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FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board of SVU met on June 8, 2007 at Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

The Treasurer, Vlado Kysucky presented financial report. The Board established a Finance Committee (C. Kulp, C. Heller and V. Kysucky) to formulate rules about relation to chapters and reporting.

Board Approves Credit Cards

The Board approved that in the future dues may be collected by credit card, while allowing other methods of payment as well.

The Congress in Ružomberok was discussed in some detail. The description of Ružomberok meeting will be published in the next issue of ZPRAVY to allow members to plan for it. The Program Committee will meet with the representatives of the Catholic University, in New Jersey in September to plan the meeting.



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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 2007 SVU Conference in Bethlehem was a success. Society of Arts and Sciences paid tribute to the 550th anniversary of Jednota bratřská by a conference at Moravian College pointing to contributions of the Moravian Brethren to America. Conference was well attended and brought together scholars from the U.S. and Canada with a number of scientists and students from Czech and Slovak Republics. I am most happy that next to prominent senior historians and politologists from the Czech Republic, we had a number of contributions by young educators and students. It is there where the future of our Society will be. I want to thank all of them for coming and introducing us to the topics of their research and studies.

Next year will bring a number of important anniversaries. Foundation of Czechoslovakia in 1918, Munich tragedy and change to Czecho-Slovakia in 1938, the Communist takeover in 1948 and the Soviet occupation in 1968. The Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences, founded in 1958 will celebrate its 50th birthday. We will honor it at the 24th World Congress in Ružomberok, Slovakia in September 2008. SVU was founded as a platform for Czech and Slovak scholars and artists to meet and to preserve Czech and Slovak cultural tradition in the free world. Among its founders were prominent members of the Council of Free Czechoslovakia, the first united political organization of European exiles from countries under Soviet domination. Many of our active members today were in the leadership of the Council during the last 15 years of the cold war. They participated in fight for human rights in Czechoslovakia and thus contributed to the defeat of Communism. Today, their efforts may not be adequately appreciated but should never be forgotten.

The Czech and Slovak culture and science has a long tradition and has nothing to apologize for. A prominent Czech educator and a world class pedagogue Václav Příhoda (who was married to Melissa Clark of the “Mayflower Society”) told me many years ago of today “politically incorrect” studies in Chicago public schools in the 1920’s. “Czechoslovaks” (understand the Czechs and the Slovaks) were beaten only by the Swedes as far as their I.Q.’s and academic prowess were concerned. Modern age exiles in America made significant contributions

to science and culture in the United States and Canada. An SVU publication *Educators with Czechoslovak Roots a U.S. - Canadian Faculty Roster* (edited by Mila Rechcigl in 1980) speaks for itself.

It is important to cherish and maintain tradition of the Czech and Slovak culture in the world. Contributions in music, literature and movie making are generally well known. Contributions in science and medicine less so. We should remember that *Pneumocystis*, a parasite which complicates lives of cancer and AIDS patients, was identified as a human pathogen by Czech scientists, as was the immunological tolerance. Eradication of smallpox, the historic scourge of mankind, the greatest ever accomplishment of the United Nations, was made possible by a Czech doctor. He persuaded the World Health Organization and Johnson's White house that smallpox eradication was possible and developed the new eradication program. More than two dozen Czech and Slovak epidemiologists played a key role in it. Regretfully, because of the ignorant and vengeful politics of the normalization regime in Czechoslovakia after 1968, their role was never fully acknowledged, and the credit went to Americans. The best medicines available today for treatment of AIDS were synthesized by a Czech chemist in Prague. Studies of Czech physical chemists on correlation problems in quantum chemistry or of highly reactive large molecules are unique in the world. The largest ever philanthropic donation to American university was recently made by a Slovak physician and scientist in New York. This is only a brief summary of some of the most significant contributions of the last 50 years.

The critical evaluation of the third Czechoslovak exile is only beginning. It is encouraging that Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic decided to seriously address the work of exiles "from the Academy". We, who belong to this group, hope that they are serious.

The next year's 50th anniversary of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences calls for a most deserved and ornate celebration. I urge all of you to come to Ružomberok to remember and celebrate contributions of Czech and Slovak scholars and artists worldwide.

Today there are thousands of Czech and Slovak young intellectuals and students working throughout the world. We meet them in North America, in Western Europe, in Japan or in Australia. They are fluent in English, proud and not different from all the others. It is our duty to introduce them to SVU and to recruit them to join us. It is only the young generation of Czechs and Slovaks who can keep our Society growing and flourishing. Although we do not subscribe to the change of the "melting pot" of the New World to the "salad bowl", maintaining the Czech and Slovak cultural tradition alive in the era of globalization should be a goal of our Society. We can only be proud of our past 50 years.

2007 CONFERENCE AT MORAVIAN COLLEGE

The 2007 SVU Conference was held the weekend of June 8th, 2007 at Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania with a central theme devoted the “Contributions of the Moravian Brethren to America.”

The Conference began with an evening reception followed by a concert “Czech Clarinet” by Budimír Zvolánek accompanied by pianist Martha Schrepel. A selection of old Czech composers highly pertinent to the theme of the Conference was warmly received and wonderfully narrated by Mr. Zvolánek. After the concert, members attended General Assembly meeting (minutes of the meeting follow this report).



Budimír Zvolánek opening his concert “Czech Clarinet”

The meeting was formally opened on Saturday morning by SVU President Dr. Karel Raska. A welcome note was presented by Dr. James Skalnik of Moravian College. Minister-Counselor of the Czech Embassy, Dr. Jaroslav Kurfürst and Dr. Jaroslav Panek, Vice-President of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic also greeted participants of the Conference.

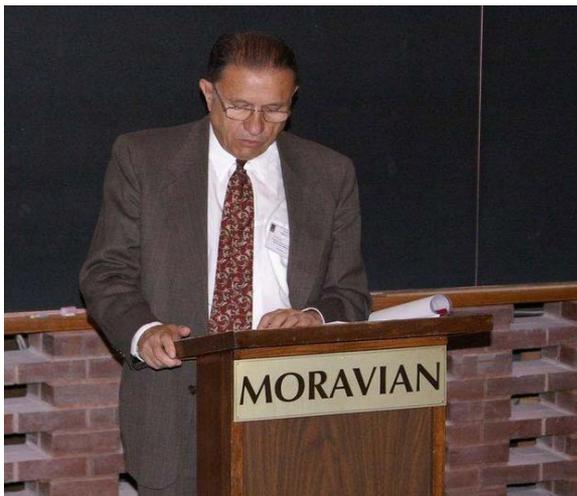
Saturday morning sessions included panels on Medicine, Current Issues, and History. In the afternoon panels followed devoted to the Moravian Brethren, Czech Moravian Heritage of Catholics and Protestants in Texas, and Economics.

On Saturday night a well attended banquet was followed by the film “Winton’s Children” introduced by Peter Rafaeli.

On Sunday the Conference concluded with panels on the State of Research of Czech/Slovak History, Language and Folklore, and by a Youth panel. The presentations were a well-balanced mix with contributions by speakers from North America and Europe.

2007 CONFERENCE AT MORAVIAN COLLEGE

Most of the abstracts of the presented papers were published in the last issue of ZPRAVY. The multiple panels were very well attended and presentations were followed by lively discussions. Approximately 100 participants had a good time and most of them expressed satisfaction with the meeting.



“Dr. Karel Raška opening the SVU 2007 Conference”

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KAREL RAŠKA, JR., M.D., Ph.D. SVU PRESIDENT

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is a privilege to open the 2007 Conference of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences. Our central theme this year is “Contributions of the Moravian Brethren to America.” The selection of this theme and the fact that this Conference is taking place at Moravian College are not fortuitous.

This year Jednota Bratrská – Unitas Fratrum or The Unity of Brethren celebrates the 550th anniversary of its foundation. It was founded in 1457 in Northeastern Bohemia, in Kunvald, by Brother Řehoř.

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It was based on the Hus tradition and influenced by the teachings of Petr Chelčický. It's most important representatives were Lukáš Pražský, Jan Augusta, Jan Blahoslav and Jan Ámos Komenský, whose statue welcomes us to Moravian College.

Although small groups of church members survived underground, primarily in Moravia, after the Battle of White Mountain, in 1620, the anti-reformation hampered the activities of the Moravians and many of brethren were forced to emigrate.

In 1722, a group of Moravians found refuge in Saxony at the Berthelsdorf estates of Count von Zinzendorf. They started a settlement called Ochránov (Herrnhut) near Berthelsdorf. A small group of missionaries from Ochránov traveled to America and founded in 1741 a settlement on the banks of the Lehigh River near the Monocacy Creek, starting a North American tradition. On Christmas Eve that year, the settlement was visited by their patron Count von Zinzendorf from Saxony, who christened the settlement Bethlehem.

In a few years thirty-six different trades and industries exported their products from Bethlehem throughout the colonies. During the days of the American revolution, several American leaders visited here. They included George Washington, Samuel Adams and the Marquis de Lafayette. The Moravian church sponsors Moravian College and Seminary, the sixth oldest institution of higher learning in the U.S.A. The motto of the church is "In necessariis unitas, in dubiis libertas, in omnibus caritas", in English translation "In essentials unity, in unessentials Liberty and in all things, love".

We will have an opportunity to hear highly qualified reports on Moravian history during the meeting. On behalf of the SVU, I would like to thank the leadership of Moravian College for allowing us to celebrate the important anniversary of Unitas Fratrum here.

In the Czech Republic, the 550th anniversary is commemorated by a traveling exhibit under the patronage of the Senate Leader Premysl Sobotka.

In 1958, in the midst of the Cold War, at a time of oppression of Czechs and Slovaks by the Communist regime in Czechoslovakia, our Society of Arts and Sciences was founded by new era exiles. They wanted to have an organization which would allow scholars and artists from Czechoslovakia to meet and preserve Czech and Slovak culture in the free world, to present and discuss their scholarly and artistic works and to publish books on Czech and Slovak history, science and culture.

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Next year, in September 2008, we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Society of Arts and Sciences at the 24th World Congress no longer in exile, but at the Catholic University in Ružomberok, Slovakia.

Your executive board is hard at work to prepare a festive meeting to commemorate this important anniversary of our organization. We are working very closely with the leadership of the Catholic University and the Mayor of the City of Ružomberok. We will have a wonderful congress next year. I hope to see all of you there.

The SVU has grown in recent years. Last year's World Congress in České Budejovice was the most impressive ever! We have a close relationship with the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, the Learned Society of the Czech Republic, as well as the Slovak Academy of Sciences. A number of universities in both republics have a warm and positive attitude to our activities and collaborate with multiple members of our organization. Chapters of SVU function around the world. In the Czech Republic a new chapter started earlier this year in

České Budějovice – an academic club with high horizons and great academic ambitions. We wish them much success in their activities.

When you elected me last year, I stressed that my goal would be to attract a new generation of young scholars to SVU membership.

Accordingly, I am particularly happy that at this meeting to welcome several young scholars from both republics who work in the United States and who will report on their work.

We have enlarged the circle of friends of the Czech republic, who joined the society and are at this meeting although they themselves do not have Czechoslovak roots.

The conference program includes presentations of scholars from both sides of the Atlantic and it has a good balance of history, linguistics, social and economic topics as well as a medical panel. Our panels are unified. It reflects that all of us, wherever we may live, belong to one organization, The Society of Arts and Sciences. I want to thank members of the organizing committee, Doctors Zdeněk David, Petr Hausner, and Eugene Martin for helping me to organize the program. It was Gene Martin who contributed more than anyone to this meeting. I want also to thank my secretary Ms. Gabriela Robustelli who has a lion's share in preparation of all the material. I want particularly to thank Dr. James Skalnik of Moravian College without whose help this meeting would not be possible. I also want to thank Mr. Budimír Zvolánek, who has

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introduced us to the beautiful music of the Czech clarinet. Mrs. Nancy Martin and Dr. Jana Raskova took care of the registration and assistance to the attendees. They deserve our gratitude.

The Czech Republic enjoyed earlier this week the second visit of President Bush who stressed good relations between our two countries and he promised his personal efforts to include Czech citizens in the visa waiver program. Earlier in Bratislava he promised the same effort on behalf of the Slovak citizens. We certainly support this effort and we hope it would be speedily implemented.

The Czech and Slovak Republics are true allies of the United States. Czech soldiers, and until recently, also Slovak troops have stood side by side with the Americans in Iraq. Both Czech and Slovak soldiers joined with the Americans and soldiers of other NATO countries in Afghanistan in attempts to build a new society.

I want to welcome all the distinguished guests. Minister-Counsellor Kurfürst of the Czech Embassy, Professor Pánek, Vice-President of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic and distinguished scholars from the Academy as well as Czech and Slovak Universities, both senior and young. I also welcome all members and guests from North America.

Thank you for coming to this meeting. I hope that all of us will have an enjoyable and productive weekend in Bethlehem.



“The “Youth Panel””: Zbysek Brezina, Karen Burke, Angela Solikova, Pavel Palecek, Francis Raska, and Vlado Kysucky”

MINUTES OF THE SVU 2007 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

June 12, 2007

The General Assembly Meeting took place on June 8, 2007 at the Moravian College, Bethlehem, PA.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 pm. by President Karel Raska. As Secretary-General, Zdenek David took Minutes.

1. The Minutes of the last General Assembly Meeting were approved with minor amendments.
2. President Raska announced the formation of a new SVU Chapter in Ceske Budejovice.
3. Vice-President (VP) Vera Borkovec announced the 2007 SVU Josef Hasek Student Awards that went to Heidi Bludau (in the graduate student category) and to Thomas Hauner (in the undergraduate student category).
4. Report by Vlado Kysucky was presented and approved.
5. SVU Archivist Mila Rechcigl noted that a major problem with the functioning of the SVU Chapters was insufficient rotation of officers. SVU Executive Board will address the problem.
6. President Raska announced the successful progress in preparation for the next SVU World Congress that will be held at the Catholic University in Rozumberok, Slovakia, in mid-September 2008. He appealed to the membership to encourage wide participation. In response to a member's question why the Congress was not scheduled for June, as on previous occasions, President Raska stated that the Rozumberok University was unable to accommodate the Congress in June.
7. The meeting was adjourned by President Raska shortly after 10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Zdenek David, Secretary-General, SVU

2007 SVU STUDENT AWARDS

This must be the year of Švejk !

HEIDI BLUDAU, graduate student at Idiana University
for her paper
„The Good Dissident Švejk: An Exploration of Czech Morality and
Cultural Survival“

The panel judging the graduate submissions consisted of Profs. Věra Bořkovec, Ivo Feierabend, and Milan Hauner. Heidi Bludau's bold enterprise is thought-provoking and well-researched, and the paper is written in an entertaining style. Whether or not one agrees with all she has to say in her paper, we admired her extensive reading, honest and positive thinking about the subject. The award is well deserved and we wish Miss Bludau much success in her further studies.

THOMAS HAUNER, undergraduate student at the University of Chicago
for his paper
„Švejk vs Cimrman: A Comparison in Satire“

The panel judging the undergraduate submissions consisted of Drs. Věra Bořkovec, Ivo Feierabend and Jana Švehlová. This was the second award given to a paper which dealt with the Good Soldier Švejk, albeit from an entirely different point of view. Thomas Hauner's paper was the most original of the papers received and admirable in its daring to handle such a difficult topic as the analysis of humor and satire. His comparison of the two best-known humorous heroes in modern Czech fiction, namely Švejk and Cimrman, is fascinating, both from the point of view of their background and their legacy for the future. In addition to that, the writing style is excellent and the essay is a delight to read.

Thomas has just received his B.A. from the University of Chicago and we all hope he will go on to graduate school. Best of luck!

- Věra Bořkovec

NEW PUBLICATIONS BY SVU MEMBERS

“CZECH AND SLOVAK THEATRE ABROAD” edited by Věra Bořkovec

*This new publication has just come out and will be available to our members. The book is a historical document dealing with Czech and Slovak theatre in the USA, Canada, Australia and England. There is a chapter by Věra Bořkovec about Czech and Slovak theatre in the USA since the 19th century and about Czech Marionette theatre in America by the well-known puppeteer Vít Hořejš. More comprehensive chapters about theatre in Canada are by Markéta Goetz-Stankiewicz and by Josef Čermák, respectively, and specifically about Toronto's **New Theatre** is the chapter by Frank Safertal and Pavel Král, while actor-director Josef Skála writes about Vancouver's **Theatre Around the Corner**. Oliver Fiala has put together a chapter about Czech and Slovak theatre in Australia, with emphasis on the Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney regions. Milan Kocourek deals with the emigré theatre in London. The book has 128 pages of text and about 70 pages of illustrations from various productions. The beautiful jacket has been designed by the Czech-American graphic artist Liba Puchmajer.*

The book can be ordered from the editor-distributor
Vera Borkovec at:
12013 Kemp Mill Road
Silver Spring, Maryland 20902-1515.

Payment must be by check in U.S. dollars and **made payable to SVU**. The price of each book is \$20.

For shipment by airmail (surface mail is no longer available),
you must add:

\$5 for USA = \$25
\$6 for Canada = \$26
\$10 for all other countries = \$30.

NEW PUBLICATIONS BY SVU MEMBERS

*Mojmir Povolny, Professor Emeritus of Government at Lawrence University in Appleton, WI and the Past President of the Council of Free Czechoslovakia has just published his latest book: **Zapas o lidska prava. Rada svobodneho Ceskoslovenska a helsinsky proces 1975-1989** (Struggle for Human Rights. Council of Free Czechoslovakia and the Helsinki Process 1975-1989). The monograph was published in Brno by Stilus Press in 2007. 383 p.*

Mila Rechcigl

Učenci očima kolegů, žáků a následovníků (Scientists through eyes of colleagues, students and followers), edited by Ivan Hlaváček and Jiřina Jedináková.

Academia, Praha 300 pages, 2007

A series of medallions presented at the meetings of The Learned Society of the Czech Republic introduce important, primarily Czech, but also other scientists from a broad scale of scientific fields. Authors, themselves outstanding individuals of Czech science, provide not a dry factual view of these great personalities. Uniqueness of this book rests in the direct relation of authors, as colleagues or students. In some cases, the relation of authors is that of followers in the discipline over the distance of several generations or across country borders. Personal memories are not only professional analysis of work of these unique representatives of the scientific progress. They offer an insight to the community of pioneers of science, where hard work, diligence and perseverance, personal bravery, constant learning and willingness to help others, to lead and to teach them, are the norm. At last but not least also kindness and sense of humor which often are seen in great personalities. Such qualities cross barriers of individual disciplines, languages, generations, politics and time. Such individuals help formation of entire society. It should not be forgotten.

SVU members should find this book a stimulating and eye opening reading.

Karel Raska, Jr.

MILA REHCIGL NAMED SVU ARCHIVIST

At the January 2007 SVU Executive Board meeting Mila Rechcigl was named a new SVU Archivist. In many ways, it is a logical and fortuitous choice, as Dr. Rechcigl has been at the cradle of the society and has worked for it ever since - in various offices and functions, including having been SVU President for sixteen years. He also kept for decades the official Society files which had been deposited at the University of Minnesota's IHRC archives. In addition, he has been writing a history of SVU, as part of his memoirs.

With reference to his new role, he is requesting all current SVU officers not to discard any relevant material relating to their particular SVU function so that they can be deposited in the SVU Archives in IHRC. He also makes the plea to the past officers of the Society to please send SVU documents in their possession, either to him or directly to IHRC. Among the main "Desiderata" are documents from the time of the presidency of Jiri Nehnevajsa (1984-88), Igor Nabelek (1988-90) and Jan Triska (1978-80). Wanted are also documents from the past Secretary-Generals, including Milos Kucera (1982-90), Blanka Kudej (1994-96), Vera Ulbrecht (1996-98), Eva Vanek (1998-2000) and Frank Safertal (2000-06). *If you have any questions, contact Mila Rechcigl at: SVUI@comcast.net or call him at (301) 881-7222.*

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Pavel Albrecht (1925-2007)

Pavel Albrecht, a long time member of SVU, who has for year worked for Food and Drug Administration, passed away on April 11, 2007, after a prolonged illness. He was a noted virologist and immunologist who settled in the Washington area in 1965. Eva and I knew him from the first days he moved here and became good friends with him and his family. He was a native of Presov, Slovakia and received his training at Comenius University and at the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences. He was first employed at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, where I also worked at that time, and where he worked closely with future Nobel laureate D. Carleton Gajdusek on studies of kuru, a slow virus disease. In 1967, Pavel joined the FDA from which he retired in 1993 as Director of Virology at its Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research. During his productive career, he did extensive antibody testing on vaccines for polio, rubella and pediatric infectious diseases. In his research, he often collaborated with the leading scientists in their respective fields, including Jonas Salk and Albert Sabin on polio, and Harry M. Meyer Jr. and Paul Parkman on rubella. Dr. Albrecht also consulted with the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other institutions on major immunization projects and hosted visiting scientists in his FDA lab. He published more than 130 articles on pathology and virology. His work on measles vaccine investigations, in which are he published extensively, helped

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lead to new recommendations on the best age for immunization. Before coming to the US, he also published a book (1963) on how to look at antigens in tissues using fluorescent antibodies. The book used the best photographic resolutions at the time to achieve clear images of tissue slides. Apart from his work and his family, his favorite pastime was his 41-foot Morgan sailboat in Galesville, on which he spent many a weekend, sailing on the Chesapeake Bay. Pavel Albrecht was an outstanding scientist and a good friend who will be sorely missed.

Pedro J. Pick (1935-2004)

Pedro J. Pick, a long-time SVU member, died at home in Vermont on October 4, 2004, after a valiant fight against cancer. He was native of Prague, Czech. He was a Venezuelan citizen who was educated as an undergraduate at New York University. Before coming to the Center for International Affairs he served at CORIMON, C.A., a leading Venezuelan industrial group, through which he managed various chemical companies. During that time he was also president of the Venezuelan Chemical Association, president of the Venezuelan Foundation for the Advancement of Science, director of the Venezuelan Industrial Council, and was the founder and coordinator of the Santa Lucia Civic Group. Later he was a vice president of Arthur D. Little, International, Inc., based in Cambridge. In the mid-1990s Pedro moved to Prague where he served as chairman of Patria Management, chairman of Spolchemie, director of Prague Breweries, and consultant to A.T. Kearney. For many years Pedro was a member of this Center's Visiting Committee, and he was a co-founder and a decisive promoter of the Center's NOMOS Group, a seminar that brought together business, government, and academic leaders to examine key issues in Latin American economies and politics. For Harvard he also served as a member of the Dean's Council of the John F. Kennedy School of Government, and was vice president of the Harvard Club of Prague. In recent years Pedro was on the advisory board of IDE-Madrid and was director of the Lípa Civic Forum.

Adolph Svehlik (1921-2007)

Adolph Svehlik was SVU member from its inception. He was a native of Kralice na Hane, where he was born on December 22. He was a graduate of the Vysoka skola obchodni in Prague and later studied at the University of Chicago which awarded him his M.B.A. degree in 1954. For a number of years, Adolph held the position of marketing at Joslyn Manufacturing Co. in Chicago and later vice president of the MARKQA Corporation, a management consulting firm. He was also a past president of the Council of Higher Education and later a member of the Council's Board of Trustees. We knew Adolph and his family very well and are saddened by his sudden loss. Our condolences to his wife Marcela and their daughter, Marcelka.

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George Sadek (1928-2007)

George Sadek, a long-time member of SVU, former dean of the Cooper Union School of Art in Manhattan and founder of its Center for Design and Typography, died on February 5, 2007. He was a native of Usti nad Labem. He earned a master of fine arts degree at Indiana University, in Bloomington, and in 1960 joined the faculty for that school, becoming director of the graduate design program and designer of the university museum's exhibitions and publications. In 1966 he became a professor and dean of the Cooper Union School, where he was the Frank Stanton professor of design from 1981 until 1992, when he received emeritus status.

Mr. Sadek founded the Center for Design and Topography in 1979, along the lines of a working design studio, with projects for clients including the Kennedy Center, the American Academy in Rome and the office of the mayor of New York City. Students were held to the highest professional standards. The school, the first of its kind, was imitated by other institutions and is still in operation. Besides teaching advanced typography and the art of book design, Mr. Sadek founded the Herb Lubalin Study Center, whose archive is housed at Cooper Union. His untimely death is a great loss to the profession and to those who knew him personally.

Mila Rechcigl, SVU Archivist

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