

# THE CANADA-UKRAINE PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

CUPP '95 Interns

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I'm from Odesa. Why am I on Team Arctic?

Give me sand and warm water!



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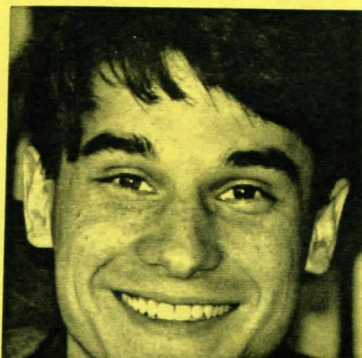
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## HISTORY OF CUPP

On July 16th, 1990, the Ukrainian Parliament adopted the Declaration of Sovereignty which declared that Parliament recognized the need to build the Ukrainian state based on the Rule of Law. On August 24th, 1991 the Ukrainian Parliament adopted the Declaration of Independence, which the citizens of Ukraine endorsed in the referendum of December 1st, 1991.

Also in 1991, Canadians celebrated the Centennial of Ukrainian group immigration to Canada. To mark the Centennial, organizations planned programs and projects to celebrate this milestone in Canada's history.

The **Chair of Ukrainian Studies Foundation** of Toronto decided to mark the Centennial by establishing the **Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program** for undergraduate university students from Ukraine.

The Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program gives Ukrainian students an opportunity to work and study in the Canadian Parliament, and gain experience from which generations of Canadian, American and West European students have benefited. On the basis of academic excellence, knowledge of the English or French languages, and an interest in the Canadian parliamentary system of government, undergraduate university students from Ukraine can apply for a CUPP scholarship. It is hoped that CUPP would contribute to the education of future leaders of Ukraine.



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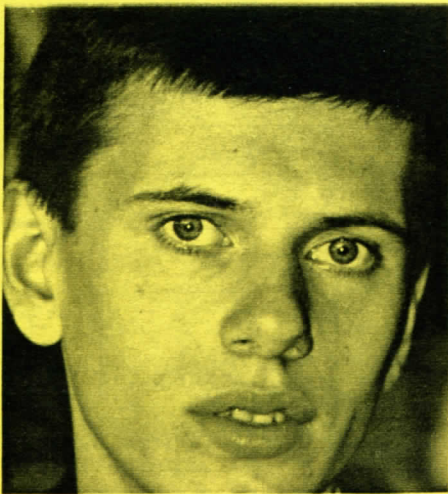
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## ABOUT CUPP INTERNS AND ALUMNI

**Taras Malyshevsky** (CUPP '93 - Margaret Mitchell, MP) graduated from the Institute of Public Administration and Local Government in Kyiv. He is now working for the Department of Foreign Affairs.

**Ruslan Deinychenko** (CUPP '94 - Joe Fontana, MP) has applied for the Master's in Public Administration Program at IPALG.

**Evhen (Gene) Palenka** (CUPP '95 - Wayne Easter, MP and Mac Harb, MP) has been awarded the 1995 Edmund S. Muskie Fellowship and will choose between Harvard and Yale universities for this two year fellowship.

**Vadim Samiylenko** (CUPP '93 - John Nunziata, MP) and **Alexandra Zvarych** (CUPP '95 - The Hon. Anne McLellan, MP) received scholarships to attend Harvard Summer School. Alexandra was chosen as an alternate candidate in the field of economics for the 1995 Edmund S. Muskie Fellowship.

**Serhiy Myskiv** (CUPP '94 - Ian McLellan, MP) and **Dmytro Hladkov** (CUPP '95 - Preston Manning, MP) have begun a country wide campaign to organize law students into a national organization. Their ultimate aim is to have the law students work together to eventually form a National Bar Association and end the impasse in which the existing three national law associations find themselves in Ukraine.

**Anatoli Revin** (CUPP '95 - Dr. Rey Pagtakhan, MP) is the second student from Crimea to participate in CUPP. The first student, **Luba Gribkova** (CUPP '93 - Larry Schneider, MP) has moved into a new home with her family, which overlooks the Black Sea. She has suggested a CUPP Alumni reunion in Crimea. The Canadian student coordinators, **Alexandra Bardyn** (CUPP '92/93 - Jean Augustine, MP and Chris Axworthy, MP) and **Tamara Romas** (CUPP '95 - Gary Breitkreuz, MP) have unanimously endorsed the idea wholeheartedly as has Peter Ives, (E.A. to Admiral Mifflin, MP). Peter,

rumour has it, has proposed a canoe trip along the coast of the Black Sea, in order to be the first E.A. to circumnavigate the Black Sea.

## THE ODYSSEY

On Friday evening of January 28th, 15 of us left by bus, train and car from Lviv, Odesa, Simferopol, Ternopil and Kharkiv, for Kyiv. We were all headed for the final selection meeting for the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program. The other 6 finalists came from Kyiv. The trip was the beginning of an odyssey which would eventually bring us to Canada.

The meeting, held in the Committee's Building of the Ukrainian Parliament, began on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. with the introduction of the 21 finalists. The Program Director, Ihor Bardyn, explained the agenda and introduced Member of Parliament, Volodymyr Stretovich who wished us good luck in our interviews and examinations. Oleh Hordienko from Toronto supervised the English language examination and Christina Maciw, Advisor to the Parliament of Ukraine, and Olha Makara, a 1994 CUPP alumni, assisted.

After the examination was completed, the interviews began.

Our lunch was a Canadian affair. We had pizza from a restaurant owned by a Canadian from Winnipeg, Canadian fruit juices, instant coffee and chocolate bars. This "instant food" brought us closer to Canada.

In the afternoon, the individual interviews continued and we were given our first orientation session and shown a film about Canada. At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Bardyn distributed translation and reading assignments and wished us luck.

In the first week of March, 14 of us received letters that we had received a CUPP scholarship. There were 14 different reactions with the arrival of the letter and 14 separate emotions. In





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**Evhen (Gene) Palenka**

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Mac Harb, Ottawa Centre, Ontario

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short, we were ecstatic.

On April 20th, 9 of us again boarded overnight trains and buses to come to Kyiv to catch our flight for Canada. We boarded Finnair Flight 721 for Helsinki at 10:00 a.m. on the 21st at Boryspil Airport. From there, we flew to New York where we changed airports and boarded Air Canada Flight 715 for Toronto. We felt we were finally getting close to Canada when we saw the maple leaf on the airplane.

On our arrival at 8:00 p.m. Toronto time, we were met by Mr. Bardyn and Mr. Hordienko who drove us to St. Vladimir Institute. Our Canadian student coordinators were still writing university examinations, we were told, and would meet up with us in Ottawa. We did receive a welcoming letter from Alexandra Bardyn, the senior student coordinator and a nice welcome package.

During the first two weeks, we were busy with lessons and assignments. Professors Adonis Yatchew and Irina Koropenko, teachers Borys Kowalsky, Oleksander Hordienko, Mychailo Wawryshyn, as well as Yuri Shymko, Stephen Orleski and Ihor Bardyn gave us lessons on the history of parliament, the history of Canada, the budget, the democratic process, and Ukrainian diaspora. We visited museums and art galleries in Toronto and spent Ukrainian Easter with Ukrainian families.

On Wednesday, May 3rd, we boarded a Via Train for Ottawa. In Ottawa, we were taken to the University of Ottawa residence which was to be our home for the next two months.

To be continued.....

**The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.**

**F. D. Roosevelt**



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## HOW TO APPLY FOR CUPP

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Team: Expos

Politics are almost as exciting as war, and quite as dangerous, in war you can only be killed once, but in politics many times

Winston Churchill

Nothing great will ever be achieved without great men, and men are great only if they are determined to be so.

Charles De Gaulle



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