Robin J. Kimbrough-Melton, Clemson University

Building Civil Societies Respectful of Children, Youth, and Families

Susan P. Limber, Clemson, University

Political and Legal Socialization in Emerging and Advanced Democracies

Gary B. Melton, Clemson University and Childwatch International

Building an Agenda for Child Research in Central and Eastern Europe

## **Economic Cooperation in the Czech and Slovak Republics**

Chair: Joe Chapuran, International Development Manager,  
Nebraska Department of Economic Development

Hana Laserova, Czech Invest, Chicago

Andrea Lupo, Czech Republic Specialist, International Trade Administration

Frank J. Safertal, Bechtel Telecommunications

Latest Developments in Czech and Slovak Republic Telecommunications

Jana Sevcikova, Chicago, Illinois

Helping the Trade — CzechTrade

Speaker from Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture or UNL Agricultural College

### **VII. Historical Papers or Special Topics on Czech and Slovak Issues**

Ladislav J. Bolchazy, Wauconda, Illinois

What the World Wants to Know From Slovakia: A White Paper

Jan Drabek, Vancouver, British Columbia

A Writer in Prague and A Writer in Vancouver

Ivan Dubovicky, Czech Embassy, Washington, DC

Contemporary Status of the Czech American Community

Petr Gandalovic, Consulate General of the Czech Republic, New York

Future of the Bohemian National Building Project

Milan Hauner, University of Wisconsin – Madison

Edvard Benes and the Significance of his Sojourn in the United States in 1939 and/or Edvard Benes and his Memoirs: Published and Unpublished

Paul Lebloch, Downers Grove, Illinois

History of Sokol and Its Contributions to Czech and Slovak Culture, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, World Sokol

Federation, Prague, Czech Republic

Michael Rokos, Baltimore, Maryland

Cults, Mind Control and the Threat to Freedom

Josef Rostinsky, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana

Miroslav Synek, San Antonio, Texas

Czechs and Slovaks: Supporters of Free Elections

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### **Preliminary Conference Schedule**

All panel sessions will be held in the University of Nebraska Student Union,  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor, located on 14<sup>th</sup> and R Streets

**Wednesday, August 1, 2001**

1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Registration, Kauffman Residence Hall, 1st Floor Foyer, North Entrance

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Reception for all attendees in the Wick Alumni Center, UNL; R. Thomas Zumpfe, Ron Stiles, and John Fiala, Facilitators; Svetlana Yasharin, Joel Blahnik, Sister Anita Smisek, and Bohumir Zvolanek to provide musical entertainment.

**Thursday, August 2, 2001**

7 a.m. – 4 p.m. Registration, Nebraska Student Union, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, North Alcove

8 - 9:15 a.m. Opening of the Conference, Auditorium, Nebraska Union

#### **Program of the Opening Ceremony**

The National Anthems

Words of Welcome by Chancellor of University of Nebraska

*Dr. Harvey Perlman*

Opening of the Nebraska Conference by President SVU

*Dr. Miloslav Rechcigl, Jr.*

Remarks by the Chair of Nebraska Conference Organizing Committee

*Dr. Mila Saskova-Pierce*



Greetings from Ambassador Hon. Alexandr Vondra

Dr. Ivan Dubovicky

Keynote Speech by President of the Senate of the Czech Parliament

*Hon. Petr Pithart*

Music performed by Joel Blahnik and Sister Anita Smisek; singers: Maureen Beck (12 year old) and Sister Anita Smisek; Capital City Czech Choraliers.

- 9:15 - 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break
- 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. History of Immigration – Clinton Machann – RS/B  
Contributions to Medicine – Jitka Stiles – RS/A
- 10:45 - 12:00 p.m. Roundtable Discussion: Czech and Slovak Organizations and Festivals in America – John Fiala – Aud  
Czech Architectural Experiences – Al Hamersky & David Murphy – RS/A  
Teaching Czech Language – Katya Koubek – RS/B
- 12:00 - 1:15 p.m. Lunch – dorms for dorm residents or on your own.  
The Czech Queens will showcase their talent in the dorm cafeteria at approx. 1:00
- 1:15 - 5:30 p.m. Accordion Jam Session, Union Square, Nebraska Union
- 1:15 - 2:30 p.m. Youth Movement – John Fiala – Aud  
History of Immigration – Clinton Machann – RS/B
- 2:30 - 2:45 p.m. Coffee Break
- 2:45 - 4:00 p.m. Genealogy – Karen Hobbs – Aud  
Digitalization – Phil Johnson – RS/A  
Economic Cooperation – Joe Chapuran – RS/B
- 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. SVU Plenary Session – Presidential Symposium: "The Role of Czech and Slovak Organizations in America Towards Preservation of Our Heritage Abroad"  
Chair: Miloslav Rechcigl – Aud.
- 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. SVU Czech dinner in the dorm; open to everyone; advance reservations required if not staying in the dorm (\$7.50 pp non-dorm guests)
- 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Czech Language Foundation Awards Banquet, Cornhusker Hotel Grand Ballroom.  
Keynote Speaker: Author/Former Czech Diplomat Jan Drábek. \$35.00 pp, reservations required. See enclosed letter for details.
- 7:00 - 9:15 p.m. Movie, "Divided We Fall", Ross Film Theater, Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery, UNL Campus
- 8:30 - 8:50 p.m. Wilber, Nebraska Children Beseda Dancers, Cornhusker Hotel Grand Ballroom
- 8:50-11:30 p.m. Polka Dance, featuring the Dean Hansen Orchestra, Cornhusker Hotel Grand Ballroom.  
Free of charge; open to everyone

### Friday, August 3, 2001

- 7 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Registration, Nebraska Student Union, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, North Alcove
- 8:00 - 9:45 a.m. "Catching up with the past" – Genealogy – Gordon Pejsar – Aud.  
Special Historical Papers – RS/A  
Assimilation and Acculturation – Ron Stiles – RS/B
- 9:45 - 10:00 a.m. Coffee Break
- 10:00 -11:30 a.m. "Catching up with the past" – Genealogy – Gordon Pejsar – Aud.  
Museums – Layne Pierce – RS  
Cults, Mind Control and Threat to Freedom - Michael Rokos – RS
- 11:30 - 12:00 p.m. Beseda Demonstration by the UNL International Dance Club
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch (on your own; dorms for dorm residents)
- 1:00 - 5:30 p.m. Poetry Reading – Free Form – Ron Stiles, Union Square, Nebraska Union
- 1:00 - 2:15 p.m. Music – Joel Blahnik – Aud  
History of Immigration – Clinton Machann – RS/A  
Archives – Jean Dickinson – RS/B
- 2:15 - 3:30 p.m. Preservation of Heritage in the Home – Tom Zumpfe – Aud.  
Student Exchange Programs – Glen Riensche – RS/A  
Cooperation between US and Czech Republics – Gary Melton – RS/B

- 3:30 - 3:45 p.m. Break – Ostry Family Singers – Auditorium
- 3:45 - 5:00 p.m. Special Historical Papers – Aud  
Literature – Ann Billesbach – RS/A  
Hot Topics in the Helping Professions – Holly Zumpfe – RS/B
- 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. SVU Annual Meeting – RS  
Dulces Voces Singing group – Aud.
- 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. SVU Banquet; \$25.00 pp; \$18.00 for dorm residents; reservations required in advance;  
Glen Riensche, facilitator; Miloslav Rechcigl to hand out Presidential Citations;  
Keynote Speaker: TBA
- 7:00 & 9:15 p.m. Movie, “Divided We Fall”, Ross Film Theater, Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery

### Concurrent Exhibits:

The "Art" of Preserving Czech and Slovak Heritage and Culture through the Eyes of Barbara Linder. Local artist will have original works of art on display and for sale in the Rotunda Gallery, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Nebraska Student Union.  
“Wall of Remembrance,” Sponsored by the Nebraska Czechs of Lincoln, Great Plains Museum

### Tours:

**Wednesday:** Lunch at the Bohemian Café in Omaha; tour the University of Nebraska Medical Center in afternoon (additional fee for transportation and lunch)

**Thursday/Friday:** Walking tours of capital, State Historical Museum, Great Plains Museum, Love Library Archives, Rotunda Art Gallery, Sheldon Art Gallery, Haymarket District

### Activities Concurrent to the SVU Conference:

**Saturday:** St. Francis of Assisi Church Renovation tour then on to the Wilber Czech Festival  
1, 3:15, 7, 9:15 Movie: Divided We Fall, Ross Film Theater, Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery

**Sunday:** Wilber Czech Festival  
2:30, 4:45, 7, 9:15 p.m. Movie: Divided We Fall, Ross Film Theater, Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery

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Links and Contacts to SVU Conference Facilities on UNL Campus and City and Campus Maps:

1. Kauffman Residential Center. This is directly north of the Nebraska Student Union, one block away.
<http://jdedwards.unl.edu/Kauffman/Kauffman.html>
2. Nebraska Student Union — where all programs will take place. The view you see here would be looking south out of the Kauffman Residential Center which is just across a green space north of this fountain.
<http://www.unl.edu/neunion/>
3. Selleck Dining Hall — where our dorm participants will eat their daily meals. Very easy access to and from Kauffman and the Student Union. <http://www.unl.edu/housing/halls/selleck.htm>
4. Campus scenes. <http://www.unl.edu/unlpub/vrscenes/scenes.shtml>
5. State Museum - directly across the street to the west of the Kauffman.
<http://www-museum.unl.edu/>
6. Map of the City of Lincoln and the campus location. Top of the map is north.
<http://www.unl.edu/pr/unlmaps/stdmaps/html/unlmaps.htm>
7. Enlarged Campus Map, showing location of Student Union (D7) and Kauffman Residential Center (D 6.5). As you can see, everything is very conveniently located to each other. Top of the map is north.
<http://www.unl.edu/pr/unlmaps/stdmaps/html/citymap.htm>
8. Very Detailed Campus Map, showing location of the Nebraska Student Union where all conference talks will be held on Thursday and Friday. Just north of the Union and south of Bancroft Hall is the Kauffman Residential Center. The coordinates are D 6.5. When this map was made, Kauffman was not on the map, and you can barely make out the words for the Kauffman on the map. To the right of the Union is the Selleck Dining Center. Top of the map is north. The Wednesday Evening Reception will be held in the Wick Alumni Center, D 7.5. Top of the map is north.
<http://www.unl.edu/pr/unlmaps/stdmaps/html/cityad58.htm>

9. Great Plains Heritage Museum. The coordinates are B8 on the map listed in #8 above, directly across the street south of the Lied Center. This is where the Wall of Remembrance will be on display, something everyone will want to visit.
<http://www.unl.edu/plains/gallery/gallery.html>

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SVOLÁNÍ VALNÉ HROMADY SVU

Předseda SVU Dr. Miloslav Rechcigl
a generální tajemník Frank Safertal svolávají tímto

Valnou hromadu SVU

na pátek 3. srpna 2001 ve čtyři hodiny odpoledne
na druhém poschodí v sále "Regency Suite"
University of Nebraska Student Union
14th and R Streets, Lincoln, NE

Podle stanov Společnosti (článek 10), svolává se valná hromada každý rok na určitou dobu a místo. Jestliže není v určenou dobu přítomno alespoň 100 volících členů, je valná hromada odložena o jednu hodinu.



SVU GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Dr. Miloslav Rechcigl, SVU President
and Frank Safertal, Secretary General of SVU convoke

A Meeting of the General Assembly of SVU

to be held on Friday, August 3, 2000 at 4:00 p.m.
Regency Suite, 2nd floor
University of Nebraska Student Union

14th and R Streets, Lincoln, NE According to the SVU Bylaws (Article 10), regular meetings of the General Assembly shall be called annually. In the event a sufficient number of members entitled to vote are not present (at least 100) at the time for which the meeting has been called, the general membership meeting will be held one hour later.

From SVU Executive Board

SVU Executive Board had its regular meeting on June 10, 2001 at Mila Rechcigl's place in Rockville, MD. The meeting agenda covered management aspects and various activities of the Society.

Although the fiscal balance of SVU is positive, a number of SVU members are still in arrears. Delinquent members are asked to send in their dues right away as it will save us time and unnecessary expenses in mailing reminder notices.

The Board was pleased to receive a new issue of *Kosmas* which just came off the press and they favorably commented on its overall quality and content. According to Editor-in-chief Machann's report, the sub-sequent issue is planned for the fall 2001. Furthermore, the previous editor, Bruce Garver, has completed his last issue which should be out soon. This way, we should be up to date and, from henceforth, the periodical should be coming out on schedule.

The Executive Board expressed, however, some concern about the lack of progress in expanding our subscription rolls and admonished Managing Editor Chroust to urgently come up with a specific plan of action to increase the subscription rate which it requested earlier.

In this connection, all SVU members are asked to publicize the journal among their friends and colleagues and to talk their institutions and libraries to become *Kosmas* subscribers. We'll gladly send the respective institutions sample copies.

Kosmas is one of the few English periodicals in existence that are devoted to Czech and Slovak arts and letters and it should thus not be difficult to make a case for its subscription. Yet, many of our members have not subscribed to it. We urge them to do so. Apart from helping SVU to put *Kosmas* on a sounder fiscal basis, they will enjoy reading the interesting articles and essays on a variety of subjects dealing with Czech and Slovak history, literature, arts, science, economy and society.

Vera Borkovec gave a brief account of the progress she made on Anthology of Czech and Slovak Exile Poetry. She is now in the process of selecting representative poets, getting the poems translated, as appropriate, and getting permission to have them published. She aims to have the book completed by the time of the SVU World Congress in Plzen next year.

Dagmar Hasalova White provided an update on Zdenka Fischmann's papers on Czech music, which she and Judith Fiehler are preparing for print. The selected articles have already been scanned by Jiri Eichler of Prague and are now being proofread and formatted. Once this is done, the manuscript in camera-ready form will be sent to our publisher, Fischer-Galati. The book will be published in the East European Series by Columbia University Press.

With reference to SVU Biographical Directory, Mila Rechcigl reported that most of the technical problems concerning the merging of new biographical data with the old SVU Directory have been resolved, thanks to Jiri Eichler. With this major obstacle out of the way, the SVU Directory should be published soon. SVU members still have an opportunity to send in their latest update but they must act fast.

Another publication project at work is the publication of the selected papers from last year's SVU World Congress. We are currently planning to issue a CD and depending on the demand, this may be followed by publishing a hard copy. Congress speakers who wish to have their papers considered for inclusion, should contact Dr. Jan P. Skalny who is in charge of this project. Send your papers a.s.a.p. by e-mail to the following address: jpskalny@aol.com

Mila Rechcigl provided a detailed report on the forthcoming SVU Conference in Nebraska which he characterized as a pivotal SVU event in the first year of the Third Millennium. Thanks to the enthusiastic Nebraskan organizers most of the preparatory work has been completed. Some 100 speakers are planning to present papers on migration, history and the contributions of Czech and Slovak Americans, in addition to veritable social and cultural events, culminating in the colorful Czech Festival in Wilber, NE. As a part of the program there will be a plenary session, featuring Presidential Symposium on the Role of Ethnic Organizations in Preserving the Czech and Slovak Heritage Abroad, with participation of the respective Presidents. The Presidents will be subsequently honored at the SVU banquet scheduled for the last day of the Conference.

With reference to the upcoming SVU World Congress in Plzen next year, Rechcigl reported that Karel Zastera, who is in charge of the Congress local arrangements, has completed his dissertation and consequently will be able to give more attention to this matter. Frank Safertal offered to contact the potential corporate sponsors in an effort to get financial backing for the Congress.

A considerable part of the meeting was devoted to the new SVU initiative, "Accent on Youth". Rechcigl reported on the work of the SVU Youth Advisory Committee, headed by Anna Vysoka, and summed up the responses received from the individual local chapters. A number of chapters have included young people among their officers and modified their programs to attract a younger crowd. Special mention is made of Marie Bobkova of Brno and Jana Tuzarova from Chicago for their innovative approaches to attract young people to SVU. The other chapters should follow their example and not stand idly by while their ranks are getting older and older and their activities become basically irrelevant for young listeners. To be sure, if young people are not interested in the chapter activities and don't wish to mix with the older folks, there is no reason why they could not be encouraged to meet separately and conduct their own program under the SVU umbrella.

It is understandable that most of the younger people who are still attending schools and developing their future careers, don't have much time for extracurricular activities, especially not for volunteer work. On the other hand, there is no question, that SVU could be helpful to them, particularly in their formative years when the young people are preparing for their future positions, particularly through advice and contacts.

In terms of recruitment of new officers and potential leaders of SVU, the Executive Board is of the opinion that greater focus be put on the middle-age group, i.e., individuals in their forties and fifties. We encourage individuals in this category to volunteer their services. A high degree of satisfaction from doing something useful and exciting will be their reward.

Rechcigl also reported on the new developments of and the last changes in the SVU Website. With the energetic cooperation and commitment of SVU Webmaster, Jiri Eichler, a great progress has been made in the last few months, including the introduction of several new categories, i.e., "Czech and Slovak Issues", "Grants and Aid", "Conferences". The page has also

been provided with a special "Search" button which allows one to browse through the immense spaces and riches of SVU site, and quickly locating names, places and events.

Our aim is to make the SVU Website user-friendly and attract new users and eventually attract them to SVU. Suggestions for improvement are always welcome. We also encourage the members to send in inter-esting articles for posting and inform us of forthcoming conferences and other events and programs that would be of interest to the SVU Website users. SVU Website's popularity has been steadily increasing which can be readily verified from the counter which records every visit, as well as from the feedback we have been getting.

And last but not the least, Rechcigl informed the Board of the \$10,000 donation from the Washington-based Folger Foundation toward establishing the Hasek Endowment Fund. As discussed by the Board, the money would be used for making financial aid to Czech students for short-term stay in the US.

The next meeting of the Board was set for Sunday, September 23, in Rechcigl's place in Rockville.

Progress Report on *Kosmas*

by CLINTON MACHANN, Editor

I'm happy to report that the Spring 2001 issue of *Kosmas* (volume 14, number 9) was printed in late May and mailed to subscribers during the first week in June. This is the second issue to come out of the journal's new home at Texas A&M University, and Managing Editor David Chroust and I are committed to making *Kosmas* a journal that SVU can be proud of. My principal aim — and that of the entire editorial staff — is to publish scholarly articles based on important new research in Czech, Slovak, and (more broadly) Central European studies in the humanities, arts, and sciences. We will also occasionally publish essays, speeches and other interesting features on a variety of related cultural topics and, sometimes, fiction and poetry as well.

The current issue of *Kosmas* contains an article by and is dedicated to H. Gordon Skilling, a recently deceased Canadian scholar whose distinguished work on twentieth-century Czech political and cultural history has long been well known among members of SVU. Please take a look at the contents of the current issue, reproduced below. If you are interested in subscribing to *Kosmas* or if you are a subscriber and have not yet received the current issue, please contact David Chroust at the Cataloging Department of Sterling Evans Library, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-5000. His e-mail address is d-chroust@tamu.edu.

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The Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences (SVU)

is pleased to announce its

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**“Transformation of the Czech and Slovak Society on the Threshold
of a New Millennium and its Role in the Contemporary Global World”**

cosponsored by and held at

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24-30 June 2002

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The Congress will attempt to examine the mission and the role of the Czech and Slovak society in the new Millennium. It will focus on specific Czech and Slovak transformation issues within the context of globalization from interdisciplinary perspective. The proceedings are not viewed as a mere academic exercise but as a platform for developing alternative strategies and practical agenda useful to both Republics in their future development and the dealings with the outside world.

The City of Plzen, with its blooming industrial economy, rich his-toric past and beautiful environs will be an ideal setting for intimate dia-logues and public discussions between academia, public sector, govern-ment officials and community leaders, domestic as well as foreign.

This will be an extraordinary event which will feature prominent speakers and visitors from both sides of the Atlantic. It is cosponsored by the University of West Bohemia, one of the new thriving universities and intellectual centers in the Czech Republic, in close cooperation with the Lord Mayor of Pilsen and the City Hall, the respective governments of the Czech and Slovak Republics, as well as the Slovak and the US Embassies in Prague.

We call on all scholars, scientists, students, humanists, civil society advocates, entrepreneurs, community leaders, politicians, small busi-nessmen, lawyers, clergy, futurists, social and cultural workers, agri-culturists, health workers, environmentalists, media representatives, computer experts and anybody else who is interested in these matters to send us suggestions for suitable topics and possible speakers. Individ-uals interested in organizing specific discussion panels or symposia are particularly welcome. Participation of the young people is encouraged.

As in previous congresses, the academic program will be accompanied by numerous social and cultural activities, as well as sightseeing which the City of Pilsen offers, including receptions at the city hall and at the university, merry making at the Pilsen Brewery, theater per-formance in the Pilsen theatre, concert by the Symphonic Orchestra, reception at the Prague Castle with participation of members of the Senate and the Government, and visits of castles and chateaus in the West Bohemian region. The Congress will be hosted by the SVU Plzen Chapter. Accommodations will be reserved in the University dormi-tories and in the hotels in Pilsen.

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New SVU Biographical Directory

I am pleased to report that we have been able to solve, thanks to our resourceful Webmaster, some of the technical problems we've had in our effort to merge the data from the old Directory with the new information. I won't dwell into details but the crux of the matter was that the old directory was not prepared in the form of a database.

We are giving our membership a last chance to update their biographical data. Time is of essence. If you have any updates to report, send them right away by e-mail to: rechcigl@aol.com. A biographical form can be found on our SVU Website: www.svu2000.org.

Note: Don't send any information if there are no changes in your entry listed in 1992 SVU Directory, or if you have already sent us your updates. Don't repeat the same information, which appears in the 1992 SVU Directory.

For individuals who are not listed in the 1992 SVU Directory and who haven't sent us their biographical questionnaires, we are planning to use data from their membership application forms.

I appreciate your understanding, cooperation and, above all, promptness.

All the best,

MILA REHCIGL, SVU President
