



President's Message

Dear Readers and Delegates,

It's that time of year! Exams are completed, notes are discarded, and many of us head home (wherever that may be) for the summer break. A select few, however, make the pilgrimage to attend the SUSK National Congress. Held in May of each year, the SUSK Congress is the most important decision making body of the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union. Here, amongst their peers, is elected the SUSK National Executive, resolutions are announced and debated, and constitutional amendments are discussed. That is of course only part of it. There are workshops, leadership seminars, and lectures. There are case competitions, games, and of course, in true Ukrainian fashion: a Banquet and Zabava!

This year's 55th National SUSK Congress (May 9 – 12, 2013) is entitled "SUSK Fuels the Future!" It is hosted by our affiliate in Edmonton, Alberta,

the University of Alberta Ukrainian Students' Society (USS). **Welcome!** I extend my thanks to the co-leaders of the organizing committee, Adrian Warchola and Sasha Vorotylenko, and of course the USS for their hard work and their upcoming hospitality.

I want to reflect briefly on the theme for this year's conference. It is entitled "SUSK Fuels the Future." This is not only a play on words (we are after all in oil country), but also a call to action. Many Ukrainian Canadian organizations are facing a crisis of leadership. There is lack of generational change, there is lack of interest, and there is a general apathy amongst many of our peers with respect to those institutions which raised, guided, and moulded us. There are certainly exceptions. But in many spheres volunteerism dwindles, and financial viability is a growing concern. As young leaders, we have a responsibility to turn the tide. We have the duty of ensuring: the Ukrainian Canadian community remains strong and relevant in Canadian Society at large, that





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Ukrainian language programs and courses at the primary, secondary and post-secondary level remain funded and open, that Multiculturalism continues to be part of broader policy discourse, and finally, that the Canadian government continues to insist on a free, democratic, and autonomous Ukraine.

This is my 5th Congress and will be my 5th year active on the SUSK Executive. I have seen the potential that many of you exhibit, and I have been privileged to see SUSK, after many years of inactivity, flourish, grow, and prosper. Only five years ago, our Congress activities were modest at best. They featured roughly twenty participants and did not reflect the true collective power of our community. Through hard work, committed fundraising, and persistence, we have increased our visibility, and professionalism. This weekend will feature over 50 registrants, and will

culminate with a Zabava that features the venerable Shumka dance group in front of hundreds of guests. This was no small feat! Please ensure this legacy continues! On a happier note: have fun, make new friends, and enjoy the wonderful events we have planned for you! Most of all: Get SUSK'ED!

All my best,

Danylo Korbabicz, President
SUSK National Executive 2012-2013

McGill Ukrainian Students'
Association 2012/2013

The McGill Ukrainian Students' Association (MUSA) has had a busy year! While managing to pull off our classic events, we introduced a few new ones. We even brought back the



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Montreal ZABAVA!

September, as usual, was a month of getting ourselves organized and setting out our goals for the year.

In October, we held a Ukrainian Parliamentary Elections Evening, in which we focused our discussions on the upcoming elections and the current political situation in Ukraine. The evening included presentations by two former election observers (Mykhaylo Petechuk, a Ukrainian student studying at McGill, and former SUSK president Artem Luhovy) as well as engaging round-table discussions. We also co-hosted a Halloween Party in which we raised proceeds for Help Us Help the Children, a Canadian charity which does work in Ukraine, as part of the entrance cover.

In November, we commemorated the Holodomor with our second annual Holodomor Awareness Food Drive, and



proceeds went to the NDG Food Depot. We advertised the drive with the phrase “Hunger hurt then. Hunger hurts today,” making the connection between the historical importance of the Holodomor and the pain felt by those struggling with hunger in poverty today. Later in the month, the Franko sisters hosted one of our two varenyk-making evenings, a social event in which we made and ate delicious traditional Ukrainian food, as well as sang and played tons of great Ukrainian music,

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accompanied by our many talented musicians.

We got right back into it in the second semester, with our annual pre-Malanka Ukrainian Week. On the Wednesday before Montreal's Malanka zabava, we went caroling as part of a kolyada fundraiser. On Thursday, Lydia Dyda, who is both a member of MUSA and Marunczak Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, gave us a Ukrainian dancing lesson to brush up our moves for the kolomeyka. On Friday, we hosted a pre-Malanka social evening which included signature MUSA beverages, and held a varenyk sale.

In February we participated for the second time in McGill's International Food Festival, which raises money for international development projects supported by the Borderless World Volunteers. This year, MUSA made 500 varenyky the night before the festival, and the Marunczak Ukrainian Dance Ensemble represented MUSA for the performance piece. It was a great show!

In March, we held our largest event of the year – the MUSA ZABAVA. It was held at the Ukrainian National Federation (UNF) Hall (dyakuyu YHO!). The band PYX from Toronto played for the event, and our many guests, including out-of-towners, danced up a

storm. Later in March, we held our annual Eastern European Apartment Crawl. We participated along with the Polish, Baltic and Greek clubs in a night-long eclectic mix of liberal drinks, tasty food, trashy beats, and cultural traditions.

We finished off the year in April with a Human Trafficking Awareness Evening. We screened the film “The Whistleblower”, a film based on the real



story of a Peacekeeper whose work in Bosnia uncovered a human trafficking conspiracy in which international agencies and operatives were complicit. As well, Bethany Hastie J.D. LL.M. gave an introductory speech, giving both a Canadian and Ukrainian context to the issue of human trafficking. All proceeds raised on this evening went to the Help Us Help the Children Anti-Trafficking Initiative.

It's been an eventful year: MUSA's on a



roll, and we have no intention of slowing down. Through our collaborations with other Montreal-area universities, we are growing a strong Ukrainian-student community in the city at the heart of Canadian student activism. Though the past eight months have been full of hard work, we are laying the foundations for a club with strong connections both with the student and Ukrainian communities. Our future hopes for the club center around strengthening these ties, tapping into the socially engaged youth culture of Quebec to address Ukrainian issues, and connecting deeply with the historic and dedicated Ukrainians of Montreal.

Nadia Demko and Olesia Lewyckyj

McMaster Ukrainian Students' Association

The McMaster Ukrainian Students' Association or MUSA, is one of the most vibrant clubs at McMaster University. Located in Hamilton, Ontario, the club has had yet another successful year. During the 2012 – 2013 school year, MUSA participated in McMaster's Clubsfest, where Ukrainians on campus got a chance to meet the executive and sign up as members of the club.

The club held several successful events including Bowling Night & Pub Night. To commemorate Holodomor, a display was set up in our student centre. Finally, the club

participated in the annual Pangaea event that showcases the multicultural diversity of the student body on campus.

The biggest event of the year for MUSA is the Annual Golden Horseshoe Volleyball Tournament & Zabava. This year we celebrated the 11th anniversary of the tournament by hosting the biggest tournament to date. We were happy to welcome over 120 players on 14 teams. Following the tournament, competitors and supporters attended an awards reception and zabava getting a chance to dance the night away to the music of Toronto local bands Zapovid & Crazy Voda. MUSA finished off the school year by holding executive elections.

A big thank you to the outgoing 2012 – 2013 executive!!

Once Upon a Varenkyk

Dear *Student* reader, I would like to tell to you a story. Before I begin my tale I will warn you that this is not a tale for the faint of heart. This story is a tale of lust, violence, and tragedy. It chronicles the adventures of two varenkyk by the name of Slavko and Nataalka.

Slavko and Nataalka came into this world in the same way that any varenkyk do, by the magical fusion of cheese and potatoes caressed by dough that has been precisely molded by the skillful



craftsmanship of a loving pair of baba hands. Shortly after their wondrous birth, both Slavko and Natalka were tossed into the raging chaos that is a pot of boiling water. It was here that among a traffic jam of young and confused varenyky the two first set eyes on each other. Both were instantly mesmerized by the sight of the other. Natlka, a fine specimen with curves in all the right places, the kind of varenyk you just want to drag your tongue all over, an absolute bombshell! And Slavko, a strong and handsome lad, perfect spooning material for any lady, a true kozak! It was love at first sight!

For the span of several minutes the two were star struck as they whirled around in the madness of the pot trying to catch another glimpse of one another. Then for a brief moment they bumped up against each other only to be separated again by the relentless collision of forces that cruelly dictated the wild ride on which they were passengers. That moment, although excruciatingly short was indescribably sensual! Both longed for nothing more than a repeat of that perfect moment, but alas it was not to be. Baba's wooden spoon had started

swooping in and removing the perfectly cooked varenyky from the pot.

The varenyky were then packed into a large bowl and smothered with butter. Unfortunately Slavko and Natalka found themselves on opposite sides of this monstrous culinary expanse, such an agonizing and unjust fortune. There they sat for what seemed like an eternity, until a moment came when baba's wooden spoon once again plunged into the massive bowl and started efficiently transporting the varenyky to the a serving plate on the kitchen table. As fate would have it our pair was once again reunited, this time directly side by side upon the plate. It was a dream come true! The two were in paradise, absolute bliss. They fondled in an intense erotic fashion.

Unfortunately, the magical and stimulating moment was suddenly shattered when seemingly out of nowhere an evil four-pronged metal object pierced through the side of Slavko and heartlessly stole him away! Feelings of sadness and agony swept over Natlka. How could the world be so cruel to take her dear Slavko from her? Then, before she knew it a malevolent shiny entity was upon her also and she too was painfully impaled and carried away to some unknown destiny.

Now, my friends, we have come to the point in the story where I leave the





telling up to you. Were the mysterious metallic crafts in fact one in the same, and if so did they successfully deposit our lovers in the same mouth, where they would eventually make their way into the same stomach and become reunited to live happily ever after? Or, were they two separate metal monsters with different destinations, leaving our lovers separated for eternity? I leave that decision up to you.

You might now ask why I have shared this story with you. Was it to shed light on the interesting fact that varenyky are in fact not asexual? Or, was it maybe to pay homage to the most sacred of Ukrainian culinary treasures? Or am I merely a lonely heart with an odd food fetish that has nothing better to do but stay up at night and write articles for the only magazine that will publish them? Although all of these are intriguing topics they are ultimately not the primary purpose of this story. I would wager all of the varenyky in the world that if you are a SUSK congress delegate reading this article there is a good possibility that you are either currently recovering from the consumption of alcohol and lack of sleep from last night, or, preparing for an evening of a similar variety tonight.

Now, I would like to take this opportunity to say that I wholeheartedly support the social aspect of a SUSK congress and everything that goes with it. In fact I think it is a fundamental aspect of the SUSK congress experience. By all means, do have some drinks and make friends, they will stay with you for your whole life. Who knows, maybe SUSK congress will even be your pot of boiling water and maybe you'll meet your Slavko or Natalka (a latent function of the congress, no doubt).

As mentioned above, social aspects are very important parts of the SUSK congress. However, having said that, I also think it extremely important to stress that the purpose of a SUSK congress is to acquire and develop skills which will help you to become a more efficient and effective leader in your local Ukrainian student organizations as well as in the greater Ukrainian community. It is the professional seminars, speaker sessions and development workshops throughout the congress that are invaluable in helping you to achieve this. You are the leaders of the future and similarly to the fate of our story, it is up to you to continue the story of the Ukrainian community and decide its fate. It is up to you whether



you will take this opportunity during the congress and make the most of the tools provided to you. I strongly encourage you to ensure that you battle through your hang over and sleep deprivation and take an active part in this aspect of the congress. This year's congress motto is "SUSK Fuels the Future", please do keep that in mind over the course of the weekend.

Happy SUSK-ing!

- Lonely and mysterious
Student magazine contributor

The Waterloo Ukrainian Students'

Association: A Year in Review

The Waterloo Ukrainian Students' Association (WUSA) is made up of students attending the University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario. This past year, membership consisted of approximately 60 students.

WUSA kicked off the year promoting our club at Clubs' Days at both universities. At our first General Meeting, we discussed ideas for the upcoming year over varenyky (with fried onions and bacon) and beer, a club tradition. Ukrainians invaded Oktoberfest once again this past fall,

bringing vyshyvanky and mad polka skills to Kitchener-Waterloo's famous Bavarian festival. In November, WUSA brought together members of the local community to commemorate the tragedy of the Holodomor. Students organized a commemorative panakhyda, followed by a screening of *Genocide Revealed* at the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of St. Sophia in Waterloo, at which a solemn meal of borscht and dark rye bread was served.

WUSA members celebrated Rizdvo by visiting the houses of local community members for Kolyada. This annual event is an important community outreach initiative, helping to build relationships between students and the local community. Similarly, several students organized tables to help support the local Kitchener-Waterloo Malanka, celebrating the New Year. In February, WUSA, together with the Guelph Ukrainian Students' Association, competed in the annual volleyball tournament hosted by the McMaster Ukrainian Students' Association in Hamilton. Throughout the winter term, students were also encouraged to drop in for lectures given by Dr. John Jaworsky, a long-time supporter of WUSA and professor of political science at the University of Waterloo. This past



year, Dr. Jaworsky taught a course on Soviet Successor States, presenting interesting lectures on various topics relating to Ukraine and the former Soviet Union.

In the spring, WUSA hosted a film screening of *Fire Crosser*, a new film by Ukrainian director Mykhailo Ilyenko. The event was very successful, drawing a large and diverse crowd of Ukrainian and non-Ukrainian students and members of the local community. The event helped raise awareness of Ukrainian cinema and afforded attendants a rare opportunity to experience a beautifully woven historical drama unfold on the big screen. Ukrainian students welcomed Easter with a pysanka workshop hosted by the parish of the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Holy Transfiguration in Kitchener. Finally, an end-of-year pub night and elections were held to celebrate the end of another year of hard work and to set the stage for next year.

A big thank you goes out to all WUSA members, particularly the Executive, for their dedication and support throughout the past year. WUSA would also like to take the opportunity to extend its best wishes to SUSK in light of its 55th National Congress – bud'mo!

WUSA Executive 2012-2013

“Ми духи одвічної стихії...”

Що то значить, бути українцем? Багато з нас (студенти) є наслідки третьої хвилі; тобто, наші баби і діди втікли з України після Другої Світової війни, шукаючи кращу долю. Хоча до Канади прийшли через економічних причин, перед ними лежало важкий шлях – вони опинилися в чужі країні, переповнена потенціалом. Тому що не могли в рідні країні, вони продовжували боротьбу за незалежну Україну через створенням організації з тою самою метою. Незабаром, в діяспорі зацвіла визвольний рух, яка складалося з організаціях як Спілка Української Молоді, Пласт, Ліґа Визволення України, і.т.д. У них була надія, такий палаючий дух який не буде згасений поки іноземна ворожа країна кирує наше добро, добро нашої батьківщини.

Протягом наступних десятиліття, політичний клімат в Україні в принципі перевернувся на кращу сторінку. Україна тепер існує як Соборна і Свободна Держаба, і демократія є офіційна політика в уряді. Ми вже понад 20 років стараємося себе переконати що це



правда, але навіть що Україна є вільна країна не значить що вороги вже не існують. Україна проголосила незалежність 6 разів у двадц'ятому столітті, і 5 разів ця дрібна свобода силою було вирвано з наших руках. Історично, українська молодь є найважливіша потуга яка веде позитивні зміни, і ми в діаспорі не є виняток того. Ми всі пам'ятаємо наші почуття в 2004 коли вибори на Україні були зфальсификовані, але мало знають від чого почалася цілі протести. Початок Помаранчевої Революції в 2004 вибухла коли студенти Київсько-Могилянської Академії вийшли в дорогу оголошуючи страйк навчання аж поки справді вибори не відбудуться. Цілий світ був заскочений що інститут який переважно плекає ліберальні підходи і не займається політичними справами так строго суперечував наслідки виборів. Їхній заклик гомонів через океан, і мав вплив над нами тут ближче наших домів. Молодь - це скарб нашого народу; цей випадок нас пригадав про цю тривалу правду. Я сам пам'ятаю як ми їхали до Отави протестувати вибори в 2004 коли мені було лише 16 років, не зважаючи що встали в 5:30 рано, чи що пропущуємо школу.

Це було перший раз у моєму житті що, на моїх очах, між всіх українців було з'єднаний ціль, з'єднана мрія. Це була *наша* нагода показати всім що українська молодь ще тримає віру в Батьківщину, і до певної міри, ме перемогли. Але навіть якщо Україна відкрито не кличе за поміч, ми, як свідки свободи рідної України, є зобов'язані відповісти.

Ми справді зродилися у великій години. Але на жаль, наша молодь в діаспорі стає байдужою; Україна плаче - пімсти Її! Через Союзу Українського Студентства Канади, ми студенти нарешті маємо наш власний засіб показати всім що ми готові плекати характер наших предків. Тепер очікуємо відгук від наших ровесників скрізь Канади. Україні це належиться.

Зенон Чиж

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Ukrainian Students' Society at the University of Alberta

The University of Alberta's Ukrainian Students' Society had a very successful year once again. We began the year off with our annual Lemka Vatra which allowed many of our members, new and



old to get to know each other better. All of our members have a chance to enjoy some free BBQ and chances to win USS swag! Not only is it the first main even of the school year, it's usually the only time that you get to enjoy the warm weather before it plunged to -30 at the end of September. Later in the fall we had the opportunity to participate in an intercultural evening. Here we had the chance to showcase our own culture while learning about the many other cultures at the university. It was a remarkable experience for all involved and USS learned how many different cultural groups there are on campus, and how much more USS can do to be present on campus and show its culture. We were very lucky to have such an opportunity and we hope to continue to see these intercultural nights grow on our campus.

The (long) winter brought about a very busy and exciting time for USS. We had our annual Zakarpattia Zabava featuring Zhyto from Calgary, held at The Warehouse in downtown Edmonton. As well, our ski trip to Jasper was another huge success with members enjoying the slopes at Marmot Basin and enjoying the cold drinks at the De'd Dog. Ukrainian week returned for another year at the U of A with events

happening every day of the week including a movie night, a perogy BBQ and wrapped it up with a workshop to make pasky and pysanky while eating pyrohy! All of these events were well attended and allowed for continued promotion of Ukrainian culture on and off campus.

We ended the year off with our Annual General Meeting where our new executive was elected and plans for next year already began to form. I look forward to yet another dynamic and exhilarating year with USS and the greater Edmonton Ukrainian Community.

Tymothy Jaddock

USS President 2013-2014





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University of Ottawa's Ukrainian Students' Club 2012-2013- Dyakuyu Pani President

It's that time of year again. It's May; the sun is shining and the birds are chirping, Ukrainian Easter is right around the corner and yet another school year has passed. With the many sad goodbyes that graduation demands comes the realization that as club Presidents graduate, their successors must step up

to the plate and continue to spur student involvement in the Ukrainian community and culture...at least, that is true for us, the executive members of the University of Ottawa's Ukrainian Students' Club.

With our club President now becoming *ex*-Pani-President, we look to see all that she has accomplished for USC this past year. Our Ottawa student club has flourished under her guidance and dedication. The many cultural and



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social events USK held this year are a testament to her success in leading her executive to inspire active involvement in the Ukrainian community and celebration of the Ukrainian heritage. We look back on the past year to reflect on all that has been accomplished.

Our events this year can be grouped into social and cultural headings. Our social events this year included Perogie-Vodka nights on campus at the student bar and our bi-annual Eastern European Bloc Party. The second of the two Perogie-Vodka nights we hosted this year incorporated a polka theme throughout the night – a pre-event polka dancing lesson was given courtesy of the Ottawa Svitanok dance group, and there was also a polka dancing contest during the night. Both evenings assured delicious homemade perogies, polka dancing, and cocktails -- Ukrainian-style! Our USC specialty drink was served, as were the world's best chace (perogies of course)! The two Eastern European Bloc Parties (more commonly and endearingly referred to as EEBP) were a collaborated event hosted by all the Eastern European student clubs on campus – a guaranteed good time.

Of a more cultural note were our Koliadu nights, Holodomor awareness advocacy, and Pysanky making workshop. Proceeds from our two nights of caroling this year went in part to Dzherelo, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping children in Ukraine who suffer from cerebral palsy and other neurological conditions. Dzherelo helps these children reach their full potential through extensive developmental and educational therapy programs. Last year, USC donated \$1000 to this incredible organization! USC was also involved in the city of Ottawa's Holodomor Commemoration at the Human Rights Monument in Ottawa, as well as on campus at UofO. All in all, UOttawa's USC has had another successful year. I know I speak for the entirety of the USC exec when I say this success was in large part due to our club President, Tamara Caris. Her hard work and commitment has kept the club flourishing and growing, and we can only hope that next year we will be half as great as this year. Continuing her legacy will be difficult.

We're sad to see you leave, Pani President! USC won't be the same without you!





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Instructor: Radomir Bilash

Fall 2013

UKR 324:

Ukrainian Culture

It's more than perogies and Easter eggs

Examine Ukrainian culture in Canada and Ukraine with a focus on day-to-day life. Learn how beliefs and values are manifested in customs, traditions, art and spiritual culture and how they have transformed throughout history. Explore the links between elite and peasant culture and its impact on the present.

Tue 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Instructor: Dr. Andriy Nahachewsky



Winter 2014

SLAV 499:

Slavic Folklore

Examine the various genres of Slavic folklore and its use in literature and film from the 19th century to the post-Soviet era. Choose readings from Ukrainian, Russian or Polish sources.

Mon Wed Fri 11:00 – 11:50 am

Instructor: Dr. Natalie Kononenko

INT D 439:

Ukrainian Dance

Stop dancing around the questions... find the answers

Discover how Ukrainian dance evolved from a common village practice to a highly popular art form. Dance around! Learn traditional dance steps and choreography and how they've been adapted for the stage. Great for the non-dancers or seasoned performers alike.

Mon Wed Fri 10:00 – 10:50 am

Instructor: Vincent Rees



► Open to students in all faculties ► Instruction in English ► Scholarships available for taking these courses

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