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**AUCA Campus construction process**

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## Time, Cost, and Quality: The Dilemma of the AUCA Campus Construction

The plan to move to the new campus has been postponed, and according to AUCA President Andrew Wachtel, for now it is planned to happen in December, 2014. Students are quite upset about the construction's status quo, so they keep asking questions concerning the new campus, and daydreaming of the days when they are going to study at the new AUCA-owned building.

Another point is that there have been no textual or visual updates for several months either on the official AUCA website or on Facebook. "They [Communications Office] have a lot of stuff to do, probably they forgot about it," comments President Wachtel. The pictures of the construction were uploaded on the university official Facebook page on the next day after the interview, and other information has been added to the website as well.

On February 18, 2014, President Wachtel was glad to respond to the risen by students issues, and shared the process, the progress, and the current state of things concerning the new campus with The New Star team.

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## Любителям анонимок и всем студентам в целом посвящается

Пришло время напомнить зачем мы, студенческие координаторы, вообще нужны!

Напоминание связано с тем, что неожиданно возникла мода писать анонимки на имя вице-президента нашего университета. Странно: казалось бы, времена доносов и анонимных писем давно позади, да и мы в нашем-то Американском университете неустанно твердим о нравственности и о том, как мы, будущее поколение, изменим мир к лучшему.

И что же мы видим? Путь к «лучшему» с первых студенческих шагов прокладывается анонимными письмами, которые по структуре написания больше напоминают донос.

Дело собственно вот в чем. Около двух недель назад коллектив газеты «The New Star» во главе с главным редактором Элиной Туралыевой сообщили, что на имя вице-президента Бермет Турсункуловой пришло анонимное письмо с просьбой принять меры относительно несанкционированных собраний газетной коллегии в 208 кабинете (монтажке). Эти собрания, видимо, мешали работе АУЦА ТВ. Глава департамента Журналистики и Массовых Коммуникаций Елена Скочило была в искреннем недоумении: что за конфликт произошел между студентами. И насколько серьезен он был, раз администрация поручила ей урегулировать его. Но удивлена была не только она: ньюстаровцы были тоже в шоке, так как, по их словам, никто не высказывал им никаких недовольств по поводу сборов в 208 кабинете.

Мы не будем разводить полемику относительно того, кто может или не может собираться в этом кабинете и как часто там проходили эти злополучные собрания. НО! Наш долг напомнить процедуру: обратитесь особое внимание на ОФИЦИАЛЬНУЮ процедуру разрешения неакадемических проблем или конфликтов студентов.

Если у вас есть проблема, не связанная с академической частью, то милости просим к нам! В 104 кабинет! Мы здесь именно для этого! Для отстаивания ваших прав, разрешения спорных моментов и конфликтов. Мы вместе со студенческим сенатом приложим все усилия, чтобы оказать нужную помощь. Если мы будем не в силах сделать это, то к нам на помощь придет декан по делам студентов, и только в том случае, если все мы окажемся бессильны, мы обратимся к вице-президенту, а потом и к самому президенту, если возникнет необходимость.

В данной ситуации все могло разрешиться куда проще. Достаточно было бы поговорить друг с другом и прийти к компромиссу. Или же, если личное общение настолько претит писателям доносов, можно было обратиться к главе департамента Журналистики Елене Скочило, так как монтажный кабинет находится в её ведении.

Мы не принимаем ничьей стороны и не являемся частью команды газеты «The New Star». НО! Писать анонимки – это последнее дело! Давайте учиться говорить друг с другом и не предъявлять претензии, а обосновывать своё мнение и озвучивать несогласие.

Мы очень надеемся, что наш университет даст своим студентам нечто большее, чем умение писать анонимки вышестоящим инстанциям!

С уважением,  
Студенческие Координаторы

Dear AUCA,

We hope that everyone has been keeping warm and motivated through these snowy days. Student Senate has been working hard on completing our platform and distributing funding to our student organizations. We have spent the past weeks helping in organizing “Stream” and arm-wrestling competitions and we are going to conduct an intellectual event “Quiz-night”, which will be held after our midterm exams. The topic of the “Quiz-night” and all the details will be announced later.

Along with the arrangement of aforesaid events, we have been working on solution of the issues concerning the fine for the extension of the deadline for submitting AFFIDAVITS, time limits on the computers in the library on weekends and the scheduling changes at AUCA for 2014-15 academic year. Firstly, many students have missed the deadline for submission of AFFIDAVIT form and some students addressed us their concern about the amount of fine (2,000 soms) they should pay for the extension. Financial Office reminded us that the announcement for submission of AFFIDAVITS was made in November and the deadline was January 31, so students had three month for submitting it. In other words, administration set up such fine because they wanted students to be more responsible and to do everything on time. Concerning the second issue, many students asked to cancel the time limit for using computers in the labs on weekends. The IT department held a survey and the results will be known within a couple days, so the outcome will depend on how many students come to AUCA on weekends. Last but not least, we would like to discuss the schedule changes at AUCA for the 2014-15 academic year. Following a successful experiment in the spring semester, AUCA will move to a full implementation of a scheduling plan that is fairly typical for most universities in the U.S.

The New Star invites photographers and reporters to join the team.  
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According to this plan, classes will either meet three times per week on M, W, F for 50 minutes (the possible scheduling blocks for such classes are 8-9, 9-10, 10-11, 11-12 or 12-1) or two times per week for 1 hour and 15 minutes (the possible blocs for such classes are M, W or M, F, or W,F 1-2:15, 2:30-3:45 and 4-5:15 or T, Th 8:30-9:45, 10-11:15, 11:30-12:45, 1-2:15, 2:30-3:45 and 4-5:15). The only exceptions for this schedule are as follows:

Language courses (except for Russian and Kyrgyz), will meet three times per week for 1 hour and 15 minutes blocs; seminars that meet 1 time per week can be scheduled for 4-6 on any day; some classes that have a single lecture and multiple discussion sections will be scheduled so that the lecture will be 1 hour and 15 minutes on M, W, or F and some sections will meet during the same time block on the days that the lecture is not scheduled for.

The schedule will be organized in the way that will be convenient both for juniors and students with new credit system. Also, as many students complain, there will be no MAKE UP Classes on weekends or holidays. And the dates of the final exams will be fixed and arranged in a manner that students don't have more than two exams per day.

**Keep updated and don't forget to come to room 104 for suggestions and comments.**

Best regards,  
Student Senate

Да возрадуются третьекурсники, близится Juniors Ball aka Donkey Bridge aka ивент-на-который-почему-то-многим-жалко-денег. А зря. Вот мое субъективно-позитивное мнение:

Начну с очевидного: JB – на долгую память. Это одна из трех вех ауковской жизни: Initiation-JB-Commencement, и пропустить такое – большое маленькое преступление! Дело тут не только в добром воссоединении всех тех, с кем познакомился три года назад на Orientation Week и успел позабыть, и даже не в must-have фото с полосатым осликом, а в значении и смысле мероприятия. Donkey Bridge – переход на финишную прямую, прощание с беззаботной жизнью без дипломки и сердитого супервайзера.

Ребята жалуются на высокую стоимость, потому что «за эти же самые деньги можно нормально самим посидеть». Да, можно, даже за меньшие деньги, только вот и вправду «самим». Было дело, отдельные департменты собирались и устраивали себе междусобойчики, но настроение уже, конечно, совершенно другое. Посиделка vs. Бал. Настоящий бал!

И насчет стоимости: в нее входит не только весь банкет, оформление, развлечения, подарки, но и работа промо-группы, причем работа ведь немалая. Был такой опыт в прошлом: проведение JB доверяли сенату. Вроде как сэкономили, только джуниоры остались недовольны. Материально немотивированные сенаторы не были особо заинтересованы в качестве мероприятия. Дело, в общем, гиблое. Промо-группы, выдвигающиеся на тендер, делают работу хорошо, и это, пожалуй, главное. Воспоминания нужны качественные, потому что – см. абзац №2.

Да и в конце-то концов! Когда еще представится возможность потанцевать самый настоящий вальс?

Искренне ваш,  
Довольный Студент

В последнее время в АУЦА возник некий шум, шум готовящихся к Junior Ball джуниоров. На первый взгляд, вроде милая традиция в университете, который чтит все традиции. Но, если приглядеться, возникает много вопросов об этом ивенте.

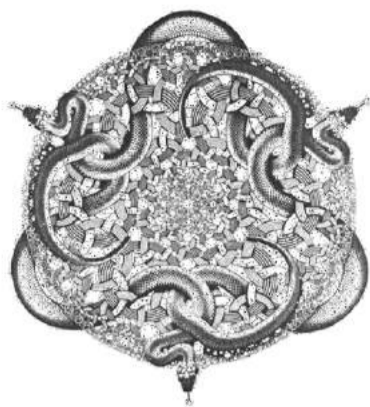
Мое внимание привлекла, в первую очередь, конечно же, материальная часть сего мероприятия. Цена весьма внушительная, стоимость билета на Juniors Ball каждый год колеблется от тысячи до двух тысяч сомов за ОДНОГО человека. А сколько джуниоров у нас в АУЦА? Много. Подсчеты делайте сами.

Но кроме материальной стороны этого мероприятия, у меня возникли и более существенные вопросы. Например, начнем с того, что вообще такое Juniors Ball, зачем его проводят и нужен ли такой ивент самим джуниорам? Оказалось, что многие джуниоры, сами не зная, что это мероприятие представляет собой, идут на него. Для некоторых это лишь очередная вечеринка.

Сами же приготовления к этому ивенту начинаются за несколько месяцев. По традиции это мероприятие открывают сами джуниоры торжественным вальсом. Постановка танца – это еще одна очередная боль в проведении этого мероприятия: это занимает много времени и сил, а учеба в самом разгаре и расслабляться совершенно нельзя.

Но самый для меня неприятный факт – это то, что происходит на самом мероприятии, а именно глупая традиция приводить в ресторан осла, да, живого и настоящего осла. В прошлом году это бедное животное было покрашено в полоску, скажем так, для экзотичности. А причина появления осла на этом мероприятии связана с тем, что по-другому это мероприятие называется Donkey Bridge. Ну не маразм ли: мучить и так свое отмучавшееся животное? Традиции конечно традициями, но тонкую грань между традициями и маразмом пересекать нельзя.

Очень рассерженный ваш,  
Недовольный студент



### Vox populi vox Dei

Latin proverb

The fact that I am starting with a Latin epigraph this time does not mean that I got any more serious. And please don't think I got any more arrogant: it is just the "voice of the people is the voice of God" saying appeals to me and leaves me in splendid cognitive dissonance. Because at the same time I was taught that a crowd has no reason, but it has ears that you have to flatter and eyes that you have to please (para-

phrasing Philip Chesterfield), which I can hardly recognize as a 'vox Dei'. I might, though, confuse crowd with 'populus' (people). With all this sophistry I simply try to tell you that this time I will randomly try to answer your, dear readers' questions sent to Ask.fm. I dare to translate them from Russian; hopefully, the translation is correct. Thank you for those questions.

#### "Has anyone been on probation? And has anyone come back from it? How scary is that?"

Probation is a wonderful state when you are notified that the University is not pleased with your performance. Either academic performance or, say, your behavior. A person can be put on probation (a sword of Damocles is hung over your heads!) not only because of low grades, but also for (a random example) taking a bottle of water from Bravo's fridge with no permission (even if you left money instead). Or for playing cards within the University. Still, probation is not the end of the world. I personally know people who successfully recovered from it. The university gave them a chance to 'hold their brain' (Russianism for growing reasonable) and they used it.

## Can a student from AUCA be competitive with a student from Harvard?

Along with fun and a friendly surrounding of AUCA there is a vital academic component in your life as a student. Certainly there are two rough types of students – the one who are having fun and getting maximum joy out of student life and the others – who are studying hard for getting 4.0 GPA and applying to various programs and conferences.

Both types are present, but do they acknowledge their competitiveness with the students of different universities worldwide, like Harvard or Cambridge?

Let me be clear on that – there is no pure black or white color in our life. If you are a great contributor of AUCA Spirit, you have to ask yourself, how good you are academically. . If you spend all your credits taking "easy" and non-challenging classes in order for you to be involved in the students' activities, you won't probably be able to compete even with your classmates. Think of 44% of young college grads that are unemployed by 2013. When you will graduate, you have to be able to write properly, think critically and make decisions.

For those who are studying only, there is some news as well. Believe it or not, the employer absolutely doesn't care whether your GPA is 4.0 or 3.0 or less (but having 2.5 will put you in trouble though). They will not check your academic success by looking at your GPA or reading your course assignments. They will give you a task to do. I'm not talking about GMAT or SAT or any other required tests which have to go along, but more of practical tests. And if you did all your papers seeking out for an "A" rather than deepening your knowledge of the subject, you will be in trouble. Another fact that will also play a role is your social activity. Nowadays companies don't need blunt people to do stuff, but rather those who are initiative and pro-active in doing things. So if your student life is going to be the way: "home-university-home-homework", you won't simply be able to develop those skills.

The climax of ideas listed above is actually about balancing and in-between tins.

"As far as I understand, the wild inappropriate laugh that sounds in Bravo is what they call 'the spirit of AUCA', isn't it? Normal people hang out in the labs..."

I love the distinguishing between the 'wild students' and 'normal students'. Although, I do not quite understand the limits of applicability of this classification. Do I have to laugh like a hyena any time when I am in Bravo? And do I suddenly get normal when I enter the library building? Left unclear. As a possessor of an absolutely wild and inappropriate laugh, I am outraged by the fact that I am accused of being in Bravo. As a sociology enthusiast, I am outraged by the term 'normal'. As an AUCA student, I was outraged by 'normal' people in the labs who played the guitar the other day in the silent room (!). I summon open-mindedness and loyalty in you, people. And, concerning the spirit, it is neither about the part of campus you spend time in nor about the way you laugh.

#### "Who is Arseniy? What kind of a superman?"

Arseniy asked me not to tell. It is hard to say 'no' when the guy can emit red laser-like beams of solar energy from his eyes.

#### "How to get rid of the smell of the black color, if you like Lenin?"

I am so sorry to hear that your synesthesia gives you a hard time, but I see no way your fondness for the leader of the world proletariat can help you. Or does it, on the contrary, aggravate your suffering? Is that what you mean? Anyway, taking a shower has always been a good remedy for undesirable scents.

#### "What's that Oracle Pie Column?"

Just a humble writing on something you guys might ask. Feel free to do so.

#### Anticipating your questions for the column by e-mail

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Sergei Viatchanin, JMC-110

I want really to stress out the ability of a great student of AUCA, who can do a good (by good I mean fulfilled and meaningful, but not "A" graded) research paper, and contribute to the Unique Spirit of AUCA by doing anything vital aside of pure studying. Admitting both of these sides of a great student, you are creating the atmosphere, where you can feel yourself significant and accomplished both socially and academically. That's what anyone will look for, considering you as a potential employee or intern or program participant. That's what will make you competitive with Harvard or Cambridge alumni: not knowledge or status, but the confidence of who you are and what you can do.

PS: and read books, that also helps.

Nikita Menshov, ICP-110

A+ F-

What Mussolini would've gotten in psychology.  
What Hitler would've gotten in speech.  
What Kaczynski would've gotten in mechanical engineering.  
What Madoff would've gotten in economics.  
What most politicians would've gotten in acting.

What Picasso would've gotten in fine art.  
What Jobs would've gotten in business.  
What Dylan would've gotten in music.  
What Gandhi would've gotten in foreign policy.  
What either Armstrong would've gotten in statistics.

#### Lesson of the day?

It doesn't matter what you get in class . . . only how you use it.

Doghouse Diaries  
"Three idiots."

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## 10 things to do for AUCA students

I am already a third year student, and right now I think about things I did not have time to do during last two years. As all of you know, student times are not only about studying and cramming. I would suggest you ten things that students have to do during their studying at AUCA, at least once.

#### 1. To be an exchange student

AUCA career office offers three exchange programs per semester in different universities in absolutely different parts of the world. Some of them are provided with full scholarships. The main condition is to be freshman or sophomore student!

#### 2. Achieve 4.0 GPA, at least in one semester

Sometimes among all these papers and assignments 4.0 GPA seems to be the highest high. You have to do all assignments perfectly and submit them on time. Try to do it, at least for fun, 4.0 is pretty achievable result.

#### 3. Complete a cool internship at some international organization

Since AUCA is considered to be the best university in Kyrgyzstan, international organizations are glad to accept students from different departments. Follow AUCA mail box and announcements of Career Center and Con-

tinuing Education Center

#### 4. Try yourself as a research assistant

There are always some visiting scholars at AUCA, who are seeking for an assistant. It is a good opportunity to spend time with a clever person, practice English skills, and a good opportunity for those students who are going to build academic career. Most scholars provide little salary for your personal expenses during the work.

#### 5. Definitely take part in Orientation week/ Commencement Ceremony/ Diversity week

Those are ones of the most interesting social events at AUCA. Orientation week, Commencement, Diversity week give you an unforgettable experience, new friends, sharp emotions and AUCA spirit.

#### 6. Attend international conference/internship

You absolutely should visit one of the conferences that take place somewhere in Europe or the United States. This is an awesome opportunity to combine travelling and studying, search something by yourself. Student Intellectual Life Committee will help you to cover expenses.

#### 7. Combine work and studying

AUCA students are very ambitious. Since you have

time and resources, try to combine some work experience with studying, but don't forget that the priority is classes.

#### 8. Stick in the library until midnight

The time that you spend in the library and silent hall is very funny. It looks like these labs are for socialization and having fun. There is something magical when you had fun with your friends and are satisfied with done homework. Another nice detail is AUCA bus, which will get you home.

#### 9. Spend Body Moving Day with Andrew Wachtel

Body Moving Day is one of the brightest events of the whole AUCA student life. It happens only once, only once you have an opportunity to pour water on Dr. Wachtel.

#### 10. Be an active member of one of AUCA clubs.

There are so many interesting clubs at the university. Be one of the active members of that community. It is good networking, fun stuff, parties and practice.

Sincerity,  
Begimai Sataeva, JMC-111

## Time, Cost, and Quality: The Dilemma of the AUCA Campus Construction



Campus construction in process, December, 2012  
Courtesy of Communications Office

**Ernest Aitiev, ES-110: We had to move in Fall 2013, did we not?**

**President Andrew Wachtel (A):** That was absolutely ideal that we would move in Fall 2013, but I do not think anybody has ever thought we would succeed in doing that. I was hoping we would be ready to move in September of 2014, but it looks like that is not going to happen. So I think it is going to be between the semesters next year, sometime in December, 2014.

**Sanjar Sulaimanov, ECO-112: What is the process of construction in general?**

**A:** We now either have signed or today will sign contracts for all of the interior work on the building, which means the mechanical system, electrical system, heating and cooling system, and the plumbing system. And all the people are starting to do their job, we have timelines for their work. The longest time is for ventilation and mechanical work. They are supposed to be done in November, 2014.

**Dima Dyo, BA-113: After we move in the new campus, will there be any things left to be done?**

**A:** It is the long-term plan for the campus, which will actually keep going for years. We would like to build faculty and student housing on the campus, but this is just a plan, which is not going to happen if we have no money. We have some rooms that will be done by June, and others will be finished at the end. So next year the main campus building – classrooms, offices, cafeteria and sports – would be done for sure.

**Farukhruz Konunov, ICP-111: What about sports facilities?**

**A:** There are going to be sports facilities inside of the building, and some external stuff that would not be finished yet. The mini-football would be done inside as well. That is easy to do.

**Kunduz Nurbekova, BA-111: Is there going to be a swimming pool?**

**A:** We might at some point build swimming pool facility. But while we do not have the money, we are not going to start it.

**Jursunay Ismail Kyzy, ECO-111: Is there enough money at the moment? Where does it come from?**

**A:** All the money is fundraised. We need another \$1.5 million, the construction will not stop because there is not enough money though. We are not using the tuition for the campus building. In that respect I do not feel like I am cheating. We are building it as fast as we can.

**Kyzzhibek Batyrkanova, ECO-112 : What can you personally say about the process?**

**A:** I have invested many hours into the project. It is more important to have a good building. There are three issues: time, cost, and quality. We have chosen the quality. When you look at Bishkek Park – it is pretty good, but if you look carefully, things are breaking and windows are falling. They opened on time and said they would fix the problems later. But that is not a good idea. We did not take Bishkek Park's approach. You are not building the campus for one year, you are building it for years. If it will take us a little bit longer, then it will take longer.

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Campus construction process, February, 2014  
Photo by Masha Panfilenko

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В начале февраля в свободной продаже в АУЦА появились долгожданные college hoodies или попроще – свитера с символикой нашего любимого университета. Инициатором создания данного продукта АУЦА выступил PR офис нашего университета. Худис выполнены в простом дизайне. Дизайн был придуман одним из сотрудников PR офиса АУЦА – Эмилем Ахматбековым. В ассортименте имеются шесть разных цветов. Линейка размеров предоставлена от S до XXL. Стоимость худи - восемьсот сомов. Все деньги с продаж худи идут в годовой фонд АУЦА, то бишь на все нужды университета. На данный момент продажи данного продукта идут хорошо, именно в этих свитерах выступала команда АУЦА по шахматам в недавно прошедшей универсиаде. Такого рода продукт очень популярен в зарубежных университетах, спортсмены и члены разных клубов с гордостью носят худи с символикой университета. Также продажи активно ведутся не только среди нынешних студентов АУЦА, но и среди выпускников нашего университета. Недавно был проведен конкурс среди выпускников АУЦА, победителем которого стала Мээрим Шамырканова получившая фирменное худи. Мнения студентов неоднозначны. Одни довольны продуктом, другие же видят недостатки худи.

“Худи мне в целом нравятся, если еще поменять и шрифт, то будет просто здорово,”- поделилась мнением Эркеайым Салиева, JMC-111.

Но бытует менее позитивное мнение сениора Батыра Шабданова, JMC-110:

“По-моему, худи получились не очень, вот и не идут, имхо”.

За комментариями обратились к одному из авторов данного продукта, сотруднику PR офиса, Натали Анарбаевой: “Предлагайте свои идеи для худи, мы всегда открыты для вас”. А пока приобрести данный продукт можно в фирменном магазине АУЦА или в самом PR офисе.

Ваш,  
Спирит

## Интеллектуалы в спорте – наша гордость!

С 25 по 27 февраля в спорт-баре “Greenwich” прошел турнир по шахматам в рамках Универсиады 2014. Честь АУЦА в женской команде защищали: Медина Жумашова ВА-113, Бермет Айдарова ВА-112, Каныкей Чоткараева ICP-112; в мужской команде: Yane Sumkoski PSY-110, Арстанбеков Хан Манас PSY-112, Талапкер Бекбасаров ВА-112. В прошлом году сборная АУЦА по шахматам заняла II место, и поэтому в этом году университет ожидал не меньшего успеха наших шахматистов на универсиаде.

Капитан сборной АУЦА по шахматам, Талапкер Бекбасаров, поделился с нами информацией и впечатлениями от прошедшего турнира.

“Универсиада в этом году для нас прошла очень хорошо. Мы заняли два призовых места. Девушки заняли III место, а мальчики II место. Девушки выступали за сборную АУЦА в этом году впервые, а сборная АУЦА принимала участие уже во второй раз. Среди женских сборных было 11 команд, которые были поделены на 2 группы. Наша женская команда попала в группу А, где в групповом этапе сыграла с 5-ю командами и заняла 1 место, набрав 9 очков из 10. В полуфинале они встретились с командой из БФЭА, где фортуна оказалась на стороне соперников. В итоге наши девочки боролись за третье место против команды из АГУПКР, где обыграли соперниц со счетом 1.5 - 0.5.

Среди мужских сборных выступали 15 команд, которые были разделены на 4 группы. В итоге из

группы наша команда вышла с шестью очками из шести, заняв первое место в групповом этапе. В четверть-финале мы сыграли с командой из БФЭА, где обыграли соперников со счетом 2 - 0. В полуфинале мы встретились с командой из АГУПКР, встреча закончилась со счетом 1 - 1. Так как первая доска (самый сильный игрок сборной, от которого зависит более 60% результата команды - прим. авт.) АУЦА выиграла, то мы вышли в финал. Стоит отметить, что в полуфинал вышли два мастера спорта и два кандидата в мастера спорта по шахматам. В финале мы играли против команды ОШГЮА, где за них выступал мастер спорта Туркменистана по шахматам. В итоге игра закончилась со счетом 1 - 1, но из-за того, что первая доска нашей сборной проиграла (именно я), то первое место заняла ОШГЮА.

Если сравнить состав участников нынешнего розыгрыша с прошлогодним, то можно сказать, что нынешний состав был намного сильнее. Интересный факт: команда заявляет трёх игроков: двое играют и один на замену. В команде университета Ата-Тюрк Ала-Тоо до полуфинального раунда за первой доской играл парень, но потом его место заняла девушка, мастер спорта по шахматам среди женщин по Кыргызской Республике. В итоге она принесла университету Ата-Тюрк Ала-Тоо III место. По регламенту универсиады команда имеет права заявить девушку в мужской части турнира.

Подводя итог, мы можем сказать, что мы решили



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задачу, поставленную перед нами, а именно: в мужской и женской части мы заняли призовые места и не ушли без медалей. Это самое главное. Мы были близки к золотым медалям и надеемся, что в следующем году, наконец, займем первое место. Во-вторых, мы получили признание и уважение других команд. Благодарим администрацию нашего университета и департамент General Education за оказанную поддержку”.

Мы же, в свою очередь, очень гордимся нашей сборной по шахматам и желаем ребятам неоднократных побед.

Кызжибек Батырканова, ЕСО-112

## Отборочный турнир по мини-футболу



Победители турнира, команда “Илбирс”  
Фото Элины Туралыевой

22, 23 и 24 февраля прошел отборочный турнир АУЦА по мини-футболу среди студентов и сотрудников университета во Дворце Спорта. Главная цель турнира состояла в том, чтобы отобрать лучших игроков в состав сборной АУЦА для участия в финальной части Универсиады-2014. В турнире приняло участие семь команд, хотя изначально планировалось восемь команд (восьмая команда не явилась на турнир). В результате первого игрового дня в полуфинал вышли четыре команды, которые поборолась между собой за право выйти в финал. В первом полуфинале между собой сыграли команды “Илбирс” и “ICP”, во втором полуфинале боролись команды “USB” и “Staff” (сотрудники АУЦА). В финал вышли команды “Илбирс” и “Staff”, и в нелегкой борьбе победу одержала команда “Илбирс” со счетом 5:2. В матче за третье место выиграла команда “ICP”.

Официального награждения не было: командам, занявшим призовые места, скромно вручили торты сразу после матчей. Список игроков, попавших в сборную, официально не был оглашен, но в предварительном списке сборной уже заявлено 15 человек. Окончательный список игроков сборной появится ближе к началу универсиады, так как его будут корректировать. Подготовка сборной АУЦА по мини-футболу началась в прошлую пятницу, тренировки планируется проводить два раза в неделю. Универсиада по дисциплине мини-футбол будет проводиться с 12 по 19 марта, участие в ней примут представители большинства университетов Кыргызстана.

Кызжибек Батырканова, ЕСО-112

## Спорт. Жизнь. Armwrestling.



Калыс Жусупбеков завоевывает  
первое место с улыбкой на лице  
Фото Элины Туралыевой

Впервые представительницы прекрасного пола АУЦА приняли участие в ежегодном спортивном соревновании по армрестлингу, посвященном Дню Защитника Отечества, который прошел в «Браво» 21 февраля.

Armwrestling 2014 года запомнился тремя особенностями. В первую очередь, большое внимание было уделено безопасности. Судейство проводил чемпион мира по армрестлингу в абсолютной категории Артур Шмойлов и член Федерации Армрестлинга КР Владимир Фотин. К этому соревнованию подошли очень серьезно, потому как в прошлом году, без присмотра профессионалов, во время состязания один из участников сломал руку.

Второй и сразу третьей особенностью стала возможность участвовать не только парням, но и девушкам, а также всему персоналу университета. Уникальная девушка, Диана Такутдинова, заняла первое место.

Среди шести участниц места распределились следующим образом:

1. Диана Такутдинова
2. Мээрим Исаева
3. Сезим Бексултанова

«Я, если честно, боялась. Но... Боязнь уходит, когда все начинается. Нужно себя держать в тонусе и не расслабляться», – сказала Диана, арт-менеджер АУЦА. «Главное вовремя начать, тут даже 1 миллисекунда может сыграть роль», – добавила Диана.

Борьба среди парней была разделена на две категории: «до 75 кг» и «абсолютный вес». В первой категории победу одержал первокурсник Султан Отонбаев. В категории «абсолютный вес» первое место занял Калыс Жусупбеков.

Места среди 22 участников были распределены таким образом:

“до 75 кг”

1. Султан Отонбаев
2. Нурали Абдухалилов
3. Адилет Эмильев

“абсолютный вес”

1. Калыс Жусупбеков
2. Довран Кенджахунов
3. Акобир Мамадризохонов

Ежегодно это мероприятие проводится Студенческим Сенатом. Наши победители получили достойные призы от АУЦА.

Всем добра, занимайтесь спортом.  
Анастасия Ласкина, JMC-112

## Memories of Mirza Amiri

### How one of the first AUCA students from Afghanistan survived in Bishkek



Since AUCA is an international university, there are a lot of students from different countries and towns. Most of us never thought how non-Kyrgyz/Russian students live in Bishkek, what difficulties and fun situations they face every day.

American Embassy in cooperation with AUCA provides ten scholarships for studying at AUCA for girls from Afghanistan; there are almost no male students among their delegation.

Mirza Amiri is one of the first Afghan alumni. He started his career path with Economic Department and now keeps going. The situations he faced were very different, ranging from everyday difficulties to a wedding ceremony.

“My arrival time to Bishkek was a bit difficult as we were the first batch of Afghan students who travelled to Bishkek. With no Russian language at all, it was a bit difficult to do shopping and travel around. Thank goodness two Afghan students were recruited from the Afghan diaspora in Bishkek to study at AUCA under the same program of ours. So, these two students helped us a great deal. Sometimes we would call them late in the evening and ask them to translate words such as salt in Russian, for example, so that we could purchase salt. The language problem faded away soon,

after taking Russian courses with Professor Alexandra, who was a wonderful instructor of the preparatory program. In a couple of months we were able to converse in Russian with vendors at Osh Bazaar, Dordoi, or the kiosk down the block! I have very fond memories of those days.

**The most interesting moments in Bishkek were** Trying Besh-Barmak and Lagman, as well as being involved in founding the World Club and initiating the International week, especially the International Food Day – here are my interesting memories.

Another challenge was taking Game Theory course, which is a required course in the economic department, in Russian. Although I was good in conversing in Russian in the marketplace, my Russian language skill was not good enough for taking a course. So, I ended up with a C. It did not look that bad, because my overall GPA was high at that time, but later on, while applying for graduate school, I had to provide an explanation in several occasions. I took that course in Russian, because I had no options. The course was required and there was no faculty available to teach that course in English at that time. I am sure that AUCA has taken care of problems such as this, by now.

I advise my fellow Afghan students and other international students to take the Preparatory Year serious. If they can, they should take some math courses along with the languages. Also, being active in activities such as world club, programs such as International Week celebration, and Student Senate would be very helpful in making friends and improving languages. I enjoyed my time at the Student Senate, Academic Senate, World Club, and several other working committees so much. I very much enjoyed taking courses with Professors as Valeri Hardin, Alexandra, Asyl Bakanova, Asel Kyrgyzbaeva and others.”

**From Vancouver, Canada.  
by Begimai Sataeva, JMC-111**

## Outward Insights

### International students share their experience at AUCA

There is definitely something special about the atmosphere at AUCA, and this is one of the biggest things this alma mater is liked and loved for by our international community. AUCA attracts people from pretty much all parts of the world, and this year we have students coming from .... countries. Some of the internationals value AUCA for its Diversity (yes, with the capital letter), others consider AUCA to be very valid education-wise, and the rest get dissolved in other points and opinions. Students from CIS countries, and Kyrgyzstan especially, more and more often tend to complain about minor things rather than appreciate bigger ones, and think less of the issues worth complaining. It is therefore a judgment from ‘the outside’ that people need to get sometimes. Here are several internationals who were glad to share their experience at AUCA as regular and exchange students.

**Benedicta Joanne: Indonesia, exchange student**

“AUCA is a great place for a foreigner – everyone can speak English and everyone is willing to help you in whatever situation. Food is good, coffee and Wi-Fi as well. The staff is very friendly, and the professors are cool. I wanted to join the Cheerleading Club though, but they barely meet and have any activities. Other than this thing, I have not had any problems, it is all fine, and I really enjoy being here!”

**Sun Young Park: South Korea, JMC-111**

“I think the biggest advantage AUCA has is its connections with so many countries. And even if you take a look at the name, since it is an American university in Central Asia, it already implies some sort of a cultural combination. One thing that I cannot understand though is the fact that it is really hard and usually impossible for foreign students to have any kind of financial support from the university. Except for some random and very rare cases, I have never seen any Korean or other foreigners (not



*Courtesy of nec.edu*

counting CIS students) who would have financial aid, for example, for their academic excellence.”

**Bekah Wright: Canada, SOC-112**

“I have spent all of my adolescence here in Kyrgyzstan, so it is nice to continue living here and being with my friends and at the same time have a system that I am familiar with. While studying here I can continue my life and be with my friends, and also get a degree that works in Canada. At first it was a bit hard getting into a group of friends, but now our sociology group has become a small family, and I feel completely welcomed and a part of a whole. Speaking of the university system, I do not like how it is set up as if it is high school where the teachers are more to babysit the students. There should not be any response papers to make sure we read the material or not, and also the attendance policy makes me a little frustrated. I think there should only be one or two major assignments and the exams in university.”

**Yane Sumkoski: Macedonia, PSY-110**

“I like my experience here, Orientation Week was a great start to it. It was a lot of fun and a nice way for the students to get to know each other. The studying itself, or my grades I should say are not so important to me, as anyone who knows me knows. I do have an interest in psychology, I am really happy with our department, and I am grateful they did not expel me. I have made many close friends here, too, which is probably what I will miss the most here. AUCA has many things going for it from an academic point of view, but the reason I enjoyed my stay here so much is the people.”

**Masha Panfilenko, JMC-110**

Interesting facts

## How to define a person's character by lips' shape

Every person's face details can say something about him or her. We can already distinguish an evil or a kind face, sometimes, just seeing someone's face; we can say that he or she is very sly or the most innocent human being on the entire planet. This article will show how to reveal some significant characteristics of an individual you're talking to by just looking at their lips' shape. Of course, it does not work for everyone, but some details are still applicable.

**Chubby lips** usually show that you just have met a kind person. They are very generous, their generosity seems endless sometimes. Usually people with chubby lips cannot say “no” if someone asks them for help. They are very sensitive and responsive.

**Thin lips:** people having thin lips are usually not wasting their time talking; they're really not that sociable. It can actually show that you've met one of purposeful people, who are actually focused on achieving goals they proposed to themselves. The problem is that it's often associated with surliness, but that's not true – people with thin lips can be the most devoted friends ever – they are balancing between their lives and their businesses.

**A convex lower lip:** a person is very emotional, his or her mood is cascading all the time. These people usually live today as if there's no tomorrow. They can postpone a really important meeting because tonight they're going to have a big party. But, in contrast, they have a really great intuition.

**A convex upper lip:** you're facing a purposeful career person, who is devoted to the business he or she is managing. Self-discipline, exposure – it's all about them. These people exactly know the goals they need to achieve, and the main focus in their lives is made exactly on these goals. Some selfishness and over self-estimation can be featured in them, but still, they are reliable. They will not stop halfway.

**Prepared by  
Yura Kim, ECO-111**



# Farewell Kiss to Psychology Seniors



*I was genuinely afraid of psychologist before. Any time I was around a psychologist I had this stupid idea that I was being examined, mind-read. I felt insecure about every my word, my body language, my facial expression – what if I will be diagnosed with some mania? I was especially cautious about looking suspicious when around beginner psychologist, psychology students, who seemed to be quite fast with their diagnoses.*

*But all this rubbish went away when I got to know AUCA psychology seniors: they are smart, thoughtful and positive. Extremely different, accomplished and forward-looking people, they agreed to speak about AUCA, provide some tips and tell about each other.*

### Cholpon Esenbekova:

AUCA is the small country, where I feel comfortable and free. Here I grew up and broadened my outlook.

Special HUGE THANKS to the teachers of our department for their high professionalism and endless patience. Thank you for warmth and smiles each time we open the door of Psychology Department. No jokes, the best department!

**Achievements:** Well, it is time to show off! I was an exchange student and lived in Seoul for 6 months, there I participated in Korean governmental program and won a competition among international students to have a trip to one of the Korean islands. Also I was one of the winners of the German Peace Studies program and took part in historical research of concentration camp in Hamburg. One of the latest achievements is that I finally made 4.0 GPA, damn, I should show off with this! xD

**How to survive at AUCA:** Live, Love, Enjoy, and Study! Do not waste your time. Try to be as busy as possible, however, never forget to stop and smell the roses.

**What to miss after graduation:** Warm community. This is the best part of our university!

“My Kyrgyz SISTER from another mother! Манюня! Добрейшая, умнейшая девочка! I’m Lucky and happy to be your friend!” Lyubov Nochkina

“I met this little graceful girl at school and got lucky to have her as a closest friend in past, at present and hopefully in future.” Alina Linnik

“Cholpon is sensitive” Valeria Totolina

“She is my secret crush=))) Love her!!!” Aisuluu Dzhararova

### Aisuluu Dzhararova:

Well, it was a place where I could get education. Now it is a place where I’ve met awesome and amazing people. I’ve become more outgoing and sociable person.

**Achievements:** GPA 4.0 :) Two times in Dean’s List and one time in President’s List. But most important is personal growth.

**How to survive at AUCA:** hmmm....tips?! No tips....

P.S. She doesn’t have any tips; she is a NERD, but she is the best and nicest nerd we have ever met! (Lyuba and Cholpon about Aisuluu)!

**What to miss after graduation:** I will miss Psychology Department and my group-mates PSY-110

“Одно из самых необыкновенных и прекрасных открытий, которые я когда-либо делала, чувствовала или видела в своей жизни!” Cholpon Esenbekova

“I am very sorry that I did get closer to this person before” Alina Linnik

“Aisuluu is responsible” Valeria Totolina

“сладкий медвежонок) надежный друг с чистым сердцем и невероятными мозговыми способностями!” Lyubov Nochkina

“Aisuluu’s has always inspired me by demonstrating an outstanding academic success” Petr Solovarev

### Valeria Totolina:

AUCA is a small country, with own culture and community. We are all friends, even if we don’t know each of us. We are all family members, big AUCA family. AUCA gives to all of us some changes. I learned how to not give up being in difficult situations. Also, AUCA gave me its Spirit. We all know this wonderful and amazing feeling inside when we are all together gathering for AUCA activity.

**Achievements:** I loved to volunteer in different events of ours. I am proud that I was and am part of Drama, of all activities that we had. It was an honor for me presents AUCA in governmental events.

**How to survive at AUCA:** I have one secret that was given me by previous students, from generation to generation, and this secret is for any professors’ question you can easily answer “it depends”

**What to miss after graduation:** I will for sure miss our special atmosphere that we have. I will miss our SPIRIT. No-one else has it.

“Slimy girl, who eats a lot and never gain weight! Envy you!!!” Cholpon Esenbekova

“I will remember her as always laughing girl =)” Alina Linnik

“fitness girl and good friend” Aisuluu Dzhararova

“positive sporty girl success” Lyubov Nochkina

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### Zhibek Zhumanazarova:

Studying four years at AUCA, I can say this place became something more than just university for me. It keeps the warmest memories of the times spent with my friends, interesting courses with classmates and great professors. This place taught me to express my point of view, emotions and feelings the way they are without hesitating.

**Achievements:** Being able to successfully graduate this year would be the greatest achievement of any other.

**How to survive at AUCA:** Be more tolerant and open to each other.

**What to miss after graduation:** I will miss the most those unforgettable moments of celebrating the birthdays on our freshmen and sophomore years. That veeeeery corner at Bravo which is still very special for me, that veeeeery corner in silent room which keeps the memories of last two years, the Coffee Mania and, of course, these people who fill those places with their presence, spreading their warm feelings and greetings. Our great professors of Psychology Department, their support, encouragement and their kindness will always make them special.

“nice girl with interesting thesis topic” Aisuluu Dzhararova

“Chincha-chincha sarahe (she knows, what I mean)” Cholpon Esenbekova

“Jibek is warmhearted” Valeria Totolina

“very kind, sympathetic but at the same time very vulnerable person” Alina Linnik

“very just person and very nice girl” Lyubov Nochkina

### Lyubov Nochkina:

AUCA is my second home, the place where I always want to come back! Here I met amazing people, who became my reliable friends, who influenced me a lot! AUCA helped me to become more mature, more responsible, and more sociable.

**Achievements:** GPA 4.0 on my senior year of studying!) All my papers that I submitted during four years are also my personal achievements! I HATE writing! I would better solve difficult mathematical problems instead of writing a couple of sentences!)) Participation in the contest where I progressed with my public speaking skills and overcome fear of being on the stage. I started to earn my own money from my sophomore year, thank you AUCA for that, I became more financially independent! All charity and entertainment events that I organize by myself and with my friends!

**How to survive at AUCA:** Be active, that’s it! Never ignore opportunities that you have!

**What to miss after graduation:** I will miss everything that is connected to AUCA! I will miss the kindest and heartwarming Psychology Department! I will miss the AUCA atmosphere, the warm smiles of security men, the AUCA library where I can spend all my day, the tasty rice from Kichinet!) I will miss N.G. and his advices, thank you for everything! I will miss AUCA community, AUCA spirit, and AUCA people! :(

“Beautiful and young” Zhibek Zhumanazarova

“She is a sunshine and amazing person!!!” Aisuluu Dzhararova

“У неё самые большие глаза, такие же у нее и сердце, и душа! Для меня она, как самая яркая звезда и самая прелестная утренняя роса. Простая, великодушная и любвеобильная - Любовь! Как я ею дорожу, она знает сама” Cholpon Esenbekova

“Luba is cheerful” Valeria Totolina

“This person became very close for me during the years at AUCA...the one, who discovered a new side of me...a beautiful lady with incredible soul!” Alina Linnik

### Alina Linnik:

Throughout my education at AUCA, I had an opportunity to gain strong academic background including specific knowledge related to my profession and skills were the most beneficial for me. Building a network is important thing for future professionals. With the help of AUCA I met new friends and partners all over the world. University provided me all the necessary elements for building future career. Now I have knowledge, experience, network and inspiration for further development and achievements. AUCA is an excellent platform for success.

**Achievements:** Opportunity to work in our PR office revealed my potential of working with the camera and the desire to develop not only as a psychologist, but also as a photographer.

**How to survive at AUCA:** The term SURVIVE sounds not relevant to me if we are talking about AUCA. I cannot say that it is easy to study, but very comfortable and my tip for future AUCA students is: try to take as much as possible from this experience.

**What to miss after graduation:** I will definitely miss my department and our faculty. And.....hot tea with milk from German bakery!!!

«Алина, одна из моих ЛУЧШИХ и ДОРОЖАЙЩИХ подруг (их у меня совсем немного). Такого нежного и одновременно сильного, сложного и объективного, с огромным сердцем и светлым умом человека я вряд ли когда-нибудь еще встречу. Много слов можно и хочется сказать, но тогда нужно будет все выпускать газеты посвятить ей, поэтому коротко и ясно - я люблю свою евреечку, Алину, всем сердцем!» Cholpon Esenbekova

**P.S.** “Lyuba Nochkina, Alina Linnik, and Cholpon Esenbekova are coolest friends I have met. It has always been a great honor and pleasure for me to be your friend! Thank you and love you :-)” Petr Solovarev

**P.P.S.** “Отдельно хочется сказать ребятам, а именно Yane Sumkoski и Raul Sulaimanov, с которыми мы, к сожалению, не заканчиваем вместе, спасибо, что вы такие классные! Хотя мы и не заканчиваем вместе, мы всегда будем PSY110!!!” Cholpon Esenbekova

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