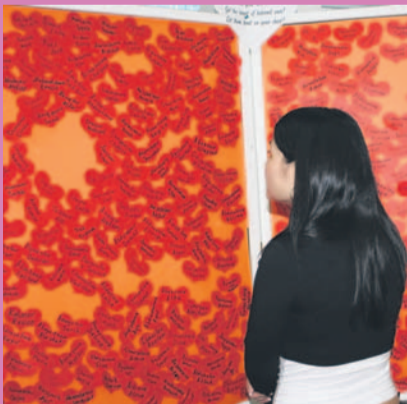
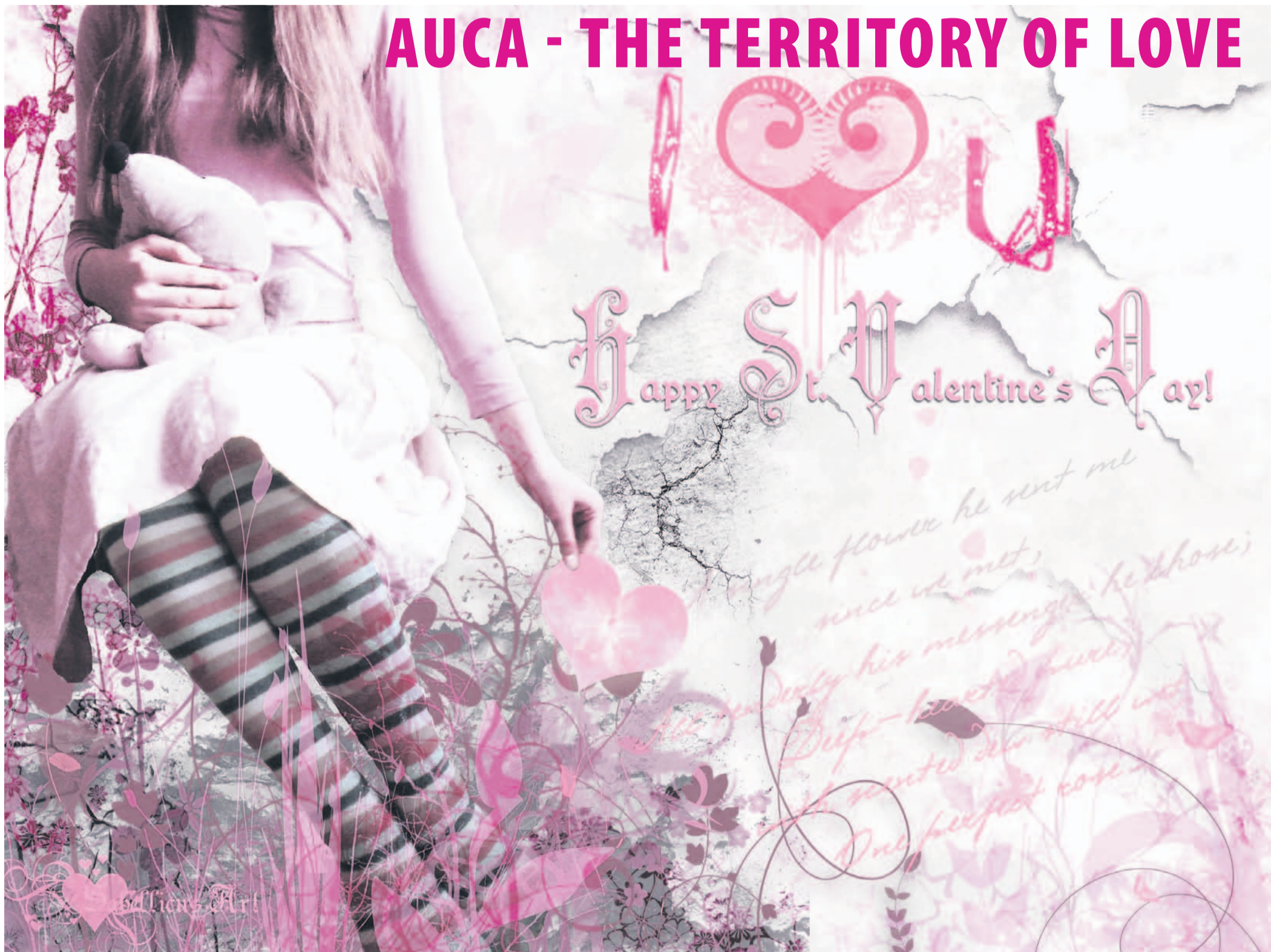


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DEAN OF STUDENTS



AUCA SIFE TEAM GREETES YOU AGAIN!

First of all, we cordially wish every reader of the Star a happy St. Valentine's Day. May this day find you in the company of those you love the most and may they bring you as much love as there is in the whole wide world.

Let us now move on to updating you on the latest SIFE news. This year SIFE took on the implementation of five projects: "VSS", "Garment Factory", "Site", "Perspective", and, of course, the most popular project "TIFE", which is in its fourth year of existence. The last project's goal is to teach high school students the basics of entrepreneurship. At the end of their study, students are required to present their business plans. This year TIFE covered much more of Bishkek's high schools, which was a particularly challenging task, getting almost all SIFEers involved in the project. A contest among high schoolers on the best written business plan will be held on February 17 with the results announced on February 24. The event promises to be

grand, with television crews and the press scheduled to attend the competition.

Work is being done in other areas as well. For instance, the Garment Factory, aimed at providing jobs for the disabled, is set to conduct training sessions soon; VSS is working intensively to develop its business plan; Site is conducting surveys for the project; and members of the project Perspective, which is involved in educating and providing employment opportunities for children in orphanages, have recently visited several orphanages for recruitment purposes.

In the end, we wish you all a happy St. Valentine's Day yet again. Don't you agree that St. Valentine's is the perfect time to open your hearts to those you care about? Give a surprise present to your loved ones on this day.

*Good luck and see you next time!
Asyl Jymashova, PR-Manager, SIFE AUCA*

АУЦА территория любви, а не коррупции. AUCA is a Territory of Love, Not Corruption

(Мы любим тебя тоже, мой мальчик, отчисленный за неуспешность и распространяющий слухи о том, что платил деньги за экзамены в АУЦА).

С Праздником вас, господа ауцеры. С праздником Любви! Не с прошедшим, а с тем, который живет в наших душах постоянно.

Древние говорили: если у тебя есть всё (много денег, черная машина, изысканный дом, здоровье, чтобы тратить деньги и использовать то, что имеешь), но нет Любви – у тебя нет ничего.

У нас есть Любовь, и это залог того, что у нас будет все.

Почему такой заголовок? А потому что надоело.

Древние говорили, если Вы хотите узнать, кто совершил преступление – ищите кому это выгодно.

Давайте поищем, кому выгодно мазать грязью университет, распространяя слухи о якобы имеющихся взятках? Попробуем перечислить, никого не обвиняя, просто обозначая, кто не есть – это надо доказывать (а я надеюсь, до этого дело дойдет ибо уголовный кодекс КР позволяет), а мог бы быть в этом списке.

1. Нечистоплотные конкуренты на рынке образования.
 2. Уволенные по той или иной причине преподаватели и сотрудники, которые затаили обиду.
 3. Недоброжелательные к университету и демократии чиновники различного ранга.
 4. Отчисленные студенты
 5. Психически нездоровые люди.
- Возможно, я пропустил какую-то категорию людей, добавьте сами.

Меня больше интересует категория №5, потому что я декан по делам студентов, а не по делам госчиновников и других вузов.

Представьте ситуацию. Университет отчисляет студента со средним баллом 1,6. Действия студента:

«Папа! Я хороший – это они все плохие. Они у меня денег просили за экзамен. А я не давал. Вот они и ставили мне двойки»

Древние говорили: «Лучшая защита – это нападение».

Папа пишет жалобу в Министерство образования. Ведь папа платит полный тьюшен и хочет получить образовательный товар. Он прав во всем кроме одного.

Образовательный товар чуть-чуть отличается от других товаров.

Чтобы приобрести башмаки надо:

1. Отдать деньги

2. Забрать башмаки
- Чтобы приобрести образование надо:

1. Отдать деньги
2. Приложить усилия
3. Забрать образование

В случае с папой он упустил пункт 2 в своей цепочке. Пункт, который зависел от его сына, а не от университета. В этом вся беда, в этом вся причина. Действия сына понятны – спасение собственной задницы от отцовского ремня дело святое. Но путь он избрал не святой, а подлый. А это нехорошо.

Другой студент в похожей ситуации задумчиво сказал:

«Да, придется покупать. Да это не проблема – есть пацаны. Всё сделают. Реальный диплом, никакой подделки. Хотел по честному...»

Я ему улыбнулся. Не провожать же человека навсегда без улыбки. Да и фразу он сказал смешную:

«Не вздумайте кому-нибудь сказать – этим только поможете распространению слухов».

Я Хочу! Я мечтаю распространять слухи о студентах, которые врут. Я с наслаждением любому, кто ко мне придет, выдам фамилии этих распространителей. Я уже начал распространять слух: «Осторожно – грязь!». Кто хочет посудачить на эту тему - кабинет № 106.

Я начал с поздравлений с Днём Святого Валентина. Ими и закончу.

Был яркий весёлый праздник в Сейтеке 14 февраля. Слово «Любовь»! Как только не полоскали, и как только не исшучивались над ним. Пошлили с наслаждением и сладострастием, смеялись и ржали...

Я, грешен, тоже смеялся, если шутки были смешные...

И что Вы думаете?.. От этого пострадало слово «Любовь»? Высокий его смысл? Содержание самого понятия?

Да никогда! Любовь настолько выше наших с вами шуток над ней и настолько светлее всех светомызык, что к ней не пристанет никакая грязь. Тысячу лет стараются вымазать, а Любовь, как была светла, чиста, доверчива и бесконечна, так и есть...

Мы любим свой университет именно за то, за что его не любят некоторые люди. За то, что к нему не пристаёт грязь. Ну, не пристаёт!..

Повторяю - Я распространяю слухи о тех студентах, которые распространяют ложные слухи о нашей коррупции. Слух против слуха. Приходите. А сначала перечитайте басню господина Крылова «Лиса и виноград».

*С любовью, в День Святого
Валентина, Шулъгин Н.*

(This is dedicated to the expelled kid who is spreading rumors that he paid money to pass exams at AUCA. We love you too.)

Happy holidays, dear AUCA! Not the holiday that's passed, but the one that is yet to come.

The ancients have said that if you have everything (that is, a lot of money, a fancy black car, a house, and the well-being to make use of all of the above) everything but love – you have nothing.

We have Love, a token of the best to come.

Why have I chosen the above title? No particular reason, I'm just fed up.

The ancients have said that if you want to find out who committed a crime, look for those who would gain the most from it.

Let's find out who may benefit from painting our university in tainted colors, spreading rumors of the existence of so-called bribes. I'll try to list the usual suspects. Those who could be but aren't on the list – we have yet to prove their guilt (and I hope that will be done in the near future, thank God the Kyrgyz Republic penal code allows for that).

1. Crooked rivals in the sphere of education.
2. Former staff or faculty members, fired for one reason or another and holding a grudge against the university.
3. Ill-wishing governmental officials.
4. Expelled students.
5. Mentally disturbed people.

I may have skipped a category or two; you can add your own.

I'm more interested in point number 5. After all, I'm the dean of students, not the dean of governmental officials or other universities. Imagine a situation: the university expels a student whose GPA is 1.6. The student's actions? He goes home and says: "Daddy! I'm the victim – they're all against me. They were asking for money on the exam and I refused to pay. That's why they gave me a bad grade."

The ancients have said that attack is the best form of defense.

Dad files a complaint to the Ministry of Education. After all, daddy pays full tuition and expects his son to get the educational product in return. He's right, except for one thing. Educational products differ slightly from the other kinds of marketable goods.

To get a pair of shoes you need to:

1. Pay money

2. Get shoes
- To get an education you need to:

1. Pay money
2. Apply yourself
3. Get education

In daddy's case, he skipped point number 2 in the chain. The point that depended on his son, not the university. That's the whole idea. The son's actions are easy to understand – saving your own ass from daddy's belt is a holy act. Only the path he embarked upon wasn't holy, but outright low. And that's not good.

Another student in a similar predicament said thoughtfully: "Guess I'm gonna have to buy the diploma. Not a problem – I've got connections. They'll take care of it. Real diploma, no counterfeits. I did try doing it the honest way, just so you know..."

I couldn't help but smile at him as he was leaving. He said something funny: "Don't you tell anyone – you'll only help the rumors spread." But I want to! I want to spread rumors about students who lie. I'll take great delight in giving their names away to anyone who'd like to know. I already started spreading the rumor: "Beware of the dirt!" Whoever wants to argue that point – find me in room 106.

I began with St. Valentine's greetings and that's where I'll end.

It was an impressive holiday in Seittek on February 14. The word "Love" was thrown around ruthlessly, joked about mercilessly and perversely. I'm a sinner, I laughed too when the jokes were funny.

Well, then.. Has the word "Love" suffered any from the jokes? Has its substance and high value been diminished by the performance?

No sir! Love rises way above our jokes, it shines much brighter than any pyrotechnics do. Dirt doesn't stick to it. People tried to stain its name for thousands of years, but it stayed as clean, honest, and eternal as it has always been.

We love our university for the very fact that some people don't. For its spotlessness. Dirt just doesn't stick to it!..

I'll repeat myself – I'm spreading rumors about those students that spread false rumors of our corruption. Rumor for a rumor. Come on in. But before you do, read Krylov's fable entitled "The Fox and the Grape".

*With love, On St. Valentine's Day,
N. Shulgin*

STUDENT EVALUATION AND ITS RESULTS

In the end of each semester AUCA students have an opportunity to evaluate their instructors through the anonymous electronic survey "Instructors in the Students' Eyes." Thus, the conductors of this survey hope to increase the professionalism level of AUCA's faculty. Everybody is interested in knowing: what are the results of the survey and do the instructors evaluated as "unprofessional" get "punished"? In spite of the fact that some instructors have received a very low evaluation, they continue to work at AUCA and teach the same classes given a low grade by the students.

We referred to the associate vice-president of academic affairs Sergey Nikolaevich Sklyar, who controls the questionnaire process. As we have found out, the results of the survey are directed to the heads of departments and they, in turn, work further with those instructors who were given a negative evaluation. To fire the instructor just because the students disliked him or her would be unreasonable – such teachers receive a chance to improve their work.

"Don't you agree that it would be unfair to dismiss the student only for the reason that he got the lowest grade in one of his or her classes? The students are always given an opportunity to take that class again and improve their grades. The same happens with the instructors – we conduct this survey not because we want to punish or fire somebody, but because we want to help under-qualified instructors to increase the level of teaching and work out professional skills in it," – says Sergey Nikolaevich.

According to him, this approach is really effective in finding weaknesses

of the teachers and assisting them in transforming these weak spots into strengths. However, if it happens so that the same teacher is evaluated negatively several times in a row, they will simply not be offered to prolong their contract with the university, and, when their current contract expires, they will leave AUCA.

About 52% of all AUCA students have taken part in the evaluation conducted last semester. The number of respondents in the previous semester was 49%. According to Sergey Nikolaevich, we can observe steady growth in the number of respondents, which is definitely a good sign because it means that the students have started paying more attention to the fact that they directly influence the quality of education at AUCA and are responsible for it to a certain extent. The most active department of the questionnaire was Sociology – more than 80% of its students answered all questions; the least active department was MBA – only about 15% of its students participated in the survey.

This questionnaire allows to "look" at the course teaching quality through each student's eyes, helping the University develop. However, only half (or even less) of the students take part in the teacher evaluation, and only when the majority expresses its opinion can the survey results will be objective and effective.

We call on all students to take a more active part in this evaluation because the power to make our alma mater the best place to receive a good education both in Kyrgyzstan and in Central Asia is in your hands.

Aliya Suranova MM 105

LET'S MEET



ЭФИР НАЧИНАЕТСЯ!

Молодая, красивая, энергичная девушка, которая знает, чего хочет от жизни, и как этого добиться. Она не знает, что такое трудности, потому что умеет их преодолевать. Она всегда готова учиться и совершенствоваться. Нет, это не Лара Крофт, это – Зарина Исамбаева, ММ 107, ведущая программы Отличное Утро на 5 канале.

Расскажи, как началась твоя карьера?

С 9 класса я мечтала стать журналистом. Сначала работала на радио, т.к. выиграла акцию «Стань Ди-джем» год назад, когда я еще не Прер училась здесь. Полтора месяца стажировалась, потом начала работать: читала прогноз погоды, курс валют и объявления каждый час. Это мне очень помогло в том, чем я сейчас занимаюсь – «говорилка» разработалась. Опыт конечно неоценимый. А на ТВ я попала по кастингу, просто увидела объявление и не могла упустить такой возможности. Уже 7 месяцев как я работаю на 5 Канале. Первый месяц у меня был пробный, меня взяли на полставки.

Ты чувствуешь некое превосходство над другими своими однокурсниками, потому что у тебя уже есть опыт в журналистике, а они еще совсем зеленые и мало что понимают?

Нет, такого нет абсолютно. Есть студенты, разговаривая с которыми, чувствуешь себя даже немного глуповатой, незрелой, неначитанной. Конечно, есть опыт в написании статей, есть опыт на радио и на ТВ, но такого превосходства нет, потому что все это можно наверстать очень быстро. Кто как начитан, кто как в чем-то разбирается, это важнее. Технические навыки – это быстро. Например, стать ди-джем на радио можно за три месяца. А дальше уже от тебя зависит.

Как обычно начинается твой рабочий день, когда у тебя есть эфир?

Эфир начинается в восемь, поэтому я встаю в полшестого утра. Завтракаю, приезжает машина, забирает меня, отвозит, там гримируют, делают прическу, готовлюсь немножко, читаю текст и все. Пристегиваю микрофон, и эфир начинается!

Сложно было первое время или ты легко влилась?

Насчет коллектива, на самом деле, я все еще не чувствую, что я – часть этого коллектива, потому что я работаю всего 3 часа в неделю, и я не сижу там целый день в отличие от других. У меня хорошие отношения со всеми, нет неприязни, т.к. я самая молодая в коллективе. Ко мне уже заранее отношение как к сестренке.

Какое у тебя отношение к нашей кыргызской медиа?

Если говорить о качестве, то я вижу некоторые слабые моменты. Например, зачастую репортеров набирают просто «с улицы» – главное, чтоб каких-то мерок придерживались и какому-то уровню. Если

в России на центральный канал набирают только с опытом работы, то на наших каналах готовы схватить и студентов, только работайте. На самом деле планка низковата, но не мне об этом судить, сама еще толком не журналист.

В какой медийной области ты бы предпочла работать?

Существуют две области, и журналисты и все, кто работает в медийной области, разделяются на «развлекалку» и «новостяков», т.е. развлекательные и серьезные программы. Сейчас, поработав в «развлекалке», я понимаю, что я бы хотела в серьезную сферу. Хотя сейчас некоторые мои коллеги немного расстроили меня, сказав, что можно даже не мечтать о новостях после работы в развлекательной программе. Среди журналистов существует такое понятие: если ты принадлежишь к «развлекалке», то считается очень дурным тоном переход в серьезную область, а если ты работаешь «новостяком», то дорога в «развлекалку» уже закрыта. Я очень хочу стать диктором новостей и в принципе возможность есть. Я не иду только потому, что считаю, что сама еще не выросла. До этого дорости еще надо. А вообще в дальнейшем, после окончания университета, я буду заниматься либо PR и рекламой, как я хотела, поступая, либо уже пойду на серьезные новости. Я считаю, что у меня довольно хорошие шансы попасть туда.

Но скорей всего ты будешь работать на телевидение...

Если карьера пойдет, то да. Работая там, я вижу людей, которые вполне прилично зарабатывают. Такие же деньги можно зарабатывать в Алматы, такие же – здесь. Не обязательно иметь богатую семью, если у тебя есть наработанные связи. А так как, у меня есть возможность уже сейчас их зарабатывать, я думаю, что карьеру можно построить и зарабатывать неплохие деньги.

Зарплата тебя устраивает?

Если бы я была кормильцем семьи, то это ничтожно мало. А как студентке – очень даже устраивает, особенно учитывая, что я работаю 3 часа в неделю.

Ты успеваешь совмещать учебу и работу?

Чем мне сейчас очень помогает АУЦА, так это своей системой – я могу сама составлять расписание и работать. У меня 1 или 2 эфира в неделю и я расписание так составляю, что 2-3 дня пары были только с часу. Правда, бывает иногда сложно, потому что у меня эфир, потом футбольная тренировка, потом 3 пары, и я действительно очень устаю.

Твои пожелания однокурсникам, студентам.

Наш университет дает возможность работать в плане гибкого расписания. Если есть такая возможность, то надо идти работать в любом случае. Хотелось бы видеть вокруг людей серьезных, которые пытаются сделать что-то сами.

Дильнура Халилова



В воскресенье, 17 февраля в компьютерном клубе «Place» состоялся поединок среди студентов по «Counter Strike». Поздравляем победителей:

Тилека Шамурзаева BA104 (капитана команды), Аскара BA104, Ашима BA104, Дмитрия BA104 и Ильзата BA105.

А также, чемпионов по «DotA»:

Тилека Шамурзаева, Медера, Талая, Султана и Тилека.

BA 104 - чемпионы!!!

Так держать!

14 VALENTINE'S DAY EXPERTS

Saint Valentine's Day is definitely an integral part of our lives. It's hard to imagine this day without hearts, valentines, and excitement that fills the air, making dreamy fools out of people. However, not everyone knows the history of this holiday. To find out how AUCA students and faculty members celebrate this holiday, I interviewed exactly 14 people and asked them the same seven questions. These were:

1. What do you know about the origins of St. Valentine's Day?
2. Do you consider this day a holiday and, if so, what does it mean to you?
3. How do you plan to celebrate it this year?
4. With whom are you going to celebrate this holiday?
5. What was the most extraordinary gift you have received on this day?
6. What was the most meaningful gift you gave on this day?
7. What was the most remarkable St. Valentine's Day in your life?

At the end all those interviewed were asked to express their wishes to AUCA students on this day.



Ulushka SOC-104

I don't know for sure, but I think there used to be a man named Valentine. I don't really consider this day a holiday, because I am willing to do something special for my love everyday. I haven't planned anything because I think the more spontaneously you spend this day the better it's going to be. The most remarkable gift on this day was a valentine with a love confession inside. The most special gift that I gave was a verbal confession of love, which wasn't very romantic, but it was to a very special person. The most memorable day was my friend's birthday. This day always reminds me of him. At the end I wish everyone to accomplish their goals.

Aleksandra MM-107

Well, the only thing I know about the origins of this holiday is that there used to be a person named Valentine... I undoubtedly consider St. Valentine's Day a holiday. However, I think it's a real "holiday" only for those couples that love each other. Besides, February 13th is my birthday, so I always kind of get caught up with the upcoming birthday and often forget about St. Valentine's Day. Usually it's just a rest day after my birthday celebration. This year will probably be the same: Birthday and then only St. Valentine's Day... :) The most unusual gift I ever received on this day was in 11th grade, when our boy-classmates made huge heart-shaped balloons and decorated the classroom. Later on the same day I got a really hu-uu-gg-e Valentine card from my friend and probably that was the most remarkable Valentine's Day in my life. At the end I would like to wish everyone to have one this upcoming February 14th.



Kim Dohee MM-107

I guess there was a man named Valentine who loved one girl and that's where it came from. I think it's a holiday but only for teenagers and for young people. St. Valentine's Day is very popular in Korea. We have a tradition to give homemade chocolate in small decorated boxes to our beloved ones. This year I will not make any chocolate, but I will prepare a gift for my boyfriend. Later I will go out for dinner with my boyfriend and have a good time. The most valuable gift for me on this holiday was 3 years ago when I got a Valentine card, which my boyfriend made, with my photos. We had a wonderful dinner with his family as well, so that made that Valentine's Day the most remarkable in my life. I wish everyone a happy Valentine's Day and, remember, it's not the expensive presents but your attention that really matters.

Lance Tillman

There is no distinctive history of the establishment of this holiday. There exist 3 different versions about Saint Valentine's existence. Recently St. Valentine was officially removed from the Catholic Church, therefore now it's no more than pure legend or myth. (I stopped him here and moved on to the next question) Oh yes, I consider St. Valentine's Day as a holiday. As a matter of fact it's the only holiday that I am required to remember. I have three women in my family so I spend this day with all the traditional stuff, such as chocolate, roses, and a family dinner. The most extraordinary gift I have received on this day was a... bill for dinner. The most special gift I gave to someone was a picnic basket with a box of chocolate and... some jewelry inside of it. The most remarkable Valentine's Day was the day I spent with the women whom I just discovered that I love. I wish all AUCA students and AUCA faculty members to remember that the relationships are more important than anything in life.



Sultan Eco 104

I think that the story of this holiday comes from Italy. There was a story about two lovers who couldn't be together. I consider the St. Valentine's Day as a holiday, but it's mostly a holiday for the young people (under the age of 30). This year I am planning a dinner in favorite café with my girl friend. The most extraordinary gift I gave to someone was two buckets of beautiful roses: one of 15 and other of 17. The most unusual gift that I have received was the Valentine card from my best friend (girl), where she wrote that she loves me. It was so unexpected! At the end I want to tell: There is no love, it's only auto-persuasion.

Ernek LAW-104

This holiday probably came from London, because all traditions come from there. St. Valentine's Day for me means a lot of beautiful girls, flowers and chocolate. This year, I haven't thought yet how and with whom I am going to celebrate it. The most remarkable gift was when I received bucket of 11 roses on this day. The most remarkable Valentine's Day was 2 years ago; I had a very special day. I wish everyone to spend this day as best as you can!



Olga Lashkova.



Yes, I know that this holiday was devoted to a person, named Valentine. He suffered for his love and even was put in the jail for his impermissible love. Yes, I consider it as a holiday since any other holiday. I love the atmosphere of the holiday around. There is so much happy excitement in expecting the holiday, in preparing to it, in making plans. The specialty of this holiday in that, the St. Valentine's Day is a wonderful reason for the young people, to confess about their feelings, since it's not always easy when you are young. This year I will probably do the same as each year: congratulate those whom I love; my family, friends, colleagues and students. Invite some friends for a nice dinner, and spend evening with close people. Probably the most remarkable gift on this holiday was, when my favorite person, who was really far away, called me and told me: "Go to the flower shop, and buy the best bucket to yourself, from me." So it was nice, that even though, we were apart I got flowers from him, also the other special gift was from my student, who made a wonderful hand-made card for me. At the end, I want to remind everyone, that you should express you love not only once in a year, but every day.

Gulbara ECO-105

If honestly, I don't really know anything about this holiday. Definitely, I consider the St. Valentine's Day as a wonderful holiday, when we can tell about our feelings to each other. This year I have not planned anything yet, but I know it's going to be awesome. I will celebrate the holiday with my boyfriend and may be going out with friends too. The most unusual gift I have received this day was the soap in shaped as a heart that I got from secret admirer.

The most special gift, I gave to someone was the hand-made card, because I made it especially for him. The most remarkable Valentine's Day was the last year, when I with my girlfriends went to night club, and when we had to leave we couldn't find one of our friends for about an hour. At the end I wish everyone to Love and Be Loved by those whom you love.

Alina Sottaeva



Yes, I consider this day as a holiday, when there is a wonderful opportunity for some people to fully leave the thoughts about work, study and worries and to devote one whole day to those who they love. Also I consider Valentine's Day as a great tool for promotion and marketing for those specializing on love theme products, such as Valentine's cards, heart shape candles and other love-flavored products and services. I have not yet planned anything special for this year, because I think my better half will take care of it, so the plan is to spend this holiday with my better half.

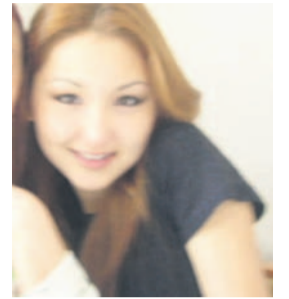
As for the most remarkable gift, it's hard to tell, because every gift I received was special in its own way. Even if it is just a piece of paper with warm words it's precious to me. The same way it is with the most remarkable

day, each year it is just getting better and better.

I just want to tell everyone that it's very important on this day to be with those people who you love and to show how much you care about them. Happy Holiday!

Aijana ICP-107

I don't remember exactly the history of the holiday, but it was somehow connected to the old man who fell in love with a girl, but their love was not permitted. Sure, I consider this day a holiday, it's as important as the New Year. This year, I'm going to go to the nightclub with a bunch of girls, so that's gonna be HOT! To be honest, I have received many gifts in my life, but none were worthy of being called special. The most remarkable gift that I gave was a 3 page letter, which I wrote to one boy in 5th grade. The most remarkable Valentine's Day was when I broke up with my boyfriend. At the end, I want to advice everyone to value and appreciate people around you, because sometimes when you lose them you realize that you love them.



Indira AS- 107



I don't really remember its history. I definitely consider this day a holiday. I have not planned anything yet, but I know I will spend this day with my boyfriend. The most special gift was when I received exactly 14 valentines on this day. The most remarkable day was when I went to a kabak with my friends, where we had a wonderful evening, danced all night, and I met a guy whom I dated for two years. At the end, I wish everyone "to love and be loved!"

Rinat 104

I don't know the history of this day. Yes, I consider it a holiday, or more like an excuse for a holiday. I will be keeping with old traditions and celebrate St. Valentine's Day with AUCA. The most remarkable gift in my life was the Coolest Valentine's card from the girls of the "Anti Glamour" KVN team. The gift that I gave... Well, honestly, I never gave anything besides cards. I can't think of any remarkable Valentine's Day either... At the end, I want to tell everyone: be yourself and you'll be surrounded by people who like you for who you are.



Lilia MM-106



I don't know the history of this holiday. Nonetheless, the fact remains that Saint Valentine's Day is the day of Love and celebrated all over the world. I consider this day a holiday only when I have a boyfriend, otherwise it's just a regular day. This year, since I don't have a boyfriend, I am going to stay at home and watch some movies about "tragic love". I will celebrate this holiday with my two cats (Vasya and Katya). The best gift I received on this day was in 8th grade, when a messenger walked into the class and gave me a huge valentine. I felt so special. The most remarkable Valentine's Day in my life was 2 years ago; I spent a wonderful day with the person I loved. To those who found their loved ones, I wish to love and make love. As for those who are single, I wish that this day passes by for you as fast as possible.

Shuhrat LAW-104.

Since St. Valentine's Day is not my favorite holiday, I don't know the history of this day. However, I do consider this a holiday, a holiday that means love. The most remarkable gift I have received on this day was a key chain from a very special person. The most special gift I gave was a big bucket of roses. The most unusual Valentine's Day was last year when the guys and I sat in the kitchenette and had nothing to do. First of all, I want to congratulate those who are in love, as well as those who are not. At the end I wish everyone to express your love.



AUCA ALUMNI REVISITED: ONE YEAR LATER

We managed to get in contact with two alumni of the year 2007 from the Journalism Department who still work and study in Kyrgyzstan. They told us about their new life and shared their memories one year after graduation.



1. Which of the skills and knowledge that you've gained at AUCA have you found to be indispensable in your professional career?
2. What were your first and last impressions of the university?
3. What were the disadvantages you experienced in your four years at AUCA?

Dilya Aisaeva

1. In my new job I needed the knowledge in marketing and PR, but I didn't have a good enough background in this field. Of course the great basics that were given to me in the university helped a lot. I work as a vice-president in a public foundation that supports development programs. I am also editor of two magazines. For me as an ex-student, it is a very big responsibility, but on the other hand I am getting a wonderful experience. During my work I also have faced another problem: I could improve almost everything in the magazine production except for distribution and sale. I think I had this problem because I didn't know the basics of marketing and economics quite well. The second problem in my professional life was the struggle for advertisers, attracting their interest to our magazines. I had some difficulties because I didn't have enough experience and knowledge in this area.

2. In the beginning I was delighted with the spirit of the university. There were not as many students, we all knew each other. We were like one united family. I could not say that the quality of education changed positively or negatively, but people in the university have changed. In my senior year I was psychologically more connected with instructors than with students. There were a lot of unknown faces. The university started to look like the Slavic University, albeit with more cafes and toilets. I had the brightest memories of our instructors and I want to thank them all: Radik Zulhitjinov, Dima Dudnikov, Damira Sapanova, Marina Nikolaevna Sivasheva, Baktigul Aliev, Alan Kubatiev, Mikhail Ivanovich Dudnikov, Eleonora Alexandrovna Proyaeva, and all others. I think as long as there are



such people as Marat Usupbekov, Nikolay Shulgin, Olga Zhizherina and all other instructors from the old staff, the university will still function.

3. I think the biggest disadvantage is that people who study and work at AUCA now have changed a lot. They are completely different. Of course, they have disadvantages and advantages, but they create a new, special spirit of the university, which I don't understand sometimes.

Ruslan Myatiev

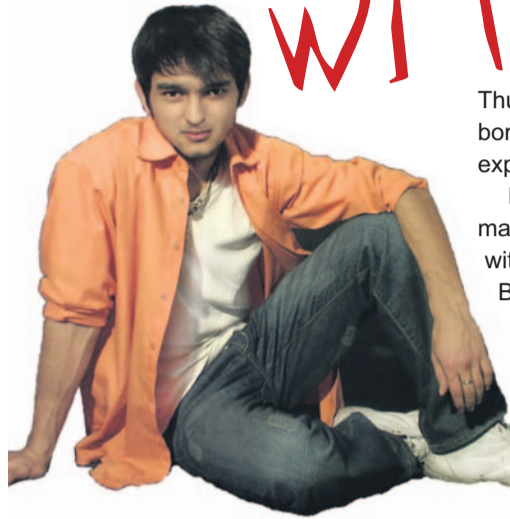
1. If we talk about education in general, I feel that the knowledge of world history, history of conflicts, and literature would have been very helpful. But I am glad that I have got the knowledge in these spheres in the OSCE Academy, where I am currently studying. I have got all the necessary skills in the journalism field from our instructors at AUCA. In general, I don't think that it is possible to learn journalism. A person either has this talent or doesn't have it.

2. From the first days of our studies people in the university made it clear to us that nobody would pull us by the bootstraps. You either study, or you're out of here. I am glad that this policy is maintained in the university to a greater or lesser extent. In my senior year I have noticed that during the admission process one of the main features was the quantity of students admitted, but not the quality and depth of their knowledge. Both students and instructors have noticed this tendency as well. Many students don't want to study, and often they cannot study. Their heads are filled with everything but studying. They take a greater and more active part in extracurricular activities than in their classes. It is important to organize different activities for fun, but it should not replace the main activity, which is studying. AUCA is not a kindergarten, but a university, and quite a prestigious one at that.

3. I have mentioned the main disadvantages. In my opinion, instructors' demands from students have decreased. It is said that such instructors as Kucheryavaya Galina Semenovna have left the university. I want to thank her for the knowledge that she gave me.

Veronika Sivasheva

FROM 'MYSTERIOUS' WITH LOVE!



Recently, AUCA students were treated to an exciting performance of the new dance group with such an intriguing name "MYSTERIOUS". 'The Star' has decided to lift the veil of secrecy from these mystery dancers.

"'Mysterious' is a group of young dancers who try to move away from ordinary dancing and combine several styles into one performance. At the same time we keep and emphasize the uniqueness of each style," said a creative leader of "Mysterious" and AUCA student Rustam Ismailov.

Although 'Mysterious' is a new dance group founded about a year ago, all of its participants have already acquired professional experience. Rustam and his male colleagues have been members of Victoria Savchenko's show-ballet, one of the most famous dance groups in Bishkek. However, after three years of successful career and more than 300 performances on the professional stage, the show-ballet's soloists decided to leave Victoria and create their own dance group. Thus 'Mysterious' appeared.

"When we had only male participants in our group, we performed in masks and concerts seemed mysterious.

Thus the name of our group was born," members of the dance group explained.

Now 'Mysterious' includes not only male but also four female dancers with professional experience as well. Before the integration, 'Adagio' had been a female ballet dance group. They also influenced the dance group's overall performance style.

The uniqueness of 'Mysterious' is in its versatile dancing. They are notable for merging different dance styles into one performance. The group's performances include lyrical, classical, modern, ballet, Hip-Hop and

intense," said Rustam.

At the AUCA anniversary celebration concert "Mysterious" performed a curious and fascinating mix of ballet and hip-hop.

At the Saint Valentine's Day performance "Mysterious" will present a dance in the style of Michael Jackson, the king of pop music. According to Anvar, one of the dancers and the main choreographer of the dance, it will not be a parody of Michael Jackson's dancing. "Mysterious" will perform the street style of dance combined with Hip-Hop and R&B. What is more, the performance will culminate with elements of acrobatics.



"We always try to come up with something new and exciting, anything that would help us share our positive energy with the audience. We hope that our new performance will spark the love in our spectators' hearts!" said Rustam.

Rustam Ismailov is the only participant of the dance group studying at AUCA. His professional dancing career began when he was a senior at the Kyrgyz-Turkish boys' high school in Bishkek. Now he is a junior student of the Psychology Department. You can also see this stylish and handsome guy over the computer at the Help-Desk in the East Hall.

R&B dances.

"We are multifaceted dancers. Each of us has his own style, but we are harmonious in working together. It makes our dancing unusual and

"Sometimes it is not easy to combine our study, work and other life activities with daily rehearsals and performances, but everything we do is only for the sake of our audience. And we would like you to know that, although we perform on many stages in Bishkek, most of our dances are created exclusively for AUCA spectators," he said.

According to Rustam, "Mysterious" has also been registered as an AUCA club, and they currently rehearse under the roof of our university. "Anyone who can and wants to dance, anyone who is interested in sharing our experience, is welcome to 'Mysterious Club!'" he said. "We would like to see more AUCA students in our dance community."

"Dear AUCA, we wish you a happy Saint Valentine's Day and devote our latest performance to all loving couples! We would like to thank you for your attention and say that "Mysterious" loves you and will continue to intrigue you with new interesting performances! Happy Saint Valentine's Day!"

Rustam Ismailov and dance group 'MISTERIOUS'



*By Alexandra Kopievskaya
Photos by Anastasia Levchenko*

AUCA – A LOVING UNIVERSITY

It is no secret that Saint Valentine's can be the happiest holiday for couples as much as it can be the most miserable day for those who are single.... Those in love feel happy; those not in love feel terrible for being alone and not belonging to anyone. So, this day, the fourteenth day of February, can become fatally sad to some of us. But how can we deal with this? Sit and cry? No way! My advice would be the following: you can decide for yourself what to do on this celebration and how to make it the best day of your life, even if you are single.

The Crossroads

Remember one thing: on this day, your mood does not have to be influenced by your status! If you are "committed" – fine, go ahead and have your romantic dinner with that one person you love! If you are "single" – even better! This is your day to be happy about the fact that you are totally free to do anything you want, to flirt with anyone you like! Your job is only to choose between two

sides and have fun whichever side you're on!

If You are in Love...

Stop being shy! Run to the person whom you most adore and just scream out loud how much you love them. Scream those words now or the moment that is given once in a lifetime can just pass you by...

This will guarantee a great evening! There are thousands upon thousands of ways to spend this evening. You can visit a restaurant, a café, the cinema, a park, and a night-club, among other things. But my advice is to go to the place you love, the place that you associate with your beloved person, the most romantic place you can find.

If You are Single...

Saint Valentine's? Another reason to party, isn't it? This is your day! Absolutely! Being depressed and crying to your pillow is not fashionable anymore! Not when there is house music and tons of fun on the dance floor! Only today, all guys and girls are here for flirting, your pals are here for partying! Forget about your

"Ghost", "Pretty Woman", "You've Got Mail" or "Titanic" DVDs! Hide your diary with sad love poems and take your brightest clothes and your greatest mood to a party! I bet you'll find someone this evening, and if not, you'll probably find yourself in a cheerful mood. Haven't you heard the new fashionable track from the most popular night-clubs of Bishkek? Then go and correct this mistake!

Happy Saint Valentine's!

How do you usually wish your lover a happy Valentine's Day? With a card? With chocolate? With red-blooded roses? These are probably the most romantic ways to make your beloved person feel loved, but there are even more ways to make a romantic surprise to your loved one. AUCA students do not stand in one place. Two of our freshmen have created a service that brings happiness to people you love. The variety of funny and romantic greetings can be organized with the help of Karina Hadjymuratova (SOC-107) and Chinara Sultanalieva (MM-207).

By Dina K.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THIS YEAR'S MUSIC COMPETITION:

1st place Yulia Kukleva

2nd place Kamilla Muslimova

3rd Tilek Askerbaev



FUGITIVE BIRD

The magician's spell had worked. Overnight, I was a different man. I was just born and knew no soul on this earth but her. Everything else had been effaced from my heart and mind, except for her love. No longer a stranger to poetry, I began writing poems too. In the past, I'd only passed by that land; but now I found myself within it. Sleeplessness, heart beats, shivers all over my body, lack of appetite, and basking in fantasy became routine. I only thought about her; excuse me about the magician. About those lively eyes, graceful fingers, fleshy lips. Alluring. "You're an enchanter," I told her as she smiled and looked away. Each part of her body was the rune and sigil of an Indian magician. Her beauty had successfully conjured me.

"I love you too," she stammered, choking back what was about to come, her true words, the words of her heart she shunned to tell me. She seemed distracted, dumbly looking at me. That worried me. I removed a tress of dark hair from her forehead and kissed it. She began breathing heavily and soon there were balls of sweat flowing down her forehead. She looked at me, smiled, and looked away. I didn't need that sullen face and cold gaze. I needed her passion, that mad passion she'd given me in the past. I pressed her against my bosom and kissed her on the neck, ignoring that she'd no will to be kissed; she'd something in mind to tell me but shunned. A manic passion swept over me. I drew her towards myself and pressed her harder against my bosom, so hard that the space for a needle didn't remain between us. It wasn't a mere passion, but a wildfire. As soon as I planted another kiss on her neck, her body moved a bit. She looked at me delightfully, smiled and corraled her arms around my shoulders. Bah! what memorable moments.

No, please hold your breath for a second. Truth be told, we unluckily never reached that point.

I was now bored. Bored of everything, least of all my oft-repeated words, or shall I be fair and say bored of my perfect nonesense. For several months I was contemplating about writing something new, a new poem, a new short story. Something that would lay all my secrets bare. No longer I needed my secrets, and luckily there were plenty of them. And so I decided to get rid of them once for all. When I woke up in the morning, the first thing I noticed was a trail of snot streaming down my nostrils. I was all over soaked with sweat. I was giddy. There were noises and clatters of all sorts dancing in my ears. I was in a cemetery. I heard yells. One dead corpse was shouting for help to fight back a necrophagous, another asking for help against a dog that was tearing him apart, another against a man who'd come to sell out her bones, another against the woman who'd come to steal her shroud and coffin. I plead you don't believe this, because this is all the fancy of a bored man.

Did I say that I was bored? Excuse me, I wasn't bored at all. When I got up in the morning, I felt myself as vivacious and refreshed as never before. That was the magician's work. My life was tightly in her hold. I felt excited beyond control. I remembered she'd promised to come. My excitement, somehow pleasurable, had gone stray. Heavens save you from the devastations of such a fussy happiness. It was no longer under my control. I was her puppet. I was her yes-man. She was coming at last; I'd every reason to be excited and so I was. The inauspicious moments had ticked away, and now there was the moment of success, the moment of reunion and excitement. She was coming to my room.

This manic excitement even took me to the windowsill and pleaded me to fling myself down from the fifth floor. But there, I wanted to be a little bit of myself. I'd to quash that irrepressible excitement that had taken hold of me. How on earth could I do that for the sake of a meteorically transcendent success. Was it worth the ordeal? Happiness for a



few moments and no more. She was coming and I wanted her to see me happy and relaxed.

The whole day I sat on the windowsill. Tired of my dark and utterly tangled and dust-begimed room (I should tell you here that I'm an inherently lazy man), I looked into the bright sky, thought about her, and intently listened to birds' songs. One bird mourned from separation, another one grieved the death of his beloved, another one complained from betrayal, another one from loneliness, another one from emptiness.... I thought about everything belonging to her: about her eyes and fingers that had robbed my sleep, that had betwicked me, that had made me a genius. The whole day I felt excited to seeing her at night. She'd promised me that she would come over to my room and we would both go down the valley to the shade of that solitary tree. The trivialities of life were nonexistent there. There, we could be a bit of our true selves. Only there could we feel and realize love.

Despite all, she didn't come. She'd done it many times in the past. Although breaking her promises was her wont, this time I was worried, least she attempted a mischief of some sort against herself. I knew she'd that courage. She was bounteous in doing mischiefs to herself. I knew about her past. I had spent half of my life collecting the tiniest details of her past. As the twilight broke over me, I geared up for searching her. I knew she wasn't at home, so I'd to climb down the valley, if she wasn't there, climb up the hill, and if not there, I would walk on and on until finding her, or until I would also disappear. I wanted to find and take her (by force if necessary, for, as you gentle fellows know, mad love and mad anger are twins) to the shade of that solitary tree.

It was a coal-dark and rainy night of autumn. I didn't take a notice of the cold and the rain, for I knew it would distract me, my thoughts. Important thoughts. I wanted to trap the fugitive bird. At one point I thought that perhaps I might be looking for nothing, I might be fooling myself. Nay, I was a sound man. How could I be wrong? This adventure was the true test of my life. This adventure would tell me if I was myself, if I wanted to be myself, if I did what I wanted, if I really loved her. I wanted to go to the end with my love, not to welcome one sweetheart today and another one the next day (this was one reason that I locked up myself in my room). This adventure was a perfect chance for me to find the truth, to know my true self.

And so I began climbing down the valley, heading toward the solitary tree and assuring myself that this time I would catch her.

I reached the solitary tree. My old friend, a faithful friend; I knew it from childhood. It was short and thick and ever-green. It knew all my secrets, each branch, twig, and leaf of it would tell you a part of my secrets. Any time under its shade, I didn't feel alone. And now again distressed, I wanted to cuddle it and tell it that I'd a thorny journey ahead, but chatters of teeth transfixed me. There she was, crouched against the tree-trunk and shaking from cold.

(to be continued ...)

“ОПЯТЬ РИС???”



- восклицают отчаянные проголодавшиеся студенты, глядя на список предлагаемых блюд столовыми АУЦА – сегодня, как и в предыдущие недели, королем кулинарии выступает всем изрядно надоевший рис.

Многие студенты АУЦА часто сетуют на то, что в столовых нашего университета (а их две – “Браво” и “Китченнет”) давно не появлялись новые блюда, а ныне существующие уже “приелись”, да и цены мясных блюд кажутся многим слишком высокими. Меню этих двух столовых в основном состоят из риса, гречки, макарон и картофеля.

Мы решили предложить нашим столовым свои рецепты доступных, вкусных, полезных и легких в приготовлении блюд. С целью найти такие рецепты, мы опросили нескольких студентов и выяснили, что некоторые из них с удовольствием поели бы свежих салатов.

“Их здесь так мало, да и в основном они из вареных овощей. А так хочется свежей капусты, моркови, зелени», - сказала одна четверокурсница. По ее совету, можно нарубить листьев салата, покрошить огурцов, помидоров, моркови, капусты (в общем, сделать микс из всевозможных свежих овощей) и добавить немного куриного мяса, как это обычно делается во многих кафе США. Заправить данное «ассорти» хорошим соусом или оливковым маслом, и салат уже готов к потреблению. «Думаю, цена такого салата была бы довольно разумной», - добавила она.

Другой респондент ответил: “Хотелось бы чего-нибудь жареного или тушеного – капусты или картошки, например”. Видимо, этот человек уже очень давно не обедал в университетских столовых, поскольку именно эти блюда обычно всегда есть в меню и уже порядком поднадоели многим.

Нашлись среди опрошенных и те, кто хотел бы интеллигентно поедать мороженое ложечкой из стеклянной посуды, вместо

того, чтобы слизывать эскимо с палочки. Известно, что в наших столовых мороженое продается в упаковках и, конечно, не сравнится со свежим мороженым с кусочками фруктов или шоколада. Однако, данное кулинарное желание трудно выполнимо – уж слишком хлопотное это дело, учитывая то, что во время обеденного перерыва работники столовых едва успевают обслуживать огромный поток голодных студентов и преподавателей.

Любители десерта также изъявили желание видеть “brownies” – американское шоколадное пирожное среди других сладостей. “Я думаю, многие из студентов, побывавших в Штатах и сами преподаватели из Америки очень скучают по этой вкуснятине. Да и способ приготовления не такой уж и сложный”, - сказала одна студентка. Самый простой рецепт этого американского “рахат-лукума”, на самом деле, оказался несложным: сливочное масло, какао, сахар, ванилин, пищевая сода, мука, соль и грецкие орехи – по желанию. Однако, возьмутся ли наши повара воплощать это желание в жизнь? Во-первых, они сами не пекут пирожное, которое продают, а заказывают его. Наверяд ли их обрадует мысль о том, что надо будет печь “brownies” каждый день – лучше заказать уже готовые всем привычные виды пирожного.

Нашлись и любители рыбных блюд – уха из жареной рыбы с гарниром. “Рыба проста в приготовлении и не стоит так дорого, как мясо”, - предложил студент третьего курса. Ему, оказывается, надоели куриные окорочка и котлеты, да и цены этих блюд его не совсем устраивают. А вот рыба, на его взгляд, придется по вкусу многим.

Вот мы и выяснили, чего же на самом деле любят и хотят есть наши студенты. Наше дело предложить, а принимать во внимание эти желания или проигнорировать – дело руководителей “Браво” и “Китченнета”.

ПРИЗНАНИЕ В ЛЮБВИ!

Признание в любви в День святого Валентина - это и символ праздника, и подарок (причем как половинке, так и самому себе, особенно если вы до этого скрывали свои чувства), и... просто признание в любви. Самые заветные слова, которые хочется услышать в День святого Валентина, - это три коротких слова “Я тебя люблю!”

А вот как будет выглядеть эта волшебная фраза на разных языках мира:

Африканский: Ek het jou liefе; Ek is lief vir jou

Арабский: Ana Behibek; Ib'n hebbak; Ana Ba-hebbak

Бари (Суданский язык): Nan nyanyar do (Я тебя люблю); Nan nyanyar do parik (Я тебя очень люблю)

Баскский: Nere Maitea

Баварский: I mog di narrisch gern

Белорусский: Я цябе кахаю

Бенгали: Ami tomake bhalobashi.

Бербер: Lakh tirikh

Болгарский: Obicham te

Венгерский: Szeretlek; Szeretlek te'ged

Вьетнамский: Toi ye u em; Anh ye u em

Гельский: Tha gradh agam ort

Голландский: Ik houd van jou

Греческий: S' ayapo

Датский: Jeg elsker dig

Иврит: Ani ohev otach; Ani ohev otcha

Идиш: Ich libe dich; Ich han dich lib

Инди: Mai tujhe pyaar kartha hoo

Индийский: Nenu Ninnu Premistunnu

Индонезийский: Saja kasih saudari

Индонезийский: Saya Cinta Kamu; Saya cinta padamu; Aku cinta padamu; Aku sayang enkow; Sayah

Chantikan Awah

Ирландский: taim i' ngra leat

Исландский: Eg elska thig

Испанский: Te quiero (Ты для меня много значишь);

Te Amo (Я тебя люблю)

Камбоджийский: Bon soro lanh oon

Канадский французский: Sh'teme

Кантонийский: Ngo oi ney

Каталанский: T'estim (Я тебя люблю); T'estim molt

(Я очень тебя люблю)

Китайский: Wo ie ni

Корейский: Tangsinul sarang ha yo; Nanun tongshinun sarang hamnida

Курдский: Ez te hezdikhem

Лаосский: Khoi huk chau

Латинский: Te amo; Vos amo

Латвийский: Es tevi Mlu (s teh-vih me-lu)

Литовский: TAVE MYLIU (ta-ve mee-lyu)

Мадридский жаргон: Me molas, tronca

Малазийский: Saya cintamu; Saya sayangmu

Могаукийский: Konorohkwa

Навахо: Ayor anosh'ni

Немецкий: Ich liebe Dich

Непальский: Ma timilai maya garchu, Ma timilai man

ragauchu

Норвежский: Eg elsker deg; Jeg elsker deg

Осетинский: Aez dae warzyn

Пакистанский: Muje se mu habbat hai

Персидский: Tora dost darom

Польский: Kocham Cie; Ja cie kocham

Португальский: Eu te amo

Римский: Te iu besc

Русский: Ya tebya lyublyu

Сербский: LUBim te.

Сербохорватский : volim te

Сирийский: BHEBBEK

Сиу: Techihhila

Словацкий: lubim ta

Словенский: ljubim te

Суданский: Nan nyanyar do (Я тебя люблю); Nan

nyanyar do parik (Я очень тебя люблю)

Суахили: Naku penda

Тайский: Ch'an Rak Khun; Phom Rak Khun

Тунисский: Ha eh bak

Турецкий: Seni seviyorum

Урду: Mujge tumae mahabbat hai

Узбекский: Man seni sevaman

Уэльский: Rwyn dy garu di; Yr wyf i yn dy garu di

(chwi)

Фарси (Персидский): doostat dAram

Филиппинский: Mahal ka ta; Iniibig Kita

Финский: Mina rakastan sinua

Фламандский: Ik zie oe geerne

Французский: Je t'aime

Хинди: Mae tumko pyar kia; My tumko pyar karta hu;

Main tumse pyar karta hoon; Ham Tomche Payer Kor-

tahe; Mai tumse peyar karta hnu.

Хорватский: Ljubim te

Шотландский гэльский: Tha gradh agam ort

Шри-Ланкский: Mama Oyata Arderyi

Шведский: Jag a'lskar dig; Iaj Alskar Dej

Шведскогерманский: Ch'ha di garn

Японский: Kimi o ai shiteru; Watakushi-wa anata-wo

ai shimasu; Kulo tresno

Esperanto: Mi amas vin.

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THE HISTORY OF VALENTINE'S DAY



Every February, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine.

But who is this mysterious saint

and why do we celebrate this holiday? The history of Valentine's Day – and its patron saint – is shrouded in mystery. But we do know that February has long been a month of romance. St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. So, who was Saint Valentine and how did he become associated with this ancient rite? Today, the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred.

One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When

Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men – his crop of potential soldiers. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons where they were often beaten and tortured.

According to one legend, Valentine actually sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl – who may have been his jailor's daughter – who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed 'From your Valentine,' an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories certainly emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, and, most importantly, romantic figure. It's no surprise that by the Middle Ages, Valentine was one of the most popular saints in England and France.

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FAREWELL KISS Мирбек Сыдыков

Всегда спокойный, серьезный и уравновешенный..., а какой разумный лидер! Сегодня мы говорим «До свидания» очередному выдающемуся студенту АУЦА, Мирбеку Сыдыкову (ICP-104)! За четыре года, проведенные в Американском Университете, Мирбек сумел не только освоить различные дисциплины вне своей специальности, но также и набраться большого опыта работы и практики в различных международных организациях. Будучи серьезным студентом четвертого курса, Мирбек уже является частным предпринимателем благодаря своим усилиям и стараниям!

Мирбек, ты с детства такой старательный и целеустремленный?

На самом деле, да. Родители меня всегда учили, воспитывали и наставляли, за что я им очень благодарен! В старших классах я уже посещал различные курсы, тогда и понял, на сколько важно образование.

Ты еще не окончил университет, а у тебя уже такой большой опыт работы...

Я считаю, что каждому студенту очень полезно пройти практику для того, чтобы набраться опыта. Из своего опыта я знаю, что существует большой разрыв между академической программой и требованиями рыночного труда. Поэтому нужно стараться сократить этот разрыв. Во время практики или работы всегда смотришь и понимаешь, что тебе по душе и насколько эта работа подходит тебе. Это очень важно!

Расскажи немного о твоём опыте работы.

Мне посчастливилось пройти практику в международных организациях, таких как NDI и OSCE. Работа в таких организациях дает большой опыт, также важно окружение интересных людей и профессиональная деятельность.

А как же тебе удалось найти работу?

Это очень интересно. Работу я начал искать с первого семестра первого курса. После месяца безрезультатных усилий, я распечатал целую пачку резюме и оставлял их во всевозможных организациях. Наконец, мне позвонили из двух организаций, одной из которых была ОБСЕ. Там я и начал свой карьерный путь. Хотелось бы отметить, что работа нашего карьерного центра очень значительна и помогает студентам в нахождении практики, работы и различных стажировок. Кроме того, сайт постоянно обновляется.

Какую должность ты получил на своей первой работе?

Ассистент ассистента ассистента... шучу!!! Я помогал в организации различных встреч, конференций и т.д.

Как тебе удастся совмещать работу с учёбой?

В одно время мне приходилось работать full-time, поэтому все мои пары в университете были до 9:30 и после 5:30. Из собственного опыта, никому не советую поступать также. Конечно, все зависит от человека, но думаю, учебу все-таки нужно ставить на первое место.

Где же ты работаешь сейчас?

Сейчас я работаю по другой специальности, мы с друзьями являемся частными предпринимателями в сфере

Интернет проектов. Я выбрал этот путь, т.к. с детства проявляю к этому интерес.

Что пробудило в тебе такой интерес к компьютерной инженерии?

С детства я ходил на компьютерные курсы и просмотрел всю эволюцию Windows. Когда был в Штатах, я встретил знаменитого человека, зовут его Vind Surf. Он является отцом Интернета. Сейчас он работает вице-президентом Google. Последолгого разговора с ним у меня появилось вдохновение, так вот все и началось...

Столько работы, учебы, а как же на счет времени на развлечения и отдых?..

При желании можно и поработать и поучиться и отдохнуть. Мы с друзьями тоже выезжаем в горы, устраиваем вечеринки. Так что отдых с друзьями – это вне вопроса!

Какую музыку ты предпочитаешь?

Очень люблю классику. Даже во время учебы или работы, она стимулирует и помогает, а, следовательно, и получается лучше!

Самая смешная история из твоей студенческой жизни

Как-то раз, примерно на первом курсе было такое, что кто-то позвонил в милицию и заявил, что в АУКЕ заложена бомба. Все студенты и персонал покинули здание, и организовалась толпа около лэбов. У одного друга оказался под рукой фотоаппарат, и мы начали фотографировать все происходящее... Далее одному из нас взбрело в голову дать интервью в одно из медиа агентств по этому поводу и продать фотографии. В общем, мы поехали в Akipress. Конечно,



фотографии у нас не купили, но статью в новостях написали, ссылаясь на наши слова. Вот такие вот предпринимательские идеи возникали у первокурсников.

Мирбек, ну и на прощание, твои пожелания студентам и преподавателям...

Не так давно был День Святого Валентина, хотелось бы поздравить всех влюбленных, а невлюбленным пожелать найти свои вторые половинки!

Желаю всем студентам удачи и успехов в учебе! Хочется поблагодарить всех преподавателей за их терпение и огромный труд, а также пожелать счастья и благополучия!

Желаем Мирбеку Сыдыкову успехов в достижении поставленных целей, счастья и только зеленого света на жизненном пути! Пусть сбываются все желания и мечты! В добрый путь, Мирбек!

Регина Молчанова
Фото из архива Мирбека



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