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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 24, 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 and Ukrainian languages, and an interest in the parliamentary system of government, undergraduate university students from Ukraine can apply for a CUPP scholarship. It is hoped that CUPP will contribute to the education of future leaders of Ukraine.

CUPP is a Parliamentary Democracy and Comparative Political Studies Internship Semester in the Canadian House of Commons. The Internship Semester lasts two months and takes place in the spring of each year in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. ■

Spring Interns



Bryedova, Anna
Born in Donetsk
Study at Donetsk National University, Faculty of Economics and Law. Expect to graduate with Master's Degree in 2006.

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Scholarship: Christina Bardyn Scholarship.

Language: English, French, Polish, Russian.

Hobbies: Art-house cinema, photography, folk music, history (Ukrainian history, Asian history, American history of the first half of 20th century), travelling.

Last Book Read: *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* by Ken Kesey. This book is the hymn of inhumanity. It tells directly about brutal treatment of the mental house patients by the employees and leaves a room for thoughts about loss of personality in the society of man-caused era.

For me personally ***the Orange Revolution*** returned the confidence and pride of my country and my nation which is very important to me, who felt only shame recently. During the whole period of the elections I worked as an interpreter for OSCE observers. After the second vote I awoke late in the

afternoon and found out the results, which did not make me very happy. I called my friend, to tell her how disappointed I felt. And she asked me "Did you really think that it's possible to change it somehow?! How naive are you!" I am glad that I am naive, and now I'm absolutely sure that it's always possible to change everything.

I believe that there won't be and shouldn't be any radical changes of political priorities, but the way they will be realized will certainly be different. Declared independence shall become actual independence, declared human rights observance shall be effective human rights observance, declared economic growth shall be real economic growth and development, declared rule of law shall be a true rule of law, declared accession to the EU shall be full-fledged and purposeful political course instead of indirect Moscow dictate. ***President Viktor Yushchenko's priorities, for good governance and success in Europe*** should be realized in accordance with the nature and essence of these arrangements and new political status of Ukraine in Europe and the world.

The Diaspora in the West should assist the democratization and good governance process in Ukraine by promoting joint exchange programs among Ukrainian and Canadian students. Ukrainian youth is the most active power that can lead the society. Young people should have the possibility to receive adequate information.

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tion about their country and play an active part in its life. Canadian Diaspora is still a part of Ukrainian people nevertheless they live far away from a native land. All Ukrainians should have the possibility to meet and to discuss problems, they are worrying about and always wanted to know.



Dvalishvili, Maya

Born in Rustavi, Georgia
Ivane Javakhishvili State University of Tbilisi, Faculty of Law, expect to graduate in 2008.

CUPP Scholarship:

Mazurenko Family Scholarship

Languages: English, Georgian, Russian, Ukrainian

Hobbies & interests: music, cinema, detective & mystery books, tennis

Last book read: "Black Devil" by Mevlud Loseurashvili. The book is about the war which broke out in 1991 in Abkhazia in northern Georgia on the border with Russia. The book describes the friendship between the Georgian and Chechen people.

Georgia and Ukraine are two of the oldest countries of the world, with many similarities in their histories, and many rich traditions. They had close contacts and relations in the past. There are many Ukrainian families who currently live in Georgia, and now there are growing opportunities for Ukrainian Diaspora in Georgia to study the Ukrainian language. And now, we university students in Georgia have the opportunity to come to Canada, as participants of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program... In fact the CUPP program has opened up the Canadian Parliament to the Caucasus, to students from Armenia, Azerbaijan & Georgia, to learn and gain practical experience. Last year one Georgian student Anna Kozlovska went to Canada to take part in CUPP. I believe this is a great opportunity to study Ukrainian, English, Jurisprudence, the Canadian Parliamentary system and to see for myself how a civilized democracy works.

This is a first step on the long road to building a more prosperous Georgia

and Ukraine. I hope this program is maintained and builds a permanent bridge between our countries. We Georgian Ukrainians look forward to meeting Ukrainians from other countries.

In Georgia, in Surami there is a school named after Lesia Ukrainka, where pupils study the Ukrainian language and literature. The students learn Ukrainian songs and put on Ukrainian plays. We have a Lesia Ukrainka museum. Lesia lived in Surami until her death. I think there is a Lesia Ukrainka School in Canada and it would be great to organize a meeting of pupils of both schools and develop a friendship bond. At Georgian Technical University we have Ukrainian language and translation courses, and hopefully they will grow and attract more and more students. We are in the process of starting the scout organization Plast in Georgia and establish contacts with other Plast countries. I am sure that the Georgian Ukrainian Diaspora will do its best to develop links with the Western Diaspora and the ancestral homeland Ukraine.

"I have started learning Ukrainian, and hope to improve my conversational skills in both Ukrainian & English during my internship in Canada. I hope to study the Canadian Constitution and other important legislation. On my return to Tbilisi I will share my experience in Canada with other students and with the members of the Olena Teliha Women's Organization of Georgia, who have assisted me in my quest to participate in the CUPP program."

The Rose Revolution was the greatest event in recent Georgian history and changed the future course of my country. The Revolution became the basis of our country's future prosperity and welfare. No one sat at home watching TV during the days of the Revolution. The whole population of Georgia came to the centre of Tbilisi, to the Parliament, in nasty weather to fight for their human rights and for freedom to choose their president. They came from every corner of Georgia to affirm their true vote.

The people stayed in front of Parliament until St. George's day. St. George is the protector of our country and protects us from misfortune and trouble. I was sure that on November 23, on St. George's Day, nothing harmful would happen to us and I was right. People with red roses in their hands, accom-

plished their goal and without violence achieved the logical end to the Revolution. And, on January 4th, 2004, Mikhail Saakashvili became President of Georgia. He began to implement needed constitutional changes, and continues to build a civilized and prosperous country with a strong army and strong economy.

President Saakashvili is exploring all avenues to establish closer contacts with Europe and hopefully these efforts will soon bear success in elevating Georgia to a more important status among the nations of Europe.



Egiz, Abduraman

Born in Samarkand, Uzbekistan

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, in Faculty of International Relations. Expect to graduate with

BA Degree in 2007.

CUPP Scholarship: Oleksandr & Irene Hordienko Scholarship

Languages: Crimean Tartar, English, French, Turkish, Russian

Hobbies: swimming, snowboarding

Last Book read: "Spain Invertebrate" by Jose Ortega-y-Gasset. This book was written at the beginning of the 20th century. The author analyzes the world-wide tendencies concerning strategies of national development. Surprisingly, the author predicts the rise and fall of Fascism; the incompetence of Communism; and the problems of nationalistic movements in Europe. His answer to the challenge of that time, is construction of a European community, without national borders.

The Orange revolution was an unavoidable reaction of Ukrainians against the criminal conduct and actions of the old authorities. It was a powerful reply to their attempts to abridge the rights of ordinary citizens. I completely support the ideals of the Revolution. Moreover, I was an active participant of the pro-democracy movement. The victory we achieved today is not a privilege of one person or any specific group. It is a victory for the whole Ukrainian nation.

President Viktor Yushchenko's pri-

orities, for good governance and success in Europe should be keeping and preserving the rule of law in our state. Ukraine, indeed, has the potential to sound economic and social development. Hopefully, we have passed the critical point of the political struggle. The main focus of President Yushchenko should be, to keep his eye on attempts to violate the law and stop those attempts before they take root again in Ukraine and swallow our infant civil society.

The Diaspora in the West should assist the democratization & good governance process in Ukraine by supporting the path to a normal society we have chosen. What I mean, is that the Diaspora should monitor events and developments in Ukraine. It is often easier to detect flaws from a distance. If something is going wrong, speak out about it and share the information with Ukrainian NGO's or citizens groups. The Diaspora should also alert their own government, especially in Canada, about negative developments or foreign intervention into Ukrainian affairs. The Canadian Diaspora should constructively lobby their government on behalf of Ukraine, just like other Diaspora groups in Canada do on behalf of their ancestral homelands.



Kotlarchuk, Andrij

Born in L'viv
Ivan Franko National University of L'viv in Faculty of Biology / genetics and biotechnology. Expect to graduate with BA Degree in 2006.

CUPP Scholarship: Michael Luchkovych Scholarship

Languages: English, Polish, Russian

Hobbies: guitar, architecture, mountains: skiing, tourism, alpinism, hiking, And training of Plast youth.

Last Book read: "Roman Shukhevych - polityk, vojin, hromadjanyn" by Petro Durzyj. The book deals with the struggle for independence by Ukrainians, during WW2 in Western Ukraine. It deals with unknown or little known details about the activity of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army and its commander in chief General Roman Shukhevych ("Taras Chupryna").

The Orange Revolution was the rescue of Ukraine from the criminal hands of the previous corrupt government. If the rescue had not succeeded - it is possible that, shortly afterwards Ukraine would have lost its independence again, and once again become a colony of Russia. During the Orange Revolution I stayed in Kyiv for two weeks and had the opportunity to be in the centre of revolutionary events. It was very gratifying to see, that the Ukrainian nation does still exist, is in fact flourishing, and wants only what other mature states want, respect and recognition. I was an election observer during the third round of elections in a village in the Kharkiv region. This is in the very eastern part of Ukraine. Even there a great majority voted for Victor Yushchenko. I was pleasantly surprised with the final result in my district.

On the way to Kyiv, people stood on the side of the roads and welcomed the cars and vans which were coming from all directions of the country, heading for the capital. Some people even walked great distances to join the revolution in the capital. Everyone who found themselves in the centre of Kyiv, during those inspiring days, was full of energy and determination to stop and remove the criminal element in power, and to change the life of the country and of each citizen, forever. And nobody was prepared to return home without

achieving this goal, this victory!

I am proud, that I am Ukrainian and that I had the opportunity to be a part of the Orange Revolution and to be able to say that the people prevailed over the corrupt power. Now I, my friends and relatives at last have a real hope, that some day soon we and our children will live in a free, law abiding and modern European country, which will be respected by all other free nations. I believe that Ukraine at last will become such a country, for which we and our ancestors struggled and sacrificed our lives.

President Viktor Yushchenko's priorities, for good governance and success in Europe should be a struggle against corruption and against the russification of Ukrainian mass-media; replacement of all corrupt civil servants and government officials with honest individuals who are not in government to profit their personal business of friends; increase support for Ukraine's cultural institutions; development of Ukraine's resources for the benefit of the country and its people and special emphasis on the education of Ukraine's youth to ensure that it continues to stay active and vigilant in promoting Ukraine's prosperity and freedom.

Diaspora in the West should assist the democratization & good governance process in Ukraine by many ways. The main goal I believe is to create working and living conditions in Ukraine, so as to stop the outward migration of young people to the West; co-operation with various Ukrainian organizations in promoting programs for youth, such as exchange programs, national and international competitions, encouragement and support programs to learn western foreign languages; support and active lobbying on behalf of Ukraine with western governments and just as importantly increasing communications and exchanges among Ukrainians within the country especially between the eastern and southern ruralized parts of Ukraine with the rest of the country.



Korochynskyy, Artem

Born in Lysychansk, Luhanska oblast. Received Antin Hlynka Scholarship to participate in CUPP '04, with the Hon. Walt Lastewka,

MP from St. Catharines, Ontario.

Graduate of Taras Shevchenko National Pedagogical University of Luhansk, Faculty of Foreign Languages.

CUPP '05 assistant co-ordinator.

CUPP '05 Scholarship: Ethel Rose & Michael Makuch Scholarship.



Kushnir, Yuri
Born in Lviv
CUPP '98 Intern
with Ian
McClelland, MP
from Edmonton,
Alberta & the Hon.
Alvin Curling, MPP
from Toronto,
Ontario and
Speaker of the

Ontario Legislature.

CUPP Scholarship: Michael
Luchkovych Scholarship.

Completed Internship in Ukrainian
Parliament (Verkhovna Rada) as leg -
islative assistant to Roman Zvarych.

Education: Undergraduate Degree from
Ivan Franko National University of Lviv,
Faculty of Law in 1999. Completed
studies at British Centre for English &
European Legal Studies at Warsaw
University. Received Certificate in
Legal Studies from Cambridge University.
Completed studies at Hague Academy
of International Law in 2002. Awarded
Edmund Muskie Fellowship to study at
the University of Virginia Law School.
Earned MA in Law in 2003.

Head Co-ordinator of CUPP '05.

CUPP '05 Scholarship: Evhen Palenka
Practices law in Kyiv with Danylko,
Kushnir, Soltys & Yakymyak.



**Nuridzhanian,
Gayane**
Born in
Ternopilska oblast
Kyiv International
University, Faculty
of International
Relations,
International Law.
Expect to gradu -
ate with BA

Degree in 2006.

CUPP Scholarship: Michael & Anna
Bardyn Scholarship

Languages: Armenian, English, French,
Portuguese, Russian

Hobbies: reading, playing the guitar,
visiting music festivals, traveling all
over Ukraine.

Last Book read: "To kill a mocking
bird". The Book was written by Harper
Lee about the misunderstanding and
intolerance issues between the white

and black people in the USA at the
beginning of last century. This book is
about a lawyer who failed to prove the
innocence of a black man, in court
because of the prejudices which exist -
ed in those days.

The Orange Revolution was a great
event in the history of Ukrainian inde -
pendence, and a manifestation of the
ability of Ukrainians to stand up for our
rights, to defend the right to freedom of
choosing our President, and to come
together and unite to reach our goal. I
believe that after the events on
Maydan we have become more confi -
dent as one Ukrainian nation. Now one
does not have to explain what and
where is Ukraine. The world knows
about us.

**President Viktor Yushchenko's pri -
orities, for good governance and
success in Europe** should be recogni -
tion of the different mindset of the peo -
ple who were born in an independent
Ukraine and who have an absolutely
different way, a new way of thinking of
Ukraine. This mindset differs greatly
from the mindset of the old soviet and
even post-soviet citizen. The internal
and external policy should be directed
first and foremost on the protection and
promotion of Ukraine and its' people's
rights and interests.

**The Diaspora in the West should
assist the democratization & good
governance process in Ukraine** by
supporting the democratic processes in
Ukraine through constructive and open
economic, cultural and political support.
The massive Diaspora interest in the
Presidential elections and the presence
of so many Diaspora Ukrainians and
others, during the elections, was very
encouraging and helpful in knowing
that "we are not alone". Seeing the
Canadian banner on Maydan, which
read "Ukraine, you are not alone, We
are with you, Canada" was a great
boost to Ukrainians everywhere!

Ukraine needs a lot of experience to
develop a strong democratic society,
and to become a confident democratic
community. Thus programs such as
CUPP are just what we need, to pro -
vide great opportunities for Ukrainian
young people to gain experience from
a mature democracy like Canada, and
to use that experience and knowledge
for the benefit of our country.



**Obvitseva,
Kateryna**
Born in Kharkiv
Vasyl Karazin
National University
of Kharkiv, Faculty
of Foreign
Languages.
Expect to gradu -
ate with BA
Degree in 2006.

CUPP Scholarship: Michael Starr
Scholarship

Languages: English, French, German,
Italian, Spanish, Russian

Hobbies: reading, Languages, Politics,
Philosophy, Cinema, Theatre, History
of Ukraine, Fashion History, Traveling.

Last Book read: "Milarepa" by Eric-
Emmanuel Schmitt: a philosophic tale
with Buddhist theme, which asks the
essential question: whether the reality
exists beyond human perception.

The Orange Revolution was a turn -
ing point in the History of Ukraine.
Ukrainians finally decided to assert
their convictions and to fight for what
they think is right. The fraud at all lev -
els of the election process became so
evident that it was just absolutely
impossible to remain silent and to
watch the unfair political game going
on. During the Presidential Elections
2004 I worked as an interpreter with
the OSCE observation teams. Besides,
I volunteered to help organizing and
interviewing independent Ukrainian
journalists concerning the changes in
the Media, during the Orange
Revolution. I think that there are a lot
of extremely important developments
as a result of the Orange Revolution,
for instance, people around the world
finally know about Ukraine, where it is
located and that it IS an independent
state, which is capable of making deci -
sions and changes for itself.

**President Viktor Yushchenko's pri -
orities, for good governance and
success in Europe** should first of all
do everything for the integration of
Ukraine into the European Union. He
should support international confer -
ences and exchanges, invite interna -
tional bodies and groups to hold their
conventions and summits in Ukraine,
in order to open Ukraine for foreign vis -
itors and to make clear that Ukraine is
not a soviet country or a Russian
appendix any more. President
Yushchenko should favor small and
medium-sized industries and private
business as it is very important to cre -

ate and consolidate the middle class in Ukraine and to create a solid basis for Ukrainian economy. Besides, our new President should favor youth organizations, exchanges, programs and educational, programs because young intelligent people will create the newest chapters of the history of Ukraine.

The Diaspora should assist newly born independent and free Ukraine

by consultations, organization of conferences, exchanges. On this level it would be very helpful for Ukraine to attract foreign investors. The Diaspora could also help to organize and coordinate youth, educational, and cultural programs as young people are the future of Ukraine. In addition to this the Diaspora could help Ukraine revive the national idea of Ukraine as they are and remain the source of pure Ukrainian culture and they still struggle for the independent and wonderful future of this country which is their ancestral homeland as well.



**Oganyesyan,
Marat**

Born in Yerevan, Armenia
Ukrainian Academy of Customs, in Faculty of International Economy. Expect to graduate with

BA Degree in 2006.

CUPP Scholarship: Maria and Josef Siecinsky

Languages: Armenian, English, German

Hobbies: Football Referee

Last book read: "Legislative techniques" by Anatoliy Tkachuk. This book made a great impression on me by its contents. In the book the author stresses on importance of law in our life. It is understandable from reading the book, how much there is to be critical of our Ukrainian legislation and its implementation by corrupt officials. From another angle the author also advises how to combat imperfection and confusion of legislation. To my mind this book will be very useful to everybody.

The Orange Revolution was like a jolt (OR BOLT OF LIGHTNING) for our

sleeping nation! Now in Ukraine, there is almost no-one left who could be politically indifferent. We suffered and suffered 14 long years, to arrive at the moment of freedom. I hope that now our nation will no longer be associated with the expression: "Moya khata z krayu - nichoho ne znayu", because we proved to ourselves and the world that our destiny lies in our own hands. We are no longer passive observers and we will not remain indifferent when injustice occurs. We are now in a seesaw situation, but the main lesson of the year 2004 is that no-one stayed indifferent. The Maydan touched a nerve in every one of us!

President Victor Yushchenko's priorities, for good governance and success in Europe should put everything in order inside our country, and to stress unity of the nation, so that regions that "lost the election" do not feel alienated. Also the President should do everything possible for Ukraine to become truly Ukrainian. Ukraine being Ukrainian should mean that its people must be made fully aware of their national dignity and taught to defend their national interests rather than to dance to someone else's tune. Much is being spoken about this, but there is a great distance between words and deeds! The President should demonstrate to Europe, Russia and the rest of the world that Ukraine is a free, independent, democratic and strong state!

The Diaspora in the west should assist the democratization and good governance process in Ukraine by supporting the linkage with the Diasporas in all corners of the world and the homeland. Because when we are united we are strong! Also, it would be very interesting for Ukrainians to meet with famous compatriots who live abroad; to listen to interesting lecturers with contemporary themes; to see Ukrainian cultural accomplishments of the Diaspora.



Orlova, Daria

Born in Khmelnitsky

National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy Kyiv, Faculty of Social Sciences and Social Technologies, Political Science.

Expect to graduate with BA Degree in 2006.

CUPP Scholarship: Walter Tarnopolsky Scholarship

Languages: English, Russian

Hobbies: dancing, amateur figure skating, reading both classic and modern prose, learning about journalism

Last Book read: *'Two Ukraine's'* by Mykola Ryabchuk. The significance of this book lies in the fact that it was written on a highly disputed pattern (both in the discourse of political science and in everyday life) of the existence/pseudo existence of two Ukraines inside one real Ukraine. The author's viewpoint is indeed remarkable, inasmuch as it suggests a profound insight into the social and political realities of Ukraine. Ryabchuk focuses attention on the peculiarities of Ukrainian mentality, influenced with the heritage of a Soviet mindset. All in all, the book is truly interesting both for political scientists and ordinary people who are interested in the process of Ukraine's transformation, because it stimulates reflections on many vital issues.

The Orange Revolution was a great achievement for Ukraine and more for Ukrainians. When I say achievement, I mean that no one expected from Ukrainians a really strong determination, strength and steadfastness in achieving their goal. However, we managed to show the whole world that from now on we will not let any politician, any political party or oligarchy, rule without the people's consent. We will not be humiliated and we will defend our dignity as a nation and as a people. Loud enough, these words do indeed characterize the processes which took place in Ukraine and, I hope, will continue into the future.

Personally I regarded my presence on Maidan (Independence Square), as a moral duty. For me, my relatives and friends, there was no alternative. Those days were historic. We were aware of it, although not fully confident in total victory, until the announcement

of the final results.

President Viktor Yushchenko's priorities, for good governance and success in Europe should be, first of all, based on openness and lawfulness, battle corruption everywhere. Instill professionalism in the governors. Implement a sound strategy course on European integration. Actually, these fundamental goals have been proclaimed; however, much depends on their actual implementation. I believe that President Yushchenko should give priority to the professionalism of the governors, rather than select on the basis of personal ties. His team should demonstrate loudly that there will be an honest battle against corruption on all levels, and that from now on there will be a favorable climate for honest investors and business. As for European integration, this problem is of special interest to me, I believe that President Yushchenko should, at first, demonstrate to European politicians and community the seriousness of his intentions towards European integration, and second, his internal policy should correspond to those proclaimed principles. Only when there is trust and respect for Ukraine, will there be the opportunity to join the European community.

The Diaspora in the West should assist the democratization and good governance process in Ukraine by providing support to promising students of Ukraine to become highly trained specialists and professionals. I emphasize the importance of support to students, because they will build the future of Ukraine, and it is they who will determine the path Ukraine takes into the future and where it will find its place. I also believe that the Diaspora could contribute much to maintain a free and democratic Mass Media and generally, promote freedom of speech in Ukraine, as it is the key issue in democratizing Ukraine. However, I think it is necessary to note that at present the Diaspora is doing a lot for Ukraine during this transition to a free and democratic government, which is a good sign of their true and sincere patriotism.



Orlova, Tania

Born in Zvenyhorodka, Cherkassy region Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Faculty of Economics. Expect to graduate with BA Degree in 2006.

CUPP Scholarship: Antin Hlynka Scholarship

Languages: English, German, Russian
Hobbies: travelling, collage making

Last Book read: "Flowers for Algernon" by Daniel Keyes. The author describes a man, his feelings, world outlook, emotions and relations with others at the different levels of intellect.

For me **the Orange Revolution** was proof of our dignity, self-consciousness and power. I always believed in our people and fought against the opinion that Ukrainians are a submissive, oppressed nation, not able to fight for its rights and the Orange Revolution vindicated my beliefs. On November 22, when it became clear that Viktor Yushchenko would not be allowed to win the election, like so many other Ukrainians, I decided that I have to do something to assert my choice and the choice of the majority of Ukrainians. And after a brief discussion with my friends, I decided to go to Maydan Nezalezhnosti to declare our position.

President Viktor Yushchenko's priorities, for good governance and success in Europe should be:

1. Economic efficiency - the most efficient use of available economic resources in order to achieve the maximum fulfilment of wants; (do you really subscribe to Lenin's "each according to his needs?" - this is what it sounds like) how about (implementation of the most efficient policies to improve the standard of living of the country);
2. Equitable distribution of income and Economic security - ensure that no group of citizens faces stark poverty while others enjoy extreme luxury and provide social programs for those, who are not able to earn for living;
3. Economic Freedom - ensure high degree of freedom for businesses in their activities;
4. Price-level stability - mistakes made by previous government may cause inflation in year 2005 (are you suggesting price controls??). President

Yushchenko government should make all efforts to minimize negative impact of inflation.

These are the goals which have to be achieved. There are several spheres in which we already have progress: Exchange rate stability - National Bank of Ukraine keeps the exchange rate of hryvnya and has enough reserves to manage its fluctuations; Balance of trade - we don't have a huge trade deficit.

The Diaspora in the West should assist the democratization & good governance process in Ukraine

1. Lobbying interests of Ukraine with their national governments;
2. Providing Ukrainian specialists in different spheres with Western experience and developments through exchanges;
3. Investing their resources in joint ventures with Ukrainian businessmen.



Ostash, Natalka

Born in Kyiv Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Institute of International Relations. Expect to graduate with Masters Degree in 2007.

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Scholarship: Raynell Andreychuk Scholarship

Languages: English, French, German, Turkish, Russian

Hobbies: reading, singing, tennis, classical music

Last Book read: "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald. This book presents a very touching story about life, success and love of a rather strange person - Mr. Gatsby. It depicts all aspects of human life and relations, uncovers internal world and aspirations of each hero. Eventually, all works by Fitzgerald are excellent samples of skilled, masterful language.

The Orange Revolution was a very empathetic time for me. Everything changed overnight. People joined together, united in anticipation of happier times yet mindful of past fears and disappointments. These are complicated emotions to reconcile and explain but I felt hopeful and elated in my

heart. None knew how the Orange Revolution was going to conclude, but everyone's determination increased daily, to stick it out to the end, and to prevail this time!

After the first week, a calmer and more determined mood began to assert itself. Many took up positions in the tent city on Maidan, yet others returned to our homes at night, to take in to our tent or home new arrivals from every corner of the country. The tension, which had been built up in the early days of the OR, slowly diminished. We settled in to what became a normal life, in our tents, in our homes and dormitories. But we knew that this time, we would not back down or be defeated.

First of all our new President has to take charge of all domestic affairs. Only after implementing order and respect for the laws of the land domestically, can the questions of an appropriate foreign policy be addressed. Then, Ukraine will be accepted by the world community as a strong and democratic country.

First of all the democratization process in Ukraine requires experience. And I hope that the Ukrainian Diaspora in countries with more mature democratic institutions and traditions could share with Ukraine their valuable experience. Most importantly Ukrainians need more information about the outside world, about current trends and developments, and we must learn where the historical trends are heading, so that we can chose the best path for our country.



Petukhov, Serhiy

Born in Donetsk
Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv in Faculty of Law. Expect to graduate with BA Degree in 2005.

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Scholarship: Vasyl

Loboda Scholarship

Languages: English, German, Russian
Hobbies: fiction, theatre, sport (volleyball, swimming, horseback riding)

Last Book read: *Martin Chuzzlewit* by Charles Dickens. This comic master -

piece shows the life of Victorian England, with all its social conflicts. The author created colourful characters of Mr. Pecksniff, Chuzzlewit brothers and Montague Tiggs, who personify selfishness, hypocrisy and avarice. He also skilfully revealed and ridiculed intrinsic vices of American society.

The Orange revolution was the powerful protest against blatant falsifications of elections. It has, on one hand, united the nation in its strife for defending the democratic values, but, on the other hand, revealed a deep gap of misunderstanding between the Western and Eastern Ukraine and their opposite geopolitical orientation. I did not stay aside from the political process in my country. I have spent a week on the Maidan Nezalezhnosti, including four nights in the tent camp. I was wearing an orange ribbon during this period as a revelation of my political position.

President Viktor Yushchenko's priorities, for good governance and success in Europe should be the transparency of the government, fight with corruption, and orientation on European democratic values.

The Diaspora in the West should assist the democratization & good governance process in Ukraine by supporting the positive image of Ukraine in the world, influencing their States' foreign policy toward closer relations with Ukraine, and supporting the democratic process in the Ukraine.



Polak, Evhen

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Hobbies: guitar, good music (blues, jazz, classic, rock), theatre, photography, classic literature, concerts.

Last book read: Ernest Hemingway's "Fiesta (The Sun Also Rises)". This book describes the experiences of a group of American and English citizens

traveling in France and Spain. And it is not only a travelogue through countries, but through people's minds and thoughts as well. Hemingway describes the difficulties of life in Europe, ruined by the First World War. For me this is the most interesting period in the book which Hemingway describes. There are a number of characters: scarlet woman, warm-hearted man, adventure-seeker, etc. and this diversity of characters has completely involved me in the reading of this book.

The Orange Revolution was one of the greatest movements in the history of Ukraine. It was a peaceful revolt by Ukrainians against lawlessness and corruption at all levels of government. All of these criminal practices were inherited from Soviet Union.

The Orange Revolution was the sequel to the movement called "Ukraine without Kuchma". The last straw to start the protests was the widespread and obvious falsifications and denial of freedom of speech and peaceful assembly during the elections of 2004. The convincing factor for the success of the Orange Revolution was a great support by Ukrainians (millions of people came out to demonstrate peacefully in Independence Square in Kyiv and other City squares throughout Ukraine), and the assistance of different international groups in support of free and fair elections. In these circumstances the former government could not use the armed forces against their own people. This summer I was agitating for President Yushchenko and persuaded many of my friends to change their minds about the Orange Revolution and about Ukraine's destiny.

President Yushchenko's main priorities are creating an effective economy, abolishing corruption and theft of the nation's budget money, rearranging the government and administrative systems, support for the supremacy of law. The results of implementing these policies would be:

- increase of economic and military strength;
- increase of the income in every Ukrainian family;
- Developing democracy in every possible way.

I think that reviving Ukrainians' traditional values, culture and morals should be another of President Yushchenko's priority. As he said: "I am not against the Russian language and traditions, I am for Ukrainian culture and traditions".

And if it happens, Ukraine will get closer to the EU standards.

The Diaspora in the West could and should significantly assist in the democratization by sharing a long-standing experience of democracy, showing support for the democratization process in Ukraine in different international institutions of democracy, and assist in correcting any shortcoming the new government could make or give advise to avoid any mistake, relying on the experience gained while living in the West.



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Hobbies: reading, painting (aquarelle), art, rowing & fitness

Last book read: "White flags of Nodar Dumbadze, Architecture Now-History of Georgia", the book is about the ancient world and people who lived in those times.

The Rose Revolution was not only an event which changed the course of history in Georgia, but was one giant leap to a true democracy. I believe that life is a gift from God and that it must not depend on the whims of politicians. The Rose Revolution restored to us democratic freedoms.

I can say that the relationship between the Diaspora in the West and Georgian Ukrainians should and must continue to expand. Ukrainians who were forced to flee Ukraine for the West, during the periods of persecutions in Ukraine, such as the forced collectivization, in the inter-wars period, and during and after WWII, found themselves in stable and democratic societies. Those who remained in Ukraine or who were involuntarily resettled in the other Soviet

republics found themselves in wretched and undemocratic societies. Those Ukrainians who were sent to the Caucuses found themselves, probably in the worst of living conditions. The unemployment level was very high among the newcomers. But the native population lived no better.

Today, it is very promising that a program such as CUPP exists, which helps young Georgian Ukrainians to see the world, and to acquire knowledge and information abroad and that we get an opportunity to meet Ukrainians from the West. It is also very good that students from other former Soviet republics get a chance to meet with and establish links with Ukrainians from Ukraine.

As far as assistance is concerned, this can be done in several ways. Sending Ukrainian language books, specialized professional books, equipment for publishing and reproducing printed materials, student exchanges, training of teachers and upgrading of qualifications, setting up English-Ukrainian centres are among the ways of helping Georgia and Ukrainians in Georgia.



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Hobbies: sports, travelling, reading

Last Book read: "Martin Eden" by Jack London. Jack London is my favorite writer. I read a lot of his short stories, and his novel "White Fang". His works are always true to life; they are very realistic. Jack London describes life the way it is. In the novel "Martin Eden" Jack London shows the growth of the personality, on one hand. From the uneducated seaman Martin Eden became a famous writer. He achieved his goal thanks to his wish to study and

because of his love for the girl Ruth. He was the architect of his own destiny. We all are architects of our destiny. On the other hand, Jack London shows the tragic destiny of art and talent under the conditions existing in a bourgeois society.

The Orange Revolution was the people's protest against a corrupt & unjust government and against the crude tampering of the second round of the Presidential Elections. Millions of people throughout Ukraine came out into the streets in order to protect their right to choose their President. Government is for the people not people for the government. The Orange Revolution won because all Ukrainians were united and had the determination to make Ukraine a just and prosperous European country. At my University, I personally, my friends in fact all students and instructors and the majority of Chernivtsi residents supported and participated in the Orange Revolution. At the monument to Taras Shevchenko near the City Council Building a small "tent city" was established and people carried orange colours/scarves, hats together with Ukrainian Flags. In this way our city of Chernivtsi demonstrated its solidarity with the rest of Ukraine and demonstrated against the injustice of the old regime and its front man. We did not want the continuation of the corrupt and anti-Ukrainian regime, to continue.

President Viktor Yushchenko's priorities, for good governance and success in Europe should be as follows.

First of all, to build a country based on the rule of law, where everyone would live and work under the same laws, and have equal opportunities and rights. To establish a country that has a just government that works for the people of Ukraine. Secondly, to improve the standard of living and bring it closer to the European standard. To undertake reforms, especially in judicial and military fields. And, of course, to be on friendly terms with the Ukraine's neighbors, and seek integration into the European Union and entry into NATO.

The Diaspora in the West should assist the democratization and good governance process in Ukraine by supporting Ukraine on its way to this goal. The western Diaspora could send specialists who can train, advise and share their experience with our specialists. Another great approach is exchange programs for high school students, University stu-

dents, Professors, etc. It is no secret that children are the future of every nation. By going to a country where democracy works better than in their native country, students on their return home would try their best to apply the acquired knowledge in their homeland.



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Languages: English, Polish, Russian

Hobbies: traveling, painting portraits, reading, cinema

Last book read: "Jonathan Livingston Seagull" by Richard Bah. Despite the fact this book became famous some time ago; I did not read it until just recently. The book depicts the achievements of one not ordinary bird on its path to perfection. Let me quote from the book: "Most gulls don't bother to learn more than the simplest facts of flight - how to get from shore to food and back again. For most gulls, it is not flying that matters, but eating. For this gull, though, it was not eating that mattered, but flight. More than anything else. Jonathan Livingston Seagull loved to fly". This Seagull discov - covers for the rest of the flock that they too can discover for themselves that they are creatures of excellence, intelligence and skill. That they too can be free! They can learn to fly!

The Orange Revolution was a reaction of Ukrainians against the denial of their basic rights by the former regime in power. It is a good example of how the aspiration for democracy and freedom as well as resorting to peaceful means to achieve it, can solve internal problems. It finally demonstrated to the world that Ukrainians are capable of assuming control of their destiny and future. My own contribution to the success of the Orange Revolution was my work as an interpreter for the OSCE

mission observers, during the elections.

President Viktor Yushchenko's pri - orities, for good governance and success in Europe should be:

- Planning effective social and economic policy within the country;
- Establishing European and International standards of democracy and governance;
- Pursuing membership in the World Trade Organization and working towards achieving the status of a country with free market economy;
- development an investor friendly environment for foreign investments;
- Setting an undeviating goal for EU membership.

For all of these goals to be achieved, there will have to be many changes made and, I believe, our new President and Government will do their utmost to achieve these aims.

The Diaspora in the West should assist the democratization and good governance process in Ukraine by sharing with people of Ukraine their experience and understanding of responsibilities of citizens in a mature democracy. Build public support in your homelands, for Ukraine and its efforts at building a stable government and civil society. Take a keen interest in the life of their ancestral homeland and be honest but fair critics of the efforts which individuals and our new government undertake, in our quest for a stable democracy. Send your students to Ukraine to learn our language and culture.



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Languages: English, German, and Russian

Hobbies: reading Ukrainian and World literature, traveling, foreign languages, dancing

Last Book read: I last read the "Kobzar", the collected poems by Taras Shevchenko. I liked the book very much, because of the great wording and rhyme of Taras Shevchenko. Also, because this book tells about the life and work of ordinary Ukrainians and their struggle for freedom. It reminded me of the struggle for democracy of modern Ukrainians during Orange Revolution. I was happy that the dream of the greatest Kobzar of Ukraine - Taras Shevchenko eventually was realized. Ukraine is now a free and independent country, with a democratic government!

The Orange Revolution was the most important event in the history of independent Ukraine. It was a significant step towards democracy in our country. Ukrainians demonstrated to the whole world, that we can make changes, and make them peacefully, and we can defeat a non-democratic government. Ukraine is an example for all emerging democracies and former USSR republics to follow.

President Viktor Yushchenko's pri - orities, for good governance and success in Europe should be to fight corruption, govern according to democratic methods and follow the rule of law. His government should create strong relations with Europe, Canada, the USA, and other democratic countries. Ukraine should integrate into the European Union. We should help other former USSR republics on their way to democracy, if they ask for our help.

The Diaspora in the West should assist the democratization & good governance process in Ukraine by organizing various training-workshops and conferences to share western experience of building democracy and the rule of law with Ukrainians. This assistance should especially be directed at young Ukrainians and those who are eager to understand the privileges and responsibilities of individuals living in a free and democratic society. I believe that young people in particular, with their receptiveness to democratic views and ideas should replace as soon as possible the existing un-democratic persons in the government bureaucracy and institutions. Therefore, the main assistance of the Diaspora should be directed to sharing their experience in order to create a new democratically trained generation of Ukrainians.


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CUPP Scholarship: Mazurenko Family Scholarship.

Languages: Chinese, English, French (basic), Russian

Hobbies: foreign languages, heraldry.

Recent Book read: "Annexation or Reunification" by Mykhailo Braychevsky (translated and edited by George P. Kulchycky). The book covers probably the most controversial and highly politicized issues in relations between Ukraine and Russia, namely the Pereyaslav Agreement of 1654. The author gives a profound insight of events based on the documents.

Awarded 2001-2002 Future Leaders Exchange Program scholarship under Freedom Support Act, a U.S. Department of State sponsored one-year educational program in U.S. high school (Mondovi, Wisconsin).

Member of the winner team of All-Ukrainian Pre-selection Round of the Telders International Moot Court Competition, selected to represent Ukraine in the Hague during the International Round of the aforesaid competition.

Completed internship at the United Nations Office in Ukraine (fall 2003 - summer 2004).

I must admit that ***the Orange Revolution*** came as a surprise, if not a shock to me. But, eventually, my fellow citizens graphically demonstrated the meaning of citizen's rights under the constitution, and who holds the ultimate authority. We all realized that if we do not act now, tomorrow will be too late. The Orange Revolution was not just an apex of public dissatisfaction with 13 years of corruption and abuse of people's rights, but a struggle for real changes.

I stood on Maydan for only several days with my friends and colleagues, because I caught a cold. But even at home my spirit was with my fellow students and citizens on Maydan, and during just one month I gained a genuine pride of what it means to be a

Ukrainian. Overall the fundamental success of this landmark event is that the majority of Ukrainians eventually learned the words of our National Anthem. These words and music finally acquired true meaning, awareness and patriotism, and I applaud this achievement above all. It might sound as an exaggeration, but I truly believe that we became UKRAINIAN PATRIOTS, and this is outstanding.

President Yushchenko's priorities for good governance and success in Europe. First I must applaud President Yushchenko for his formulation of concise strategic goals of great importance to Ukraine. He has already set out principles to be followed by all government officials. These guidelines are useful and important in other spheres of government and bureaucracy. The only concern should be steadfastness of our President to keep an eye on the fulfillment of these principles and guidelines. The president should act swiftly to deal with any officials who deviate from the guidelines.

I express my sincere support of the principles and guidelines. Our government has no right to waste the opportunity and high vote of confidence. At the same time we, the Ukrainian People, must check the Government's compliance with undertaken obligations and use this opportunity opened to us to establish a true democracy.

I am a strong supporter of the Western direction in Ukrainian foreign policy. Nevertheless, membership in the European Union or NATO will not do any good to Ukraine unless she is able to meet in full capacity the high criteria of decent life. Therefore, concerning our foreign policy the primary focus should be on internal policy of development and Ukrainian capability to tackle the core and current problems.

The Diaspora in the West should assist the democratization and good governance process in Ukraine by providing opportunities for Ukrainians to earn a good Western model education and experience. We have entered a new era of Ukraine's development and such development requires the best specialists. This assistance can be realized by sponsoring Master's Degrees programs, summer schools, internships, exchanges, etc. This is an investment that will give a sound return to Ukraine. Only when well trained specialists occupy all levels of national and regional government and bureaucracy, will the process of

Ukraine's development be assured. The Diaspora has already undertaken some initiatives, including this Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program, but these are not enough, to complete the task.

This is an area where money should not be grudged for the best candidates and only for those unable to get good training on their own due to limited finances. In light of the Orange Revolution and the increased opportunities, more and more people will be willing to remain in Ukraine and contribute with their acquired knowledge and experience to the development of a free and prosperous country.


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Languages: English, Russian

Hobbies: Music (proficient in guitar and harmonica), swimming, drawing, the -atre acting.

Last Book read: "The Road to Financial Independence" by Bodo Sheffer. The book deals with the most important methods of running a business and investment. It shows how to succeed in your life and to help people that live in your area. It also has some psychology. It doesn't have difficult economic descriptions and is easy to understand. After reading this book you can cope with your financial problems much more easily. I can see the results on myself. Now I work more, spend less and save enough to see a better future.

The Orange Revolution was the one of the most important events in my life. It was the launch of a vision that Ukraine and its people are a great Nation and that henceforth nobody will dare to mislead us. We demonstrated to ourselves and the world that we are not afraid of the corrupt government regime. We declared that we will no

longer want to live in poverty, while our corrupt leaders crush our wish to live and work in prosperous Ukraine. We were independent for 14 years but now I can proudly say that we are free. We are free to create a real future for the generations that follow.

President Viktor Yushchenko's priorities, for good governance and success in Europe should be: to solidify the union of East and West. There are still many people who do not know nor believe in President Yushchenko.

The second priority is to totally wipe out corruption in government structures, businesses and education. This will make the Ukrainian economy healthier and will increase the reputation of the country. Our country needs investment in many spheres of production. If the European investors see the positive results of their investment, they will be interested in keeping up good and constructive relations with Ukraine.

The Diaspora in the West should assist the democratization & good governance process in Ukraine by investing in Ukrainian education. In order to have good specialists in all the fields of the Ukrainian economy, we should change the system of education and the methods of teaching. We already have the Summer Institutes for teachers where teachers learn new methods of pedagogy. By changing the educational system we can have excellent results in economic development and cooperation with other countries.



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Application of Rivne in Faculty of Management.
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CUPP Scholarship: Cathy Obal Scholarship

Languages: English, German, Russian
Hobbies: volunteering, watching bas -

ketball games and theatre performances, knitting, reading.

Last Book read: "The Dog's Heart" by Nikolay Bulgakov. I was impressed by the style of Bulgakov's writing. He touched upon the problems of responsibilities of scientists, and the rights of human beings. Having read this book I have arrived at the conclusion that it is impossible to create a rounded person who is not just a set of organs, but who has his own character and soul. This book is still relevant today, if you keep in mind the controversy over cloning. Between the lines the author sarcastically criticizes the roots of the undemocratically established communist regime.

The Orange Revolution was the most remarkable event of the year. Fourteen years Ukrainians lived in an "independent" country without knowing what freedom truly meant. They were waiting for a chance to assert their choice, life and future. During this memorable Fall/Winter season, the old regime tried to hold on to power and falsify and steal the elections. But it was too late. This autumn the Ukrainian nation was ready to defend its choice and demonstrate to the world that we are no longer slaves. I am proud to declare that we, Ukrainians, proved to everyone and to ourselves that we have the same rights and freedoms as other civilized people possess and that we too want a normal and prosperous life. Without doubt, the Orange Revolution started a new epoch in the history of Ukraine and the Orange Revolution followed the path of other enlightened societies who are free.

President Viktor Yushchenko's priorities, for good governance and success in Europe should be concentrated on the acceleration of Ukraine's entrance into the world of the free market system. I believe that Ukraine has already taken some steps in the right direction, such as giving up its nuclear weapons, but it has not fully emerged into the democratic light of day. So the main task today is to build a really independent state that will always stand for democracy, where everyone will be subject to the law and no one will be above it. It is important to remember that Ukraine has a rich and promising background for social, political, cultural and economic development and the only thing we need, to achieve the best results, is a person, who will successfully manage this potential. I believe that this person is our President Viktor

Yushchenko.

The Diaspora in the West should assist the democratization & good governance process in Ukraine by sharing its experience of life and work in civilized countries. Ukrainians who live abroad can help us see and understand how political, economic and legal systems work in democratic societies and our task is to bring this experience to Ukraine to benefit our own country. Moreover it will be useful for Ukraine's prestige if the Diaspora spreads the positive information about our country abroad, and focuses on the positive attributes of Ukraine. The development of the Ukrainian state and its institutions will benefit by the supportive lobbying which the Diaspora can undertake on behalf of the ancestral homeland.



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CUPP Scholarship: Malanchuk Family Scholarship

Languages: English, French, German, Russian

Hobbies: reading, traveling, basketball, yoga, skating

Last Book read: *Women, Men, and Society* by Renzetti Curran. The book is about gender diversity and complexity from the political, social, cultural, national, psychological, biological points of view. The book makes us look beyond the boundaries of our own gender and realize the place of every individual in this world. I became very interested in gender issues, especially in how to overcome the inequality that exists in treating different genders on different levels. So I want to get an in-depth knowledge of both genders, to be able to formulate my own perspective on how to overcome gender inequality.

The Orange Revolution was an event

which changed the course of Ukrainian history, once and for ever. It touched the life of each and every individual. I am sure there was NO Ukrainian who was not involved in the Revolution, on either side. I think it has finally released our freethinking and freedom-oriented character, which has been built since the times of Zaporizka Sich. The Revolution raised hopes that we will have a better future and that we will eventually share the same freedoms, benefits and responsibilities which the other European nations cherish and enjoy. It has made us proud to be Ukrainian, even individuals who remained indifferent for so long.

President Viktor Yushchenko's priorities, for good governance and success in Europe should be economic empowerment of each Ukrainian citizen. By this I mean the budget increase in national economy which will result not only in bare numbers of different reports, but in actual benefits and budget increase of all Ukrainian families. And another priority should be cultural and intellectual welfare of our citizens - building a strong nation, means building a united and self-conscious nation.

The Diaspora in the West should assist the democratization & good governance process in Ukraine by supporting the Ukrainian national spirit. Since the beginning of the last century the Ukrainian Diaspora has been known as one of the strongest support centers and breeding grounds for Ukrainian culture and national language, and as those who nourished and maintained Ukrainian national traditions and customs through the centuries. I think helping to revive and develop and spread these back into Ukraine will be of great assistance.



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CUPP Scholarship: Volodymyr Hrynyk Scholarship.

Languages: English, French, Latin, Old Greek, Russian

Hobbies: reading, writing poetry and play scripts, learning languages.

Last Book Read: *Selected Writings* of Albert Camus. Written as fiction, the book renders the views of this famous existentialist on the sense of life and the role of human beings in the order of life. I often use existentialists' philosophy to explain what Christianity gives to a person - exactly what Camus' heroes could not find in their perspective of human existence.

The Orange Revolution was an event of an extraordinary importance for Ukrainians as a nation. I would say that its greatest achievement was not primarily the choice of Ukraine to develop as a free democratic country, but the fact that enabled this choice. This fact was consolidation of Ukrainian nation not on the basis of history but on the basis of the present and a will to design our future by ourselves and according to our own vision of it. It is especially important that young people who were usually considered indifferent to politics engaged actively in the Orange Revolution doing their best. For instance, I and my fellow students worked actively where we could help: a greater part of us went to Kyiv and came to Maidan every day during more than two weeks, and as Catholic students they also participated in the organization of prayers for Ukraine. Those who stayed in Lviv organized common prayers of all Christian denominations, provided hot tea and coffee for those who were protesting in Lviv, gathered news for UCU special web-site dedicated to the work of youth in Orange revolution. I was responsible for work connected with the open letter to all students of the world - answering responses with statements of support, translating the letters and placing them on our web-site. We received statements of support not only from USA, Canada and Europe, but even from Venezuela and Turkey! I also worked at establishing contacts with other students who were actively participating in the protests in the regional centers of Ukraine so that we could exchange information. More information about UCU students work during the Orange Revolution can be found at www.ucu.edu.ua/tak.

President Viktor Yushchenko's priorities, for good governance and success in Europe should be, undoubtedly, the reforms in all spheres of Ukraine's life as a state and as a society. The legislation should be reformed in the way that it could become efficient legislative base not only for the development of all spheres of economy but also for encouraging the development of non-governmental sector in Ukraine. Again, foreign politics should aim not only at economic cooperation which, of course, is of the greatest importance. Ukrainians should be encouraged to scholarly, educational and social cooperation with their counterparts in Europe by creating a governmentally supported programs dealing with all spheres of the life of our society. There cannot be any highly developed state if the level of economy exceeds the level of scientific and cultural development and social responsibility among its citizens.

The Diaspora in the West should assist the democratization & good governance process in Ukraine by helping Ukrainian society to work out its own way of civic and cultural development. This can be achieved by helping Ukrainians to get more experience how these spheres of society life are developed in Western countries but at the same time by fostering the search of "Ukrainian way" of solving difficulties in our country. It is not enough to learn the "Western pattern" and apply it blindly in our society. There is a necessity nowadays to support the innovations introduced by Ukrainians for improvement in all spheres of life.



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Hobbies: bee-keeping, reading, studying languages.

Last Book read: 'Rabin: Birth of the Myth' by Uri Milsteyn, an Israeli war

historian. In spite of the biographic and 'journals' title, the main part of the book is devoted to the War for Independence of Israel (1948), which is described in it, very accurately and thoroughly.

Generally, I grade the book high. The author seems to be a real professional, so that, having read it, you feel like 'an almost expert in a military field' too. I especially like the fact that the author, being 'historically thorough' gives all the facts, i.e. both heroic and shameful for Israelis. Which, I think, should be a model for all historians?

During ***the Orange Revolution***, the Ukrainian nation seemed to reach maturity in the political context. The OR seemed like a miracle, something unbelievable and unexpected, for the participants as well as the millions watching the events on television throughout the world. Moreover, not only was it a unique miracle for the 'masses', but more than likely for the leaders of the OR, who, I suspect, could not have predicted the magnitude nor the determination of the people.

So, there is slight trepidation: will the miracle become the norm? Because we cannot and should not rely on miracles to rescue us in future. To that question - I do not know the right answer. But, anyway, Ukrainians have already received some benefit from the OR. They experienced: 1) kindness, 2) civic/national pride, 3) determination to prevail. And though the usual order of things (in people's temperament) seems to be returning, the people of Ukraine now have enough experience and equipment for next revolutions (if they are necessary).

President Viktor Yushchenko's priorities, for good governance and success in Europe should be:

- 1) Regulatory change; the 'post-Soviet type of a bureaucrat' and 'usage in bureaucracy' is a real disease which has to be cured;
- 2) Tax reform; this is not only about the size of taxes in Ukraine, but also about their quantity and complexity; especially, value added tax scheme should be revised;
- 3) Science and education reform, including not only investments, but also rebuilding and refreshing of the whole system.

I see at least three areas in which ***the Diaspora in the West can assist the democratization & good governance process in Ukraine***. The first

is assistance in the Ukrainian educational system. It really needs to be reformed, and not only should Ukrainians from abroad grant money for its development, but also be involved in the administration of universities and in the teaching - education field. So far this type of involvement is not present, with only small exceptions. The second way to help us is to invest in the Ukrainian economy. On this level of economic transition, the economy really needs infusion of capital. The third is a bit harder to explain. I believe that it would be very helpful if Ukrainians of the Diaspora could join together to create an active and serious political force or lobby, to be able to influence the domestic politics of the Ukrainian government and, as much as possible, Ukraine's international politics. The first of the influences would bring an additional controller to our political stage. The other would create a more effective 'attorney-spokesperson' for Ukraine in facing world bodies such as the UN or the World Bank. I understand that the Diaspora is already somewhat organized. But it seems to me that its voice is still not loud enough. It could use others successful models.



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CUPP Scholarship: Ramon Hnatyshyn Scholarship.

Languages: English, Polish, Russian
Hobbies: hiking, ethnic music and dances.

Last Book read: Hryhoriy Kasyanov "Theories of Nation and Nationalism". This book is the first modern Ukrainian systematic presentation of nation and nationalism theories. The book deals with different theories and examines their application to Ukraine. This book

serves as one of the sources for my Bachelor's Thesis "The role of national identity holders in Ukrainian nation-building process efficiency context".

The Orange Revolution was one of the most important events in the modern history of Ukraine. It has multilateral ramifications for Ukraine's development. I will focus on just one of them. For its stabilization, Ukraine as a country needs a common goal and meaningful programs and policies to coalesce around. It needs a sound base for a modern unifying national myth, that will be a basis for the formation of a Ukrainian national identity. The Orange Revolution should and certainly will become such a base.

President Viktor Yushchenko's priorities, for good governance and success in Europe should be:

- Special attention to consolidation of Western and Eastern Ukraine which were artificially divided during the election;
- Strengthening Ukraine's EU orientations;
- Improving Ukraine's international image through a range of domestic political, social and economic reforms.

The Diaspora in the West should assist the democratization & good governance process in Ukraine by investing in education in Ukraine.

Changes are possible only if people think democratically and have skills necessary for living in a democratic society. Such thinking is produced over a steady process of education, in the precepts and in an environment of democratic freedoms. So, the West should consider funding educational programs for various groups of Ukraine's youth leaders, scientists, and educators, best and brightest.



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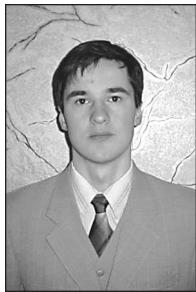
Last book read: A novel "*Consider the Lilies*" by a famous Scottish writer Iain Crichton Smith. The book focuses on a period in Scottish history called the Highland Clearances, which occurred between 1792 and the 1850s. The book explains what made hundreds of Scots flee to Canada. The book reveals many social tensions, which were urgent at that time in Scotland. The book has given me a better understanding of the historical reasons for European immigration to Canada.

The Orange Revolution was Ukraine's vital choice for European integration and open civil society. In the immediate 14-year Ukrainian history, it has been an unprecedented case when the people truly became the source of power and transformed the state into a democracy de facto. The revolution made it possible for Ukraine to speak the common language with developed democratic countries and establish long-term cooperation. Yet, I think there are some Ukrainians who do not want to accept the new government and the fresh environment, yet! For those individuals, up-coming social, economical, and political improvements will be the best proof of the wise choice that Ukrainians have made.

President Viktor Yushchenko's priorities for good governance and success in Europe should be eliminating corruption in all the spheres of society, developing fundamental features of a democratic state such as freedom of speech, human rights, high living standards, attracting foreign investors to a Ukrainian free-market economy. As regards foreign policy the priorities are: integration into the European Union, developing cooperation with the US, strengthening Ukraine's reputation among international institutions and facilitating international understanding and economic cooperation.

The Diaspora in the West should assist the democratization and good governance process in Ukraine by monitoring objective interpretation of news and events emanating from Ukraine in the mass media, and insisting that news media have permanent correspondents stationed in Kyiv and not rely on second hand dissemination via Moscow, providing edu-

cational opportunities abroad and at home for young Ukrainians, helping Ukrainian NGOs realize their projects through realistic grants, help arrange seminars and workshops with democracy building & free market organizations in Ukraine to share practical experience and theoretical knowledge and information, for democratization and good governance.



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Last Book read: "*Short encyclopedia of trader*" by Erik Nayman. The book is a financial best-seller, where the main concepts, methods and techniques of successful trading are described in an easy and clear way. I am very interested in the stock exchange and FOREX trading. Unfortunately, this business activity is not highly developed, yet, in Ukraine. As well it is not sufficiently studied by Ukrainian scholars or business people. I am going to study this field in my Ph. D. thesis.

The Orange Revolution was an exuberant manifestation of our unwillingness to suffer under the regime of our past president, and to continue to live as slaves under an authoritarian and corrupt regime. We did not want to live as paupers in a resources rich country where our glorious leader and his clan lived like princes. As an election observer for the Yushchenko coalition, during all 3 rounds of voting, I observed fascinating political activity and maturity of our population and realized that the nation was awaking!

I heard voters saying: "Our future depends on us, on our vote today!!!", something that I did not hear them

saying during 13 years of our Independence. And I have no doubt that our nation now appreciates fully the 5th article of Ukraine's Constitution which reads "...the carrier of sovereignty and the only source of power in Ukraine is the nation..." Henceforth this article is no longer on paper but in the minds of our people!

President Viktor Yushchenko's priorities, for good governance and success in Europe should be EU integration, WTO membership, elimination of corruption. He should think of replacing the old useless and corrupt officials by young, honest and promising specialists. He should work on stabilizing our economic and business fields. Political stabilization should be one of the priority matters, the selection of competent persons to his government, and programs to unite the nation that was artificially and deliberately disunited for political purposes by the old regime.

The Diaspora in the West should assist the democratization & good governance process in Ukraine by creating international student exchange programs. For this new generation will play a vital role in the political economic and cultural development of Ukraine, in the future. The Diaspora can also help by evaluating and monitoring developments in Ukraine from their side, and by publishing scientific, political, economical works and critiques. The Diaspora should support positive steps taken by Ukraine in order to bolster Ukraine's image among the nations of the world.



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The Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program

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In the spring of 2004 twenty-five students came to Canada as part of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program (CUPP) to observe and study the Canadian election and electoral system. In the fall of 2004 another twenty-seven students came to Canada to participate in the traditional CUPP program and complete an internship in the office of a Canadian Member of Parliament. This article looks at the development of the Canada Ukraine Parliamentary Program.

The story of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program (CUPP) begins in 1991 with the proclamation of Ukraine as a free and independent state. This freedom from the Soviet Empire brought new hopes and aspirations for a prosperous future. That year was also special in Canada, as Canadians of Ukrainian heritage celebrated the Centennial of Ukrainian group immigration to Canada.

To mark this Centennial, organizations planned programs and projects to celebrate this milestone. The Chair of the Ukrainian Studies Foundation of Toronto decided to establish a program for undergraduate university students from Ukraine. Its goal was to promote and assist the democratisation process in Ukraine.

The CUPP was established as a Parliamentary Democracy and Comparative Political Studies Internship Semester in the Canadian House of Commons. The internship now lasts on average 10 weeks and takes place in the spring of each year in Canada's Parliament in Ottawa.

The CUPP aims to give university students from Ukraine and now from Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, an opportunity to work with a Member of Parliament and his or her staff, attend Question Period, attend meetings of parliamentary committees, research and prepare questions for question period, work on the newsletter to the constituents, research questions and

issues raised by the constituents and in the debates in the House, perform administrative functions, research government and party policies, attend meetings and conferences of educational organizations, become acquainted with and use the research facilities of the House of Commons and its library, and carry out general office duties.

The CUPP also gives us the chance to learn about and share Canadian culture, point of view and current trends in a country where both English and French are spoken, as well as Chinese, Italian, Indian, Pakistani, and so many other languages. CUPP gives us the opportunity to develop and practice certain diplomatic skills by acting as representatives of our universities, our society and our country. Coming to study and live in Canada broadens our horizons and gives many of us our first opportunity of living in a western society.

The first CUPP program brought only 3 students to Canada but after fourteen years there are now more than 300 alumni representing all regions of Ukraine. There are graduates currently studying and working in a variety of professional fields including political science, medicine, engineering, law and education. It is hard to imagine how fast-developing, multifaceted and popular CUPP has become.

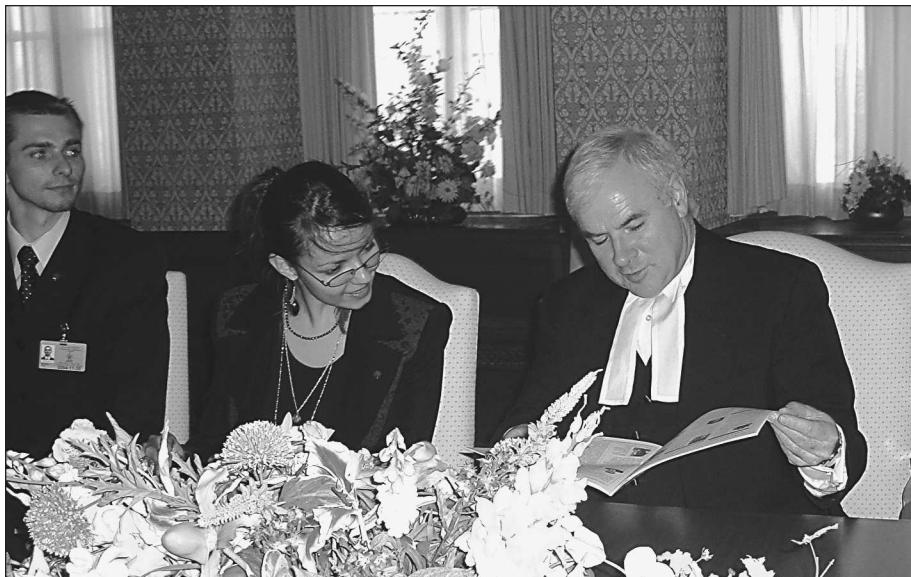
Candidates for CUPP are selected, based of academic excellence, volun-

teer work in the community, leadership potential, recommendations of their teachers, and fluency in English or French, and Ukrainian. However, most CUPP interns speak more than Ukrainian, English or French. In fact, among the students of 2004 Program, there is a number who also speak Arabic, Armenian, Byelorussian, German, Georgian, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Russian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish, and Turkish.

Canada Live: A Report from the 2004 Interns

The 2004 Spring internship turned out to be very special for all participants. From May to June for the second time in our history, twenty-five students completed their internship during a Federal election campaign, thereby acquiring knowledge about how a democratic, fair, and transparent election process works.

The Fall 2004 group was the first one in fourteen years of the program's existence to witness and work under conditions of a Minority government, learning how to negotiate on controversial issues, search compromise, and how the government and the opposition can complement each other for the sake of working for the good of the country. These unique experiences were gained through direct work in the offices of Members of Parliament. This is without a doubt the most important part of the CUPP internship.



Speaker Peter Milliken met with interns Nataliya Salo and Ivan Skrypka.

Before they start interns attend an in-depth seminar, on the Canadian political system, to get first-hand knowledge of the theoretical background of how Canadian legislative and executive bodies function.

Next, each student is assigned to an MP's office with, three out of four parties represented in the House of Commons - Liberal, Conservative, and NDP. One student worked in the office of the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. Such diversity gives each participant a different view of the Canadian Parliament.

Each of us worked as a full-fledged member of our MP's team, assuming all the responsibilities and performing all the duties that came with it. This definitely gave us a wide scope for application of all our leadership, communication, language, computer, and analytical skills.

The intern's duties varied from office to office. Sometimes we acted as administrative assistants, answering the phone, picking up and sorting mail, helping the visitors, receiving and analysing feedback from the ridings.

Some of us had an excellent opportunity to put our language skills to a good use by doing translations at the request of the office staff or searching databases in the source language.

Conducting research was also one of the most important and interesting aspects of our regular duties. This challenging task allowed us to gain an understanding of current burning issues of Canadian society (e.g. BSE problem, same-sex marriages, sponsorship scandal, etc.) and the ways politicians are dealing with them.

The luckiest of us got a chance to contribute to Canadian policy-making. Can there be anything more exciting than to watch your MP asking a question during the Question Period or delivering a speech that you have been working on, and realizing that the whole country is watching!

An important aspect of our multifaceted experience in Canada was visiting the riding of the MP. Some of us had a chance to make such a trip and meet the staff of the constituency offices to get an idea of the whole spectrum of Canadian governance.

We were learning about Canada not only in our offices, but also by following events on the Hill. The first such event was the Speech from the Throne. This left a deep impression on us. One observed the respect for a long standing tradition and its incorporation into the modern political life of the country. This created a special "Canadian" mood that lasted during our whole stay here.

The rigorous debate following the Speech from the Throne was for us, the next impressive aspect of a parliamentary democracy system. The debate on the Speech from the Throne resumed after Question Period, which fulfills the important function of imposing practical control, by a strong opposition over the stated intentions of the governing party.

For most generations of CUPP interns, Question Period, media scrums, and briefings exemplify the high degree of openness on the Canadian system - something we would like to see one day implemented in the Ukrainian parliament.

But openness of the Canadian parliament goes well beyond Question Period and media scrums. It is accessibility of the MPs that strikes us most. We were amazed how easily average Canadians can get hold of their MPs, come to their offices both in the ridings and here in Ottawa, talk to them about their problems and actually get help or least a receptive ear.

Accessibility is derivative from openness. Openness comes from people, and Canadians working on the Hill are definitely open, easygoing, and approachable.

"We like to keep it simple", said Peter Stoffer, MP for Sackville-Musquodoboit Valley-Eastern Shore during the meeting with us. And truly most of the MPs here do not suffer from "star disease" but simply want to do their job well. In a situation where every vote counts, proper representation of their constituents here on the Hill is the biggest challenge and the primary task of every MP.

Every office is weighed down with work - preparing legislative reports, writing executive summaries, pursuing research projects, writing speeches for session days, communicating with the ridings by means of householders and "temper centers", etc., but it all is being done in friendly relaxed atmosphere, which made us feel comfortable, from the first day of our internship. To make its own contribution to building an informal but productive atmosphere inside the House of Commons, even the parliamentary newspaper - The Hill Times,

<p>conducts an annual survey among political staffers to decide on the sexiest, stylish, entertaining, and so forth, MP on the Hill.</p> <p>We came with a stereotype that all MPs are extremely serious people, who think only about politics, and any deviations from this norm are unacceptable. In Canada we witnessed the situation when politicians are not afraid to be made fun of. During this year's annual Press Gallery Dinner Canada's political elite demonstrated that they have an excellent sense of humour. Governor General Adrienne Clarkson, for example, appeared in front of the public in sportswear with a backpack and a cap turned to the side, knocking our whole CUPP group from our chairs. We realized that only in a free and open country is there an opportunity for politicians to joke about themselves and not be taken too literally. Ukraine still has a long way to go to this level of freedom and camaraderie.</p> <p>Openness and keeping things simple, by Canadian parliamentarians made our internship extremely informative and interactive. We had no problems arranging all sorts of meetings with MPs from different parties, senators, representatives of various government departments and agencies (including the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and Canadian International Development Agency), embassies of the USA, Armenia, and Ukraine. Even the House of Commons Speaker Peter Milliken, MP for Kingston and the Islands, found time to meet with us. Every meeting with these tremendously interesting people cast a new light on how Canada's Parliament and its people, function and live on a day-to-day basis.</p> <p>We were very pleased to meet with MPs of Ukrainian descent including Walt Lastewka for St. Catherine's, Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Etobicoke Centre, and Senator A. Raynell Andreychuk of Saskatchewan. We are proud that they still care about maintaining Ukrainian roots in the Ukrainian-Canadian community that they remember Ukraine, and help to contribute to its democratic development. Even more important, they expressed the belief that the young generation of</p>	<p>Ukrainians, to which we also belong, will be able to make the change in Ukraine and to create a new positive image of the country on the international arena.</p> <p>But there was also another aspect of meeting politicians of Ukrainian heritage. We finally realized how important culture, history, and language are for understanding certain patterns inside a society, how different mentalities emerge based on historical memory and conditions. Learning about the Canadian governance system is necessary but not sufficient for understanding how Canadian society works. To get the full picture, one has to know more about Canadian history and culture, for these are the cornerstones of understanding Canada. For this reason we had a series of events that helped us to broaden our outlook and develop a better understanding of what was going on around us.</p> <p>For us, the key words to define Canadian culture are diversity and multiculturalism, which is about realizing that all cultures interact and coexist in Canada but still maintain their Ukrainian, French, Chinese, Irish, Italian etc. roots and traditions. Canadians do not melt their people into a stew. Canada allows its people to maintain their traditions while building up their Canadian roots and identity. You can visit Ukrainian Mass with the Gospel read in both English and Ukrainian languages, or visit Montreal, which is both "European" and "North American", or eat Chinese food in a Canadian restaurant and think of yourself as a discoverer of each of these cultures, and enjoy and appreciate any or all of them. That's because to be Canadian means to believe in tolerance, mutual understanding, and democracy.</p> <p>Probably the best "cultural experience" for us was the visit to the Canadian Museum of Civilizations, which encompasses fragments of daily life of Canadians from different regions, showing them in historical retrospective - the Grand Hall exhibits the traditional culture of First Nations, the Canada Hall depicts scenes of European influence on Canada. You can get an idea of a Chinese hand laundry, a Ukrainian</p>	<p>Booksellers Shop or walk into the St. Onuphrius Ukrainian Church. What we have noticed is that Canadians respect every culture and are open to accept its influence on what comes to be Canadian culture. Moreover, Canadians preserve their historical markers and treat them with respect. This is an example worth following by every nation.</p> <p>Other museums, which helped us to understand the country, were Canada and World Pavilion with the Spirit, Heart and Mind sections, and the National Gallery of Art with its exhibitions of paintings from all parts of the world. The First Nations in Canada were a whole new discovery for us. We were greatly impressed by the Inuit Art collection (traditional carvings, graphic works), which created in our minds a vivid image of how the people in northern circumpolar region live and what their hopes and beliefs are.</p> <p>Still it is useful to remember that a country is about the people who live there. We are very grateful that we had a chance to share a lot of cultural experiences by interacting with average Canadians.</p> <p>At first sight it seemed strange how confident and patriotic Canadians are. But Canada is the country, where the Charter of Rights and Freedoms is not just words on a paper. Therefore, there are equal rights for every Canadian regardless of race, national origin, colour, sex, age or mental abilities. Women in Canada are very involved in governance, business, cultural and social life of the country. Many of the Senators are female.</p> <p>Every person in Canada is an individual, who is important to the whole country. We discovered that there is strong support for the homeless, the poor and disabled by means of social security provided by the state. Every individual is of great value. That is probably the best cultural experience: to gain the feeling of mutual respect, to believe in equality, freedom and justice.</p> <h3>Where are they Now</h3> <p>The experience and knowledge gained during the CUPP internship opens up new horizons for many alumni upon the</p>
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Borys Wrzesnewskyj MP with Ismayil Khayredinov and Natalia Tserklevych.

program's completion. Over the years former participants have been proving by their work and progress how effective the Program has been.

When looking at CUPP alumni profiles, one can readily see the great contribution CUPP has been making to the education of future leaders of Ukraine. Graduates of past programs are now diplomats in the Ukrainian Foreign Service, professors at universities, advisers to Ministers in Ukraine and abroad, to financial institutions and multinational corporations, assistants to members of the Ukrainian Parliament (the Verkhovna Rada), under contract to the World Health Organization, The Council of Europe, The United Nations, the World Bank, and the IMF. One graduate is a deputy mayor, and several are councillors in municipal governments.

Olga Makara (1994) has summarized the opinion of the majority of CUPP Alumni, "CUPP played a key role in my professional activity and education. This is the real course of democracy for Ukrainian students, which provides an understanding of what is crucial for Ukraine's future and prosperity."

The first step of a significant part of CUPP alumni after returning from Canada is continuation of their educa-

tion. Many are pursuing Master's degree and/or PhD in Ukrainian or foreign institutions. Alumni have received scholarships for studies at Boston University, Duke University, Johns Hopkins University, Oxford University, University of Amsterdam, University of Toronto, University of Maastricht, Cambridge University, McGill University, Harvard University, Sorbonne University, York University, LSE, University of Edinburgh, University of Calgary, University of Warsaw and many more.

The quest to earn international degrees (International Relations, International Economics and Finance, International Development etc.) and LLM apparently can be explained by the influence of the Canadian experience. A lot of the alumni go through an internship at the Ukrainian Parliament where they work at various departments and committees.

Mykhailo Danylo (2000) completed an internship at the European Union Commission in Brussels, Belgium, and at the European Union Parliament in Strasbourg, France. Evhen Palenka (1995) was awarded Prize by the World Bank and Harvard University for his paper on the Ukrainian Taxation System. Actually, the topics of some thesis' are worthy mentioning since

they demonstrate the positive reformative intentions of the graduates. For example: The Law on the Protection of Honour and Honesty, Ukrainian National Image in the World, and Legal Approaches to the Development of European Security. The Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program experience encourages many alumni to start working at government and justice institutions. This raises hopes that the Rule of Law and democratic principles learned during the CUPP Program will soon be implemented in Ukrainian society. Here are some examples of this positive tendency.

Nazar Bobitski (1994) held a post of Attaché at Embassy of Ukraine in Brussels, Belgium, and now he is working at Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine in Department of European Union.

Luba Gribkova (1993) has been employed by Municipal Government of Yalta, as chief specialist and head of Foreign Development and Investment Policy Departments since 1999.

Lawyer Lev Kozakov (1997) specializes in commercial litigation and advocacy work before governmental bodies.

Volodymyr Omelyan (1999) was an Attaché of the NATO and European Security Division and currently he is Third Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the International Organisations in Vienna, Austria.

Mykhailo Danylo (2000) served four years as Municipal Government Councillor in Kyiv.

Viktor Dovhan has been working at the Ukrainian-European Policy and Legal Advice Centre in Kyiv.

Maksym Rayko and Nataliya Mykolska have joined the staff of the top Ukrainian law firms Magister & Partners and Vasyl Kisil & Partners correspondingly.

Olga Kravchenko has been an employee at the Constitutional Court of Ukraine since 2002.

The board and sponsors of CUPP may be also proud of Oksana Rudiuk (1996), Olga Dmytrenko (1998), Hanna Kossiv (1998), Natalya Syedina (2000), and Tetyana Nedashkovska (2003).

Oksana has been involved into anti-corruption Program "Partnership for a Transparent Society". Olga is now working at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France. Hanna has been an active member of "Faith & Light", communities for mentally challenged individuals. President of Ukraine appointed Natalya to Ukrainian Students Council. And Tetyana was an organizer of the Annual Ecological Initiative "Cleanse Your City of Wasters".

Conclusion

The CUPP has given birth to some sparkling stars in the Ukrainian social and political universe, but lots of problems remain unsolved. We believe that the expertise, experience, and spirit of those who at least once have encountered true democracy will help to overcome all the difficulties on the way of building a free and democratic Ukrainian state.

The CUPP is an invaluable gift from Canada because it invests in Ukrainian, Armenian, Azerbaijani and Georgian youth. The CUPP Director stresses that "We want to see Ukraine as prosperous and free as Canada." Not only does he preach it, but from year to year he and his board work to organize a new CUPP program and welcome a fresh group of students to Canada. Everyone associated with the program is grateful to Canada for its hospitality and for sharing its knowledge with us. You have made new converts to the Canadian way! As we leave the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program we, will do our best to justify your faith and hope in our future.

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CUPP '04 with Walt Lastewka MP.



CUPP '04 on the Hill.

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