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Dear fellow overworked students and non-students,

Well, it is about time that we had another issue of *CHUTKY* come out! But better late than never, as the old saying goes. This issue of *CHUTKY* is the second issue of *CHUTKY* that I, as SUSK Director of Communications and Publications, have published and sent out to you Ukrainian-(and non-Ukrainian) Canadian students all across Canada. It was very exciting to get the first issue of *CHUTKY* out in December of 1991, but very depressing when I did not receive any feedback or submissions from people other than SUSK executive-ites based in Saskatoon. So, I waited, and waited, and waited for something (in writing) from someone from somewhere, for sometime and then when April rolled around, someone on the SUSK executive (somebody by the name of Danylo P.) said that the SUSK executive has to organize SUSK Congress '92 for sometime this summer. This really threw a loop in *CHUTKY* and further delayed a second issue of *CHUTKY*. After Congress, I took a break for the summer and wound up with a job in Regina. So, here I am at the Regina public library writing what you have just read and what I want to convey to you students, future leaders of Canada and the Ukrainian-Canadian community.

Now that *STUDENT* is no longer with us, it is very important that there exist some form of medium through which students of the Ukrainian-Canadian Students Union (SUSK, pronounced soosk) can communicate, argue, yell out in frustration, and calmly express their views and ideas. Right at this moment, *CHUTKY* is this medium. Sure you can pick up the phone and talk to someone about the problems within the Ukrainian-Canadian community, Canada, SUSK, or any other problems (or what about the good things?) that concern you as Ukrainian-Canadian students. But there is noway that anything will get done about it unless more people know and understand the problem and what you have to say. *CHUTKY* serves as a medium where new ideas can be proposed, and through the process of reader response (letters to the Editor), these new ideas can be refined until you cannot improve the idea. Is this possible? Have we broken down the last barrier to full knowledge? We will find out. Until then, I will start to pump out one issue of *CHUTKY* per month until I am replaced by a more worthy editor. So write down your ideas or news that you would like other Ukrainian-Canadian students know about and we'll have some fun. See you in the next issue of *CHUTKY*.

*The Editor*

## *The Good Ole Days.....*

An interview with Melanie Dewling

1. What year were you a member of SUSK?

I heard of SUSK in 1985 at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario. Then I became really involved in 1988 to 1991. In those years I was V.P. Great Lakes and also SUSK Director of Communications and Publications.

2. What was the major focus of SUSK when you were involved with SUSK?

Our focus for SUSK was in those days lobbying the government on four major issues: WWI Internment Camps, immigration issues, club development and ties with Ukraine.

3. What have you been doing since your days in SUSK?

Well, first of all I moved from London, Ontario, to Edmonton, Alberta. Then I got a job with Met Trust where I recently got a promotion. I am working in the Marketing Division. On a personal note, I got a new house, a new dog, and by the way, my dog's hair color matches mine; we are both redheads. I also sing in a Ukrainian choir here in Edmonton.

4. Have you kept anything or any kind of experience from your years in SUSK?

Great friendships also great pictures and on a personal note, I know I can do things, I also got two things: courage and self-confidence and the ability to meet new people. Finally, I got the feeling that I can do anything I put my mind to. I got this self-confidence from SUSK. I developed my organizational skills in SUSK.

*Our interview with Melanie is continued on the next page...*

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5. If you could give advice to today's members of SUSK about SUSK, what would it be?  
Get involved! In SUSK you have the opportunity to get to know people also to have fun. You learn oh so much. In closing, it was the best of times in all my years of university.

*Thanks Melanie and good-luck!*

An interview with Chrystia Chudczak.

1. What years were you involved with SUSK?

I was involved from 1981-1986, first of all at the club level at the University of Carlton in Ottawa. At the national level, I was SUSK president from 1984-1985 but before that I was Editor of *STUDENT* from 1983-1984. I was Congress Coordinator in 1984 in Ottawa.

2. What was the major focus of SUSK when you were involved?

In the early years it was getting new members involved in SUSK and I also got involved with the Deschenne Hearings and lobbying efforts on Parliament Hill. Working to bring back *STUDENT* newspaper.

3. What have you been doing since your days in SUSK?

Well, I finished with my B.A. in 1988. Also in 1989 I got my M.B.A at the University of Ottawa, I also taught a class at the University of Ottawa. In 1988-1989, I was involved with setting up the Parliamentary Student Internship Program. Then I worked at the Treasury Board of Canada to 1989. Now I am presently working at Revenue Canada. I am involved with the G.S.T.

4. Have you kept anything from your days in SUSK?

I learned many things. I learned that we of Ukrainian-Canadian ancestry are different so I guess you can say that I got a cultural awareness. Also I got to travel and meet alot of people and made alot of friends.

5. If you could give any advice to today's SUSK members, what would it be?

Well, it is very different times now. Get involved to the point where you can afford it, because education is very important now not like in my days when you could take alot of time off and really fully involve yourself in SUSK. However, do not give up your education because education is oh so important now.

*Thanks Chrystia and good-luck!*

*All interviews were conducted by Roman Todos. Thanks Roman.*



## Why I Think SUSK is Important and Should Exist

- Because there are YCKs (Ukrainian Student Clubs and Associations).
- Because SUSK has always existed since about 1954.
- Because it educates young Ukrainian-Canadian students about issues facing the Ukrainian-Canadian community and Canada as a whole.
- Because it prepares students for leadership roles in Canadian society.
- Because it gives YCKs the opportunity to become more aware of other YCKs (Ukrainian student clubs).
- Because it teaches YCKs to work with one another and be successful.
- Because it provides an avenue to making new friends.
- Because it provides a party network.
- Because it provides a dating network.
- Because it gives students at the post-secondary level the opportunity to share their education experiences with others of the same background.
- Because it bridges the gap between students of the Catholic and Orthodox religious backgrounds.
- Because it unites YCKs to speak with one voice if the opportunity arises.
- Because it provides opportunities to travel.
- Because it gives students the freedom to conquer any project that they want.

The above points are not ranked. They were written down as they came to my mind. If you can add to this list please write to CHUTKY. Thanks.

*The Editor*

## Commentary

The question is, "Have students of the 1990s lost their focus and awareness and caring for world affairs?" I feel they have lost their caring and awareness.

I feel that students of today are much more selfish today than their counterparts of the 1970s and 1960s. Students are more aware of events today, however, their involvement stops just at awareness. Getting involved is not a viable alternative.

This involvement is not on their personal agenda anymore. In most cases, sadly, it is only an extra channel on cable, a real life movie channel that one can watch for a couple hours then move on to the sports network or the home shopping network.

The students of the 1960s and 1970s did not even think twice of taking time off to get involved. In its "hey-day" groups like C.U.S.O., OXFAM were turning people away. SUSK also had large numbers. It was an organization of people who wanted to get involved.

Today's students say they are a product of their times. Factors like high unemployment, budget cuts, etc., do not give time to get involved in these groups. Or are the students of today using these reasons as a major smoke screen? Because they only care about keeping up with the Jones, to be part of our materialistic self-centered society? WHAT DO YOU THINK? AM I RIGHT OR AM I WRONG OR DO YOU EVEN CARE ENOUGH TO ANSWER ME?

Yours truly,

An Old Caring Soul

*This commentary was not written by the Editor. The author of this commentary did not want his/her identity revealed. If you or anyone else would like to know the identity of the author, bribes are currently being accepted in exchange for the information. Do not send cash through the mail. Cheques or money-orders can be made out to the Editor's real name found on the last page of CHUTKY. Thanks.*

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