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The Chronicles of our internship continued...

The last two weeks of June were extremely busy for us. We met outstanding Canadians, whom we never expected to meet, but for our participation in CUPP. Meeting these individuals was like fulfilling our fondest dreams.

Although we listened to Prime Minister Jean Chretien during Question Period nearly every day, the garden party at his residence was a highlight event of our internship. The opportunity to meet and have a brief conversation with him is not an ordinary event.

Our meeting with the Speaker of the Senate was most interesting. He told us about the traditions of the Senate and took us on a tour, showing us the Meeting Hall where negotiations with high ranking officials of foreign states take place and even permitted us to take photographs in the Speaker's chair.

The meetings with Senator Raynell Andreychuk, former Governor General Ramon Hnatyshyn and Mr. Justice John Sopinka were interesting and significant for us because we were able to discuss topics which they as individuals of Ukrainian heritage were interested in. These meetings were especially memorable for three of our interns: Victoria Hladylova, Mykhailo Shapiro and Roman Didenko, as they were awarded scholarships named after these famous Canadians of Ukrainian origin.

Ukrainian Ambassador Volodymyr Furkalo hosted us at the Ukrainian Embassy and made us feel quite at home. Here we had a discussion about our internship and about our experiences in the Canadian Parliament.

After such an intense timetable, on the last weekend in June, we embarked on a canoe trip to Algonquin Park organized by Jeff Allbon, student

volunteer with Jean Augustine's office, and our co-ordinator Tamara Romas. This was a much needed break from our hectic June CUPP schedule and the fresh air and paddling and mosquitos really gave us a good boost in the final phase of the program. The canoe trip was not only a new experience for most of us in paddling, but especially so in our battle with the glutinous mosquitos.

This year, a number of us had the added bonus of truly participating in Canadian political life. During the Hamilton East By-election, ten of us were sent to Hamilton to work in the campaigns of Liberal candidate Sheila Copps and Reform candidate Andy Sweck. We were not simple, passive ob-

servers during the campaigns, but participated actively in canvassing, telephone polling, distributing pamphlets, accompanying the candidates, attending rallies and doing office chores.

As this edition of the CUPP Newsletter is being edited, Canadians are celebrating Canada's 129th Birthday and preparing for Canada Day celebrations. This celebration is as exciting for us as for Canadians, because living in this country, albeit for a mere three months, meeting and speaking with people, we feel ourselves each day becoming more familiar with Canada's advantages and with its problems. We feel privileged to be even temporarily part of Canadian society.

Oksana Rudiuk,
Editor

5 year Journalism, Kyiv University

My MP: Brent St. Denis

My Team: L'Equipe St-Laurent



Interns are in front of the Supreme Court after the meeting with Mr. Justice John Sopinka.

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Your first week in the Parliament is like "Mission Impossible".

When you first enter the office of your MP different thoughts cross your mind : that's it ... this is the end...there is no turning back...your English stinks...and you can't handle the ABC's of simple chores like sending a fax or making a copy. But then, when the week passes and you realise that your English is not that bad, that your staff smiles and likes you, and that your MP is not a combative and ambitious politician you see in the House but a nice and warm man

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who likes his job and who does his best to serve the people of his constituency.

Several weeks into the Program, I must say that I feel quite at home in the office of John Loney, MP (in fact my MP's office number, 125 is the same as my apartment in Ukraine). It is terrific to be working with Linda Liberatore, my MP's Parliamentary Executive Assistant. She works hard and I do what I can to help her to do a good job.

As so many of my fellows interns, I worked at the data base of new citizens of Edmonton North, and wrote letters to each of them with best greetings from our MP. While working on the professional cards of my MP's friends and acquaintances, I came across a number of cards of Ukrainian politicians, business persons and university professors. The names on those cards made me realise that Canadian and Ukrainian relations have a great future and programs such as CUPP will help reinforce relations which will be mutually beneficial to both of our countries.

Currently, I am doing some computer work, manning the phones, writing letters, working at my assignments and trying to be useful to my office. I am also doing a research on Mad Cow Disease and the economical consequences of it both in Europe and in Northern America. I've marshalled the information, worked the legal aspect on this problem read some articles, in order to try to find a way in which Alberta farmers can help farmers of those countries whose economies have been seriously undermined by this disease.

Though only half way through the Program, I can definitely say that the internship in the Parliament is an outstanding experience. It has been

very much worth it to say goodbye, for a while to your friends in Ukraine, to kiss your girlfriend good-bye temporarily and to be released and relieved of attending classes at my University in Lviv in order to participate in CUPP. The program has given me an opportunity to gain new knowledge to see the government of a country at work, as well as, to meet new and fascinating people whom I will not soon forget.

Yuri Rudiuk
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My MP: John Loney
My Team: Pacific.

Names of Scholarships and their recipients participating in the 1996 CUPP

Ramon Hnatyshyn Scholarship - Mykhailo Shapiro
Illia and Paulina Shkilnyk Scholarship - Natalia Astapova
Raynell Andreychuk Scholarship - Victoria Hladylova
The Humeniuk Scholarship - Peter Batiouk
Vasyl Loboda Scholarship- Maxim Holubencko



Victoria Hladylova is awarded with the scholarship named after Senator Raynell Andreychuk

Mazurenko Family Scholarship - Yuri Dzera
John Sopinka Scholarship - Roman Didenko
Peter Jacyk Scholarship - Ivan Loun
Peter Jacyk Scholarship - Ostap Loun
Mazurenko Family Scholarship - Alla Minikh
Ethel Rose and Michael Makuch Scholarship - Olha Overchuk
Cathy Obal Scholarship - Oksana Onishchenko
Vasyl Kereliuk Scholarship - Denis Pisarevsky
Ivan Bodnarchuk Scholarship - Oksana Rudiuk
Michael and Anna Bardyn Scholarship - Yuri Ridiuk
Yuri and Oksana Fedyna Scholarship - Vera Slavna
Antin Hlynka Scholarship - Julia Stefanishina
Nadia Malanchuk Scholarship - Svitlana Taraban
Alexandra and Eugene Suchniarsky Scholarship - Roman Tereshchuk
Michael Luchkovych Scholarship - Vyacheslav Tolkovanov
Mazurenko Family Scholarship - Serhiy Filipov
Paul Yuzyk Scholarship - Pavlo Kuzminov
Zenovy Knysh Scholarship - Zhanna Drahonyretska
Michael Starr Scholarship - Bohdan Lizohub
Norman Cafik Scholarship - Boris Kormich
Mazurenko Family Scholarship - Natalia Zalucky
Volodymyr Hrynyk Scholarship - Roman Zubrytsky
Ostap Wynnickyj Scholarship - Dmytro Miroshnichenko

1996 CUPP MPs and their Interns

The Hon. Stephane Dion - Peter Batiouk, Olha Overchuk
The Hon. Lawrence MacAulay - Roman Didenko
Senator Raynell Andreychuk - Dmytro Hladkov
Jean Augustine - Mykhailo Shapiro
Chris Axworthy - Bohdan Lizohub
Eleni Bakopanos - Vyacheslav Tolkovanov
Garry Breitkreuz - Tamara Romas
Shaughnessy Cohen - Alla Minikh
Bernie Collins - Natalia Astapova
John Cummins - Svitlana Taraban
Nick Discepola - Natalia Zalucky,
Natalia Hostylo
John English - Ostap Loun
Ron Fewchuk - Ivan Loun
Jack Frazer - Maxim Holubencko
Mac Harb - Yuri Dzera
Sharon Hayes - Roman Tereschuk
Bonnie Hickey, Brent St. Denis - Oksana Rudiuk



David Iftody - Pavlo Kuzminov
Walt Lastewka - Oksana Onishchenko
Clifford Lincoln - Boris Kormich
John Loney - Yuri Rudiuk
Preston Manning - Victoria Hladylova
Dan McTeague - Serhiy Filipov
Maria Minna - Julia Stefanishina
Robert D. Nault - Dennis Pisarevsky
Dr. Rey Pagtakhan - Vera Slavna
Jean Payne - Zhanna Drahomyretska
Julian Reed - Dmytro Mirosnichenko
Andrew Telegdi - Roman Zubrytsky

Saint-Denis (province de Québec). Étant donné que Mme Bakopanos est la Présidente du Comité permanent de la Citoyenneté et de l'Immigration, Vice-Présidente de l'Association parlementaire canadienne de l'OTAN je dois constater que le travail dans son bureau est très utile et instructif pour moi. J'ai la possibilité de travailler avec un ordinateur. De plus, grâce à une riche bibliothèque du parlement, j'ai eu l'opportunité de terminer mon travail de

d'aller avec le groupe des étudiants de l'Académie Nationale de l'Ukraine à Montréal, le centre culturel du Québec.

**Montréal c'est Paris en petit
et qu'il le reste le plus
longtemps pour nous tous!**

CUPP

(Programme Parlementaire Canada-Ukraine)

Le 24 août 1991 Verhovna Rada, le Parlement ukrainien a proclamé la Déclaration de l'Indépendance, approuvée le premier décembre 1991 au referendum par le peuple ukrainien. Enfin les Ukrainiens ont obtenu la chance de construire son propre État indépendant à eux. La même année la Chaire des

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Etudes Ukrainiennes de Toronto a décidé de célébrer le centenaire de l'immigration des premiers Ukrainiens au Canada par la fondation du programme parlementaire Canada-Ukraine (CUPP) destiné aux étudiants ukrainiens. Ce programme donne aux futurs leaders de l'Ukraine la possibilité de travailler au Parlement canadien, de perfectionner leur français et leur anglais et de faire connaissance avec le Canada, sa culture et ses habitants.

Cette année 29 étudiants de tous les coins de l'Ukraine sont venus au Canada pour prendre part au CUPP. Il est à remarquer que pour la première fois il y a les personnes qui parlent français. Nous ne sommes que trois: Pierre Batiouk de Kyiv, Olga Overtchouk de Lviv et moi, Viatcheslav Tolkovanov de Gorlivka.

Quant à moi, je suis étudiant à l'Institut des langues étrangères de Gorlivka. Je suis en quatrième année. J'y apprends trois langues étrangères: le français, l'allemand et l'anglais. Outre cela je fais mes études par correspondance à l'Université de Donetsk, à la Faculté de droit. Je m'intéresse aux problèmes du droit international et j'espère que le travail au Parlement canadien me donnera une plus grande expérience et des connaissances plus profondes dans mon métier pour que je puisse les utiliser en Ukraine.

À Ottawa je travaille au bureau de Mme Eleni Bakopanos, députée de

fin d'année que j'ai commencé à l'Université de Donetsk portant sur "L'analyse comparative des systèmes politiques de la France et du Canada". J'ai aussi l'intention de faire une petite recherche sur l'OTAN, sur les problèmes de son élargissement et sur les perspectives de la coopération entre l'OTAN et l'Ukraine. Les adjointes Théodora Samiotis, Roxane Larouche et l'interne américain Sarmen M. Khosdeghian qui travaillent avec moi dans le même bureau sont bien aimables, ils sont toujours prêts à m'aider dans mes recherches. Il est évident que nous sommes une équipe presque idéale!

Bien que le travail reste toujours une affaire sérieuse et importante il faut savoir l'unir avec un bon repos. Pendant notre séjour à Ottawa nous avons eu la chance d'assister au Festival des tulipes, à la Fête des bateaux, de visiter le musée des Beaux-Arts et le musée de la Civilisation. En tant qu'une personne qui étudie la langue française, le plus grand plaisir que j'ai eu, était

M'étant plongé dans une ambiance parfaitement française j'ai passé deux jours formidables dans cette ville magnifique. On dit, en parlant de Montréal: "C'est une ville de mille cloches", et c'est bien vrai: à chaque instant on s'y arrête pour admirer les chefs-d'oeuvre comme Notre-Dame, le Palais de la Justice, le Musée des Beaux-Arts, l'Eglise de Sainte-Madeleine etc... J'ai eu la possibilité d'assister à la fête de Jean-Baptiste (fête de la Francophonie célébrée par tous les francophones dans le monde). Cette fête coïncide également avec la fête nationale des Québécois. Lors de ces célébrations, j'ai eu la chance de voir un feu d'artifice tout à fait magnifique ainsi que le défilé au centre de la ville. Montréal c'est Paris en petit et qu'il le reste le plus longtemps pour nous tous!

Au Canada je me suis lié d'amitié avec beaucoup de gens. Le 22 juin c'était ma fête et j'ai été heureux de la célébrer dans une atmosphère très chaude et amicale. Merci à tous!

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Mon équipe: Saint-Laurent,
Ma députée: Eleni Bakopanos.*



Ukrainian interns with Prime Minister Jean Chretien at Garden Party



American Intern Writes

My name is Sarmen M. Khosdeghian, and I'm a student from the University of Arizona, in Tucson (Arizona, USA). I'm here in Ottawa on an internship in the Canadian House of Commons. My program is organized by Professor Helen Graves, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and sponsored by the Washington Center for Internships and Seminars. It is primarily an academic internship. We had seminars every night with Members of Parliament, Senators, Supreme Court of Canada Justices, members of Diplomatic Corps, members of the government (Civil Servants), and distinguished Canadians. We kept a daily journal for two weeks. And we had to conduct two interviews, one with a member of the Canadian government, and another one with a member of the Diplomatic Corps in Ottawa. I am also getting university credit for this program.

On the first night, I witnessed the rare event of a free vote. I also met the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honorable Jean Chretien, the Minister of Justice, the Honorable Allan Rock, and half a dozen M.P.'s from all the different parties in Parliament. The next

ings of democracy.

On a personal note, I made a lot of American friends in Ottawa. I met and interviewed the first ambassador of the Republic of Armenia to Canada, Garnik Nanagouliau. I also met friends who work for the government. It's al-



An American intern Sarmen and an Ukrainian intern Vyachslav worked together for Eleni Bakopanos, M.P.

ways nice to know how much Armenians around the world contribute to the countries in which they live. I also was very happy to see how strong the ties were between Armenia and Ukraine. The Armenian ambassador invited the Ukrainian interns and myself for an informal get-together at their embassy. I was very happy to see the genuine interest of the Ukrainian interns to make the acquaintance of the ambassador and to talk about our hopes and aspirations for our futures.

Sarmen M. Khosdeghian
University of Arizona

A Few Words About the American Internship Program



What do all eighteen of us have in Common? We go to school in the States and we're interning in Ottawa. The 1996 Michigan Interns (kind of ironic, since not even all of us go to school at Michigan) are pretty much an eclectic group of people who for some unfathomable reason wanted to learn more about Canadian politics. Our program coordinator, Dr. Helen Graves, is a retired

professor from the University of Michigan Dearborn. She first began this program 12 years ago at U of M Dearborn. Now the program is run out of the University of Michigan Ann Arbor. However, not all of our participants are from U of M. Three of our interns attend the University of Arizona and one attends Michigan State University. Dr. Graves tries to match our varying interests and political

viewpoints when placing us. Most of our group is working for the government, but there is a large number of us working for the Bloc Quebecois, as well as for the Reform Party and the NDP.

Our program began on May 9, 1996, and ended on June 22, 1996. It's an intensive six week crash course on the Canadian government and politics. All of our interns are different and of a wide ranging variety: political science, anthropology, French, and even a little bit of Russian. Yet despite all of

these differences, we manage to get along with each other. It seems as if these differences actually help us learn

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six weeks have proven to be just as exciting, eventful and meaningful.

I worked for Eleni Bakopanos, M.P., Saint-Denis (Montreal). She is a member of the Liberal Party. she is the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration. Watching her work has taught me more about the Canadian system than a whole semester of Canadian Politics course. This experience has proven to be a very exciting, meaningful and rewarding one.

Our time here coincided with the internship program of the CUPP. The Ukrainian interns, all thirty of them, and our 18 students lived in the same dorms. Some of us worked in the same offices. We have spent a lot of time together, both at work and out. It's been a very rewarding and reassuring experience for me. Ukraine is going to be in good hands if this group of young, energetic and resourceful friends ever choose to go into the political arena in Ukraine. I hope that they get the opportunity to come to the United States to gain even greater exposure to the work-

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a little bit from each other. Not only have we had the chance to learn from those within our own program, but we've also had the opportunity to learn from other programs.

I was first introduced to the Ukrainian Internship Program by Dr. Graves. Being a Russian Language and Literature major, I figured it wouldn't hurt if I had a little practise. I did end up getting a little practise, and in the process met some interesting people. I came to this internship to learn more about Canada, and in fact, I did, but I also ended up learning a lot more than I ever thought I would about Ukraine.

Edna Yang
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Political Science and Russian*



My impressions of CUPP, Canada and Canadians.

The two and one-half months have gone by very quickly, and now, as our return to Ukraine is imminent, it is time to sort out some impressions, thoughts and experiences gained from my participation in the CUP Program.

The very first thing I would like to say is that it was most interesting to live in a country like Canada for these few months, and to live among Canadians. Many things that are commonplace here, have made an impression on me. For example, the interaction among people, and their politeness towards each other, even on the streets of the city. Even at times when I could not tell whether it was called for or necessary. Courtesy is an everyday habit of Canadians.

Another aspect of Canadian life, which interests me especially as a future lawyer, is the respect for law. What is very important is that the people believe in the state's ability to uphold that law. As well, the police department motto, "To serve and to protect", accurately describes the police forces' role and the demonstrated capability to do it. As well in Canada, there exists that which we unfortunately have lost in Ukraine, namely, the people understanding that they are accountable for their actions and their trust in their governmental institutions and system of justice. I am not suggesting that there is no crime in Canada or that some of it is, in fact, quite serious, but what I mean is the law abiding conduct of the majority of Canadians which gives this country the image of a peaceful and tolerant society. Frankly I do not know how we, back home in Ukraine, can attain this level of society and maybe no one has an instant answer. But I do believe that only by working hard and being patient, we will also someday attain the goal of a civil society such as you have in Canada.

I would now like to turn to the main goals of the CUPP, namely, our work in the House of Commons. It is not enough to say this is an interesting and exiting place to work in, a place where important decisions are made, as this is obvious. What I would like to add, however, is that it has been a privilege for a student from Ukraine to be given the opportunity to participate in the work of this important and powerful institution, the centre of Canadian Government, in the House of Commons. I have been to the Ukrainian Parliament and can say it is equipped as well and possibly better than the Canadian one. In fact, in the Ukrainian Parliament, votes of the MPs are recorded on an electronic scoreboard and the final results are available within 10 seconds of beginning of voting. But the difference between these two parliaments is sig-

nificant and the differences grow as you begin to compare more closely aspects such as the way each of these parliaments works, the manner in which MPs treat their constituents and so forth. In Canada, for example, most MPs return to their Ridings on weekends, irrespective of whether their ridings are 20 or 2000 km away. Ukrainian MPs seem to forget that they were elected by their constituents and forget about them for a long periods of time. In Canada the youngest MP is 20 years old. I do not want to judge whether this is a good or bad thing, but I do not believe that it

such as the Canadian one is the former soviet mindset and our own inhibitions or complexes. But observing how quickly society changes I believe that we will leave behind all these very soon, and some of us may have already done so and begin to plan our future on the basis of civilized principles. It has been said that in Ukraine morality has been destroyed, that the youth care for little except for material things. But I do not believe that that is so; our quest to rebuild our country should go forward just as in Germany, Italy, Japan and many other countries after great upheavals or



The meeting with Ukrainian Ambassador Volodymyr Furkalo.

would be possible for a 20 year old to be elected to the Ukrainian Parliament. And so, in mentioning these facts and examples, what I wish to say is that the challenges we face in Ukraine will be met and conquered by growth of democratic traditions, changes in people's attitudes, in people's lifestyles - things which will not be gained immediately or overnight, things that will be built slowly generation by generation and this is a difficult, and without question, the necessary road we should take in Ukraine.

Actually, these two and one-half months have been very important and truly remarkable events in my life. But there has not been time to realize fully everything I have received or learned. The CUPP has made me think of my own future, my own life path and what I can and will do for my country. Sometimes I think that my Canadian experience must have already changed me even if a little bit. At the same time, I have become convinced that we, Ukrainians, are not worse as a nation than anyone else and that we too can achieve the same as Canadians and Canada has. The only thing that is preventing us from achieving a society

wars. What we need is time, some good luck and perseverance and we will succeed.

Finally, I wish to say that I am really grateful to have been chosen to participate in this outstanding program because it has helped me to make a new sense of many things and to begin to understand the possibilities I never thought of. I have worked in the place where even most Canadians do not have access to. I have met with people whom I would never have met. Just to mention, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and former Governor General Ramon Hnatyshyn, should convince everyone and I may give you the whole list.

For all of this I wish to say, "Thank you Canada, Canadians and especially those people who have created and work on the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program, who have opened this great opportunity for me". And I truly believe that some day one of us will be in a position to repay Canada and its people for their understanding and generosity.

Boris Kormich
University of Odesa, Faculty of Law
My MP: Mr. Clifford Lincoln



An Eastern Perspective on the Hamilton East By-election

The very idea of participating in an election campaign, in a developed democracy, was intriguing for me, a person used to seeing only one candidate on a ballot box back home. In our Soviet past, many people understood what a great fraud those elections were, as well as the whole system of so-called "people's rule" or Soviet democracy, with its usual 90% voter turn-out and absolute 99.9% majority votes cast for the one and only candidate on the ballot. Now, the situation has changed, and our basic constitutional rights are not only guaranteed, as it in fact used to be, but also can be more or less safeguarded. Yet, there is still a long way to go for democracy in Ukraine, and it will take some time for many of our people to change their mindset and understanding of democracy. There are still a lot of misconceptions and mis-understanding of Western democracy in my country, where many western models and ideals were tried, without considering their relevance to our culture and mentality, and which often led to their failure.

And so, one of the reasons for my going to Hamilton to observe the by-election was to observe the campaign from within, and not merely to learn

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about the campaign from newspapers and the media. Also, I wanted to be able to compare how close we, in Ukraine, have approached our ultimate goal of creating a democratic society. As well, having read about the controversy surrounding Sheila Copps, I thought that it would be a good experience to observe the campaign of a well-known politician, fighting for her political survival.

From the first moments, I was impressed with the motivation of the volunteers who worked on Sheila Copp's campaign, the full-time as well as part-time. On my arrival at the campaign office, it looked like a beehive of swarming bees with a lot of

energy and seemingly purposeless activity. Yet that motivation and enthusiasm was very contagious. And if on the first day I sometimes felt uncomfortable while canvassing and apparently annoying some voters, then on the second day I began to feel involved in the "fight for each vote". It



Sheila Copps and Ukrainian interns are at the Liberal Party

was very interesting to talk to voters, to ask for their opinion and to listen to their comments about the elections and the candidates. Their responses varied from "Whom else could we possibly vote for?" to "Even if you gave me a million bucks I wouldn't vote for Sheila!". During the first day of campaigning, we had an opportunity to see Sheila's campaign style during a rally. When asked by my fellow interns (and there were ten of us who worked with the Liberal and Reform campaigns) about my candidate and the election, I replied that my candidate and her campaign showed "a lot of

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emotion, campaign style, and that Sheila Copps knows how to attract

people".

The third day of our campaigning turned out to be election day and we were assigned to remind voters who were earlier identified as liberal supporters, to come out and vote. This, by the way, is one of the differences between election campaigns in Canada and in Ukraine. Voters here (at least not during the campaign) are not referred to as a group of abstract people, but as individuals whose opinions are respected. I also observed much more personal contact between

the candidate and the voters in Hamilton East. And I should say that was to some extent helpful, as some voters I talked to had forgotten about election day, or did not know the location of the voting station and therefore were reluctant to vote. I hope we managed to help some of them to vote, at least we did give them all of the necessary information, and reminded them that each vote was important.

"The person who gets ahead is someone who does more than is necessary", one of the slogans in Sheila Copps' campaign office. I came to understand it well after three days of actual campaigning. Behind all of the enthusiasm of campaign workers, the motivation, and sometimes showmanship, I was able to see a well organized and professionally trained staff, working towards a goal.

This included the preparation of meetings and rallies, the identification of liberal supporters and the distilling of all of the materials from canvasses, for election day. This is what we lack in my country as yet,

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the professionalism and know-how of organizing a political campaign. And this deters some progressive candidates in participating and in winning elections. And, that is what, I hope, we have learned from our campaigning in Hamilton East.

*Serhiy Filipov
5th year Economics, University of
Chernivtsi
My M.P.: Dan McTeague
Team Arctic*



Hamilton East Riding and the Political Process



One of the most exciting and unforgettable experiences for me was our trip to Hamilton. During this time, those of us who were working for Reform members we invited to monitor the Canadian election process. We were active participants of the political battle for Hamilton East, where after the resignation of Sheila Copps, thirteen candidates including Ms. Copps decided to offer themselves in this by-election.

When we were going to the industrial city of Hamilton we had no idea that we would see and do a lot of new and interesting things. We had a great opportunity to meet and to work as volunteers with Andy Sweck, Reform

major parties in Canada, i.e. the Reform, Liberal, Progressive Conservative and New Democratic Parties. I also gained knowledge regarding the different views that exist in Canadian society, primarily concerning the present and future of Canada.

While working side by side with the people who share the principles of the Reform Party, we became familiar with the Party's Blue Book. This book contains principles on governing socially, economically and ideas on constitutional and political change that Reformers believe will help build a new Canada.

Our stay in Hamilton also gave us some idea on how a good political campaign should be organized. We found out that one of the most important principles of a political campaign in Canada can be defined as follows: "don't neglect the small for you can lose big". That means that every elector is very important and that candidates should fight for support of each constituent.

It was a worthwhile experience to participate in canvassing door to door in the Hamilton East riding. Every day we divided into several teams and went to different polls of the constituency. Being in one team with Andy Sweck and listening to the dialogues between the Reform candidate and the electors gave me insight as to what Canadians think about politics. The candidates expressed concerns regarding economic and social situations, particularly in reference to the future of their country.

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Party candidate, and all the local volunteers who during our five day visit became our good friends. It was a unique opportunity to see the whole political spectrum of Canada, especially when all thirteen candidates gathered in one hall for a televised debate. I learned of the fundamental political principles and policies that guide the



This experience in addition to working on Parliament Hill and observing the Canadian society from the bird's eye views enabled me to have a greater understanding of Canadian politics, and from my prospective this is the only way to understand the heartbeat of a country.

Svitlana Taraban
Zaporizhia University
Linguistics, 4th year
My M.P.: John Cummins

Rehearsal for a Birthday

Tired, on my way home I pass the Parliament Buildings. But what's happened?! Centre Block is no longer a building, but a huge movie screen. Sounds of music and voices...voices from the past, but sounding as alive as you and me. Voices of Canada. I stop. I listen. I'm in the very heart of Canada and I cherish it. It's amazing how Canadians love their country. The national anthem is played. People stand up to honour their country. So do I. I've been in Canada for only 71 days. I'm a student intern from Ukraine in the Canadian Parliament. I feel Canadian, but I'm returning to Ukraine in another 17 days. I've tried to absorb the best of Canada to take back to Ukraine, and if asked what one characteristic about Canadians I will share with students back home, it will be Canadian's quiet patriotism and love of their country. Happy Birthday Canada!

Roman Didenko
Luhansk Pedagogical Institute, 4th year: History & English
My MP: Honourable Lawrence A. MacAulay



Ukrainian interns, helping Andy Sweck's campaign.

Odyssey of CUPP Alumni

(part 2)

I must state that my achievements would have been absolutely impossible without participation in CUPP. My Canadian experience, recommendation of the Program Director, and Member of Parliament John Nunziata, and my improved language skills, strongly influenced members of the US Selection Committee in their decision to award me a scholarship. This allowed me to attend Harvard University in December of 1994. There I met many wonderful people who truly love Ukraine and share their passion and knowledge of the country with students from around the world. I took courses from such renowned professors such as George Grabovich of Harvard and David Marples of the University of Alberta.

Last year I graduated from the National Law Academy of Ukraine in Kharkiv and by that time already knew what I wished to do next. After completing CUPP in the Canadian Parliament and studying at Harvard University, it was, I believe, helpful for me in receiving a scholarship for post-graduate studies abroad. The United States Information Agency and the Soros Foundation awarded me the 1995 Freedom Support Act Fellowship and I am now completing a Master of Laws Degree at the University of Chicago Law School.

Studying American law is both interesting and beneficial for my professional development. After graduation I would like to undergo a summer internship with a U.S. law firm and then to return to Ukraine and practice law there. My international experience that started with participation in the 1993 Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program is one of great importance to Ukraine now. Whichever I choose, whether to work for a government agency or to enter into private practice, I will be able to apply new ideas and western approaches to the practical matters of Ukraine's economic, political and social life. I hope that in this way I will be able to justify the investments made by your Foundation and other sponsor organizations in my education and make my country a better place to live and be proud of. For me, this is a matter of great personal satisfaction and professional development.

The Canada-Ukraine

Parliamentary Program has already become a significant part of student life in Ukraine. It is an established, respected and well-known annual event which attracts young Ukrainians with strong leadership potential. It gives them a head start in professional development and links the Parliaments as well as the societies of two great countries, Ukraine and Canada.

Once again I would like to express

my deep personal gratitude to you and the Canadian Ukrainians for choosing me for the Program and wish success to the students honoured to take part in the Program in the future.

With warm personal regards,

Vadim V. Samoilenko
CUPP '93 Alumni
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Le Parlement Canadien Investit la Démocratie en Ukraine.

Chaque printemps, il y a déjà plus de 5 ans, on peut voir sur la Colline parlementaire plusieurs étudiants de l'Ukraine qui arrivent dans la capitale canadienne pour vivre un stage à la Chambre des communes. Cette année nous y sommes 31 personnes. Nous sommes tous des étudiants d'Universités différentes, nous habitons des régions différentes, nous parlons avec des accents différents - mais notre but est commun: considérer l'expérience canadienne et rétablir nos propres traditions démocratiques perdues il y a des années et entrer au XXI siècle comme citoyens d'un pays où on respecte les droits de la personne, où l'économie prospère, où les gens sont fiers de leur patrie.

Cette année nous fêtons seulement le 5e anniversaire de l'indépendance, mais déjà l'Ukraine est connue à travers le monde comme membre du Conseil de l'Europe, comme membre actif de l'ONU, comme un pays qui s'est refusé d'armement nucléaire. L'Ukraine est aussi connue comme un pays qui a choisi le chemin de l'intégration avec l'Europe et ses institutions, comme un pays qui prend une participation active dans le programme de l'OTAN « Partenariat pour la paix » et tous ça malgré une grande pression de certains pays ex-soviétiques.

En même temps, certaines forces dans le pays même et surtout de l'extérieur, profitant des difficultés de la période post-soviétique et spéculant sur les difficultés temporaires de la période de la transition économique vers le marché libre, sont prêts à faire n'importe quoi pour nous rejeter dans le passé soviétique. Et il ne faut surtout pas négliger ce danger. Nous avons déjà vu l'exemple très clair de la Biélorussie qui a perdu ses fondements démocratiques, qui revient vers le totalitarisme, un pays où les citoyens sont privés de plusieurs droits d'homme.

S'opposant à une telle politique, l'Ukraine a choisi une fois pour tou-

jours le chemin de la démocratie et de l'indépendance. C'est bien pour soutenir cette tâche noble que le PPCU (Programme parlementaire Canada-Ukraine) fut créé. Grâce au PPCU les meilleurs étudiants de l'Ukraine, la future élite de notre pays, sont venus au Canada qui est le parfait exemple de la démocratie, qui est à l'avant-garde de la protection des droits de l'homme dans le monde entier. Avec le support financier de la communauté Ukrainienne du Canada et la collaboration active des membres du Parlement, aujourd'hui nous avons de très grandes possibilités pour apprendre et perfectionner nos connaissances dans tous les aspects du fonctionnement des institutions étatiques et surtout parlementaires du pays que nous appelons démocratique. En même temps, nous sommes ici des représentants de notre pays, nous sommes des porte-paroles des changements qui ce passent chez nous.

Aujourd'hui nous, les étudiants et les membres du Parlement, nous travaillons ensemble. Nous travaillons ensemble pour l'établissement de la démocratie en Ukraine, au Canada et partout dans le monde. Nous travaillons pour un futur meilleur.

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