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To Study or Not to Study ?



Talant Sultanov,
The vice president for finance

On January 19th, AUCA announced a new system of tuition for students for the 2011-2012 academic year. Starting next year, the official total cost of education will be \$4,900. However, the actual price that current students will pay will be no more than \$2,750, according to the administration.

Talant Sultanov, the vice president for finance, explained the reasons for increasing the tuition fee. According to him, AUCA follows a policy of transparency. "The average tuition per student is \$1,600, but AUCA spends \$4,500 to educate one student." Another factor in establishing the new tuition is that the new policy aims to enroll more international students: "We plan to recruit more international students who can actually pay the full tuition of \$4,900". The income from those students will

be partially spent on financial aid for students from Kyrgyzstan and the CIS. Average financial aid will be 61 percent of \$4,900. The average tuition per student expected next year is \$1,900.

In order not to be confused, every student should calculate their tuition for next year according to their current tuition. "If you pay, for instance, \$1,000 this year, the maximum that you will pay next year is \$1,250. If a student does not receive any financial aid, he or she will pay no more than \$2,750," clarified Talant Sultanov.

Currently, AUCA has three sources of income: donors, endowments (USAID, Open Society Institute), and private donations. Talant Sultanov said, "We do not know how long those donors and endowments will be available. This makes our budget unsustainable. The new policy will provide a more sustainable

budget in the future for AUCA."

Some changes were also carried out in the financial aid system. Sultanov noted, "Next year all students who win or have won any Olympiads or Brain Rings will receive full scholarships."

The widespread view that new tuition will cover the expenses of building a new campus is also wrong. Sultanov mentioned that, "money for a new campus [will] come from private donations and endowments."

Saltanat Ibraeva, a sophomore at AUCA, thinks the new policy is very expensive. "Even though the actual price of education is \$2,750, not \$4,900, it is still very expensive for our country. There is a chance that we will have fewer freshmen and the quality does not correspond to the price. Students will expect more skilled international teachers, but the question of

whether their expectations will be met is still open."

The AUCA Administration encourages all students to visit the advising sessions for students on February 2, 9, 11, and 18.

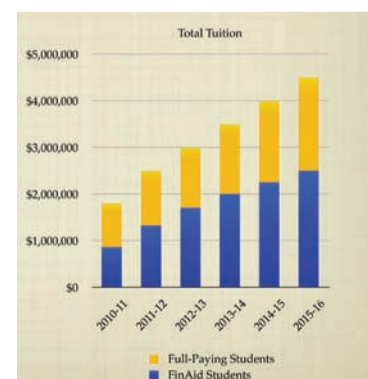
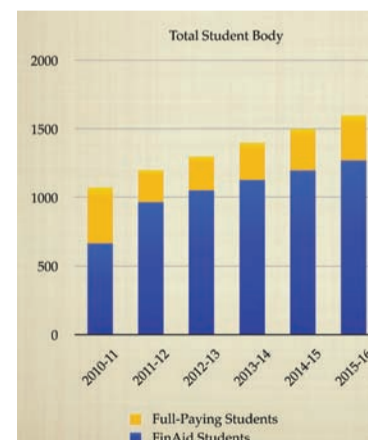
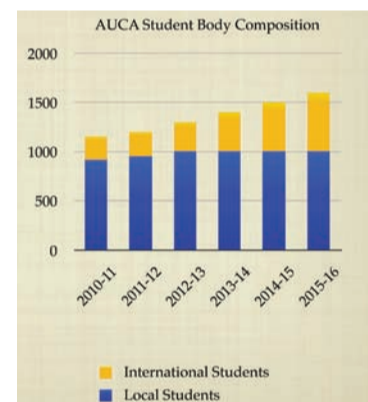
Batyr Shabdanov

According to Ainur Tairova, the assistant to the Head of Financial Aid department, next year, most freshmen from Kyrgyzstan and CIS will pay no more than \$2,750, and no current students. The official AUCA tuition of \$4,900 will be paid mostly by international students, as well as students from the region that have the ability to pay. "We expect approximately 90 percent of Kyrgyzstan and CIS students to receive financial aid." Tairova said.

2011-12 AUCA TUITION

SAMPLE TUITION CHART

AUCA STUDENTS	2010-11 TUITION	2011-12 TUITION MINIMUM	2011-12 TUITION AVERAGE	2011-12 TUITION MAXIMUM
PERCENT INCREASE		10%	17.5%	25%
NO FINANCIAL AID	\$2,200	\$2,420	\$2,585	\$2,750
NEED BASED FINANCIAL AID	\$1,400	\$1,540	\$1,645	\$1,750
MERIT BASED FINANCIAL	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0



Dean of Student Life Column:**Мистер АУЦА**

Это обращение к студентам мужского пола.

В прошлом году парни, ущемлённые по гендерному принципу, из-за того, что им запретили участвовать в «Мисс АУЦА», плакали в коридорах скупой мужской слезой.

Ребята, у вас есть полное право подать любую соревновательную идею в рамках вне учебного времени. Идея будет поддержана, если в ней не будет чего-то противоречащего законам страны и уставу университета.

Например, раньше мы проводили соревнования по армрестлингу, брейринги и т.д.

Нужно всего лишь ваше желание, уважаемые юноши, и поддержка будет обеспечена. Всесторонняя поддержка.

Необходима активность студентов, а не активность сотрудников. Студенты должны получить то, что им интересно. Мы не будем гадать. Давайте просто проявим инициативу. Придем и скажем: «На бы хотелось...»

Мистеры нашего университета! Ещё один вопрос, который меня очень волнует. Когда-то по совету профессора Брудного мы стали проводить вечер под названием «Ослиный мост» (Donkey Bridge), где предполагалась церемония,

которая утверждает студентов четвертого курса, как людей, которым легче уже закончить университет, чем его бросить. Определенный рубеж.

Постепенно, год за годом, мы растеряли истинное содержание этого вечера, который мог стать (И я уверен ещё станет) ещё одной традицией, которая добавит свою краску в палитру нашего уникального духа.

Уважаемые мистеры. Давайте не будем превращать «Ослиный мост» (Donkey Bridge) в ещё одну пьяную дискотеку. Давайте всё-таки попробуем общими силами создать церемониал, который бы был запоминаемым на всю оставшуюся жизнь. Предложения принимаются. Мы уже обсуждали этот вопрос со Студсенатом. Сейчас обращаемся к вам.

Нам нужна команда, которая хочет это делать. Студенческий координатор ждёт волонтеров. 104-ая комната. Адели Омуралиева. Создайте новую традицию, и Вы останетесь в истории АУЦА. Однозначно, в этом году мы не будем финансировать вульгарную дискотеку.

Ждём вас.

**Dean of student life
N.Shulgin**

**Student Coordinator Column:
One more sport club in AUCA!**

Dear students, I want to share a very pleasant piece of news with you. From now on we have one more sport club in the AUCA club registrar. All who wish to try skiing, snowboarding, and other winter sports can join a team and be a member of the Board Club. Board club is responsible for planning such sport recreations as visiting downhill resorts and bases as they did last weekend. To be a member of Board Club you don't have to be a well-trained skier or snowboarder at all. But they also don't train you how to use snowboard or skis. It's up to you! You just borrow all of the necessary equipment from a sports store, keep your girlfriend or group mate with you, ask for some cash from your parents to be sure of your self-sufficiency, and be in a cheerful mood to go to the mountains with the Board Club team! So, if you decide to try skiing, snowboarding, or simply sliding down sitting in an inflated tube, do not hesitate to come to Room 104 and sign for membership in the Board Club! By the way, the budget of the Board Club is provided by Student Senate money. The head of this club is Kamil Timerov. You can address directly him to find out more information related to Board Club.



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**Sincerely,
Student coordinator
Adele Omuralieva**

**Student Senate Column**

Dear students and AUCA staff! The Student Senate wants to inform you about some news. As you know, we made some changes and additions and legitimated the Student Senate Charter with the help of a legal advisor, and we hope you all have read it and know the articles and the content, because we sent it to your e-mails. It's a very important document that allows the Senate to be more independent and to protect the rights of the whole student body. So, if you have any recommendations about it, you can share them with us.

The Student Senate wants to thank all participants of the amazing event, Diversity Week. All delegations were well-prepared and showed their best. It was one of the brightest and most interesting events that showed our diversity and, at the same time, the unity of the students and AUCA spirit. The Student Senate supported all delegations by giving them money from its budget.

Recently, we organized a trip to the mountains, which was available to our students, and costs were covered by the



Student Senate. We hope that students liked this trip and enjoyed the nature.

We received a lot of complaints from our students because of the increase in tuition costs. For many students the real reasons behind the increase are still unclear. Therefore, the Student Senate organized a committee that includes the Senate members and other students who will have meetings with the administration to discuss this issue.

St. Valentine's Day is coming and we wish that you spend this day well. Also, please be active and vote for all interesting nominations that that we are going to make. In March, we will organize "Miss AUCA 2011" and "Junior's Ball" and we are going to have a meeting with our juniors to share ideas and experiences. Based on these discussions, we will organize the party. So, dear students, be active, and you will always be supported by us!

**Respectfully,
Perizat Dzhusubalieva,
senator**

LOVE IS.....

As February is approaching excitement about Saint Valentine's Day is growing within university.

Valentine's Day will be celebrated in AUCA in following ways:

1. "Best hand-made postcard contest": The postcard subject should correspond to St. Valentine's Day (AUCA - territory of love!). You can make your own, unique card of any improvised materials and bring it to 104 room till February, 11. All received postcards will be exposed at the exhibition in «Bravo» on Monday (February, 14) at lunchtime. The only condition - you shouldn't fill in your own greeting text inside of it.
2. "The best love definition contest" LOVE IS The contest is only for the AUCA faculty and staff.
3. On the February 14 at 4 p.m there will be musical competition «Stream» for the prospective students held. The concert is dedicated to the celebration of the Valentine's Day. The concert



consists of three parts, on that day AUCA will witness the final round, to which only 8 out of 40 participants have passed. The winners of the contest will be able to study at AUCA with tuition discount. The first place earns 60 percent, the second 50 percent, the third 40 percent. If you wish to recognize «special someone», you can refer to organizers of the concert. Send your couple's photo to minkova_k@mail.auca.kg and you will see it on our celebration. The annual Best Buy auction will be held during the concert.

4. The official AUCA party dedicated to the celebration of the Valentine's Day will be held on February, 11 in FAB Bar at 9 pm.

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Discussing the development of AUCA



On January 24 Jeff Belnap, Director of Abu Dhabi Campus and Associate Provost of Zayed University and Jonathan Becker, the Dean of International Studies and a member of the AUCA Board of Trustees, met with AUCA students to discuss several issues about AUCA life, education, and extra-curricular activities to be aware of what AUCA is particularly about. Students shared their opinions about the faculty, education, and university as a whole, and talked about AUCA clubs, events, and other activities.

A question about the accreditation with Bard College was raised. Becker explained why the International Business Law and Business Administration majors cannot be accredited with the Bard College diploma. He said these two programs are specifically different from the Liberal Arts programs and more professionally oriented.

According to the report of the Substantive Change to the Middle States Commission on Higher Education written by Becker, "The business program is currently centered on marketing, accounting, and business practice, and the law program... is very much a professional studies program for students of the law primarily seeking to practice in their home countries."

At the end of the meeting, students expressed gratitude to the visitors, and Jeff Belnap and Jonathan Becker said they were pleased with the meeting

Natali Anarbaeva

Candle Night at AUCA

We are alive while the memory of people that we loved is still alive.



"Men come and go," wise people say. And we should probably not grieve about their demise. It is the way life is made up.

However, we should certainly remember those people; because memory is the only thing we can save about them. Memory is the only wealth left after those whom

we loved. In reminiscences, we can return to the best moments in our life and live them on again.

That's why AUCA arranges candle nights – evenings when students, faculty, and staff gather to think about people who studied or worked with them and left to the other world.

"Death cannot be separated from life; it is a part of it, a new form of matter," confidently maintains Nikolai Shulgin, the Dean of Students.

Thus, candle nights are not the requiem; they're organized for the other purpose – provide an opportunity to remember people associated with the university or even to introduce them for the new AUCA generation.

"It's not them who need to be remembered by us, it's us who need to think of them," N. Shulgin adds.

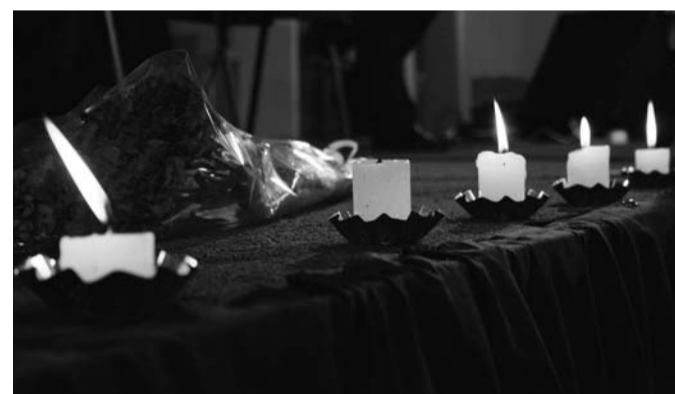
This year, on January 26th, such an evening of memories was devoted to Victoria Lavrova – AUCA alumnus, staff, and instructor, who passed away five years ago.

Invited guests knew more about Victoria from the excerpts of her book *Among the Worlds: Letters from America*, listened to classical and popular music and had a time to recollect nice moments of past connected to her and other departed people during the reception.

Like at the first candle night, one taper became dim after being several times lighted. "It might be a sign that Vika is always with us," her friend Ajara Beishembaeva, Master of Business Administration's chair, believes.

Victoria Lavrova was one of the best students, and after graduation from ICP department, she was asked to get her Master's degree from Indiana University. However, she rejected this invitation and worked as a Student Coordinator at her alma mater for one year. Whether she wanted to do her duty to the university, being thankful towards it, or there was another reason of staying in Bishkek, her colleagues knew the only thing for sure – Victoria loved AUCA, feeling attachment to it, and she probably might have wanted "to stop a beautiful moment of life" and spend more time in the place where her interests were concentrated.

Having received a repeat invitation, Victoria left



Kyrgyzstan for USA and returned back with Master's degree in her field of study. Soon, she became a lovely professor at AUCA and then – the Head of ICP program.

"It is a unique case when AUCA student comes through several stages of relations with our university," Nikolai Shulgin comments.

And, indeed, Victoria was a unique person: amazingly beautiful, intelligent, smart, and kind, as her friends recall her. She can confidently set an example of how to live rightly.

P.S. Remembering people, we prolong their living in our hearts and the hearts of others.

Blessed memory for those who passed away.

Svetlana Verchenko

Prospective Students Speak About Open House

As the Open House at AUCA opened the doors of the university for dozens of prospective students, they had a chance to see, to learn about the AUCA. They shared with New Star reporters their opinions and impressions about the Open House.

Nurbek (School № 13)

«Today I have come here to find out if I have the opportunity to enter this university. I need to know everything about the procedure for admission: which exams do I need to pass to get accepted to the Business Administration Department.»

Adilet (School № 62)

«I would like to learn more about AUCA. To be honest, I never thought about entering this university. However today I became very interested in the Department of Anthropology, so if I manage to I will enter there «

Adilet (School № 61)

«All is fine, I like the friendly atmosphere. A lot of familiar faces are around. However, it is only the beginning, so nothing specific I can not say «

Bakyt (School № 61)

«I would like to know more about AUCA. I do not think that inflation could affect the increase of tuition fee. Yet it seems to me that I will be able to pass one of the programs, through ORT – earning Gold Certificate».

Aysalkyn (school № 1, g.Shopokov)

«I really want to study at AUCA! I would like to learn about the admissions to the Journalism Department. AUCA is the most prestigious university, which is very attractive for development in Kyrgyzstan and abroad. I was struck by the spirit of the university! Everyone is smiling, for each visitor to an individual approach».

Victoria (School № 1, g.Shopokov)

«I do really like it. Students and staff are very friendly to all who came. I especially liked the featured concert. My dream is to be admitted to the Anthropology Department « .

Material prepared by Djanai Ilyasova

DIVERSITY

The most memorable, most fascinating, and tastiest week in the whole academic year in the AUCA is Diversity Week! This "different" week gives students spiritual effort and pushes them to investigate deeper into their own culture.

Usually, preparation starts one month before Diversity Week, to demonstrate each delegation's originality, tolerance and friendship during Diversity Week. This year Diversity Week started on January 24th and finished on January 29th. During these five days, each delegation had the floor to present their customs and traditions; each day was unique in its own way. Thanks to all organizers that helped make Diversity Week 2011 so interesting and memorable.

DAY 1: FOOD DAY



On the first day, each delegation cooked and presented their traditional food. All nations had their tables in "Bravo" where everybody had a chance to taste and to buy pancakes, uchpuchmaks, plov, sushi, borsoks, lagman, etc. It was a lucky chance for students to see and taste food from so many different nationalities in one place.



DAY 2: PRESENTATION DAY



Performances took place in CH1, where during lunchtime almost all students gathered to see how each delegation represented itself. There were tables with different traditional attributes from each delegation that demonstrated their rich culture. On the stage, one could see a movie, dance, or song that somehow described the presenting nationality.



DAY 3: FAIRY TALE



On this day, each delegation needed to make the fairy tale "Alice in Wonderland" in their own way. Delegations tried somehow to tie that fairy tale with their culture. Sometimes it was funny and from time to time the delegations tried to give the audience wise thoughts and good advice.



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DAY 4: UPSIDE-DOWN



Before Diversity Week, the World Club made a "jerebevka" and each delegation extended one tradition from other culture. For example: Koreans showed the audience the Uzbek tradition of "Forty days from the childbirth", or Tatars had a chance to present the Kyrgyz tradition of "Tushoo Toi". The day was full of positive and excellent emotions.



DAY 5: FINAL CONCERT

At 4:00 pm, CH1 was crowded with people, students, staff, guests, and delegations in their traditional costumes. Everybody was waiting for the most entertaining show in Diversity Week. The duration of the concert was about two hours, but nobody noticed it, because during every minute the stage sparkled; people were dancing, singing, and speaking. The show was unforgettable. In the end, each delegation received a certificate with the interesting nominations that described them.



Material prepared by Diana Takutdinova

What do we experience from the relationship of different nations in AUCA?

The American University of Central Asia, which is located in Bishkek, consists of many students from different nations as well as similar countries. Through culture, customs, and traditions, AUCA students build strong relationships and learn from each other, which helps them in their studies, language, and behavior to get more information in an educated society. AUCA has students from various nations and mostly there is no problem with their relationships with each other; they help each other and it's not related to their nationality. There is no discrimination among them. Student relationships are really useful to make a more widely varying relationship.

Hon Ui Jin, a student from Korea studying in the journalism department, said it is a good opportunity to study in a foreign language so students can

experience diversity and culture. "This relationship in AUCA helps us to know about different clothes styles and it is really interesting to me that sometime I tried to change my custom to align with another nation. Also, it changes my way of thinking. Through these relationships I know about others fashions, love, education, and experiences."

Wazhma Samanday, a student from Afghanistan studying in the ICP department, said relationships among AUCA students are friendly, and it make us share our ideas with each other and get more competitive information. She said, "Sometimes, being with people from different nations affects me on a better and higher way of style; sometimes I get more pure, detailed, and healthy information and debate too."

Daler, a student from Kyrgyzstan studying in the ICP department, said AUCA is a unique place with all of these nationalities in one place, where international students can discuss issues from different perspectives according to their own local or native values.

Madina Abdukanv, a student from Tajikistan studying in the Anthropology department, said, "Being in AUCA taught us to know about each other's ideas, cultures, customs, and religions. Being among people from different nations helped me while studying; I have many American friends and when I face some difficulties during my studies, I can ask them for help. Also, living with different people gives me more life experience," added Madina.

Informal Economy and Social Vulnerability in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan

From February to September 2010, a research team from the Social Research Center at AUCA and Help Age International conducted a study titled, "Informal Economy and Social Vulnerability in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan"

The study was particularly conducted by Nodira Kholmatova (Soc108), Eliza Damirbek kyzy (Eur107), and Natalia Igoshina (Eur107) under the supervision of Dr. Emil Nasritdinov (Assistant Professor of Anthropology) in Bishkek, Osh, Dushanbe, and Khujant.

This study analyzed the effect of the informal economy on the pension fund of people involved in the informal sector.

The retirement pensions of Kyrgyzstan citizens today depend on their employment period and on taxes they paid toward their pension fund. Only those who are officially employed make these payments, while those who are in the informal sector do not.

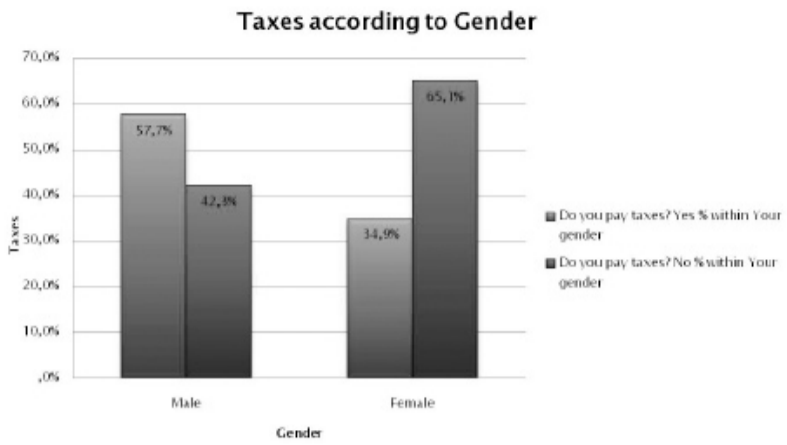
In Kyrgyzstan, the level of unemployment is high, which causes increases in internal migration to big cities as well as the informal sector.

"People go to cities like Bishkek or Dushanbe as informal employees to survive from hunger and poverty. They don't have any choices," Nodira Kholmatova said.

In Kyrgyzstan, majority of agents involved in the informal sector are from Chui region and Bishkek.

"Most people from all regions of Kyrgyzstan go to Bishkek because there are possibilities to earn money. They are considered informal employees because, by the law, all employees who are not residents of Bishkek city work illegally," said Natalia Igoshina.

The typical informal employee is a person occupied with non-registered work and who doesn't transfer any payment, such as social fund charges and taxes.



"People don't have money even to rent a place in the bazaar, that's why they sell in the street," said Nodira Kholmatova. "That's why there is no money for taxes, pension fund, and other payments," she added.

"Most informal employees don't know the process to register the work or how to transfer money to the pension fund," said Eliza Damirbek kyzy. "Moreover, they don't depend on the pension fund, as they are sure their children" she added.

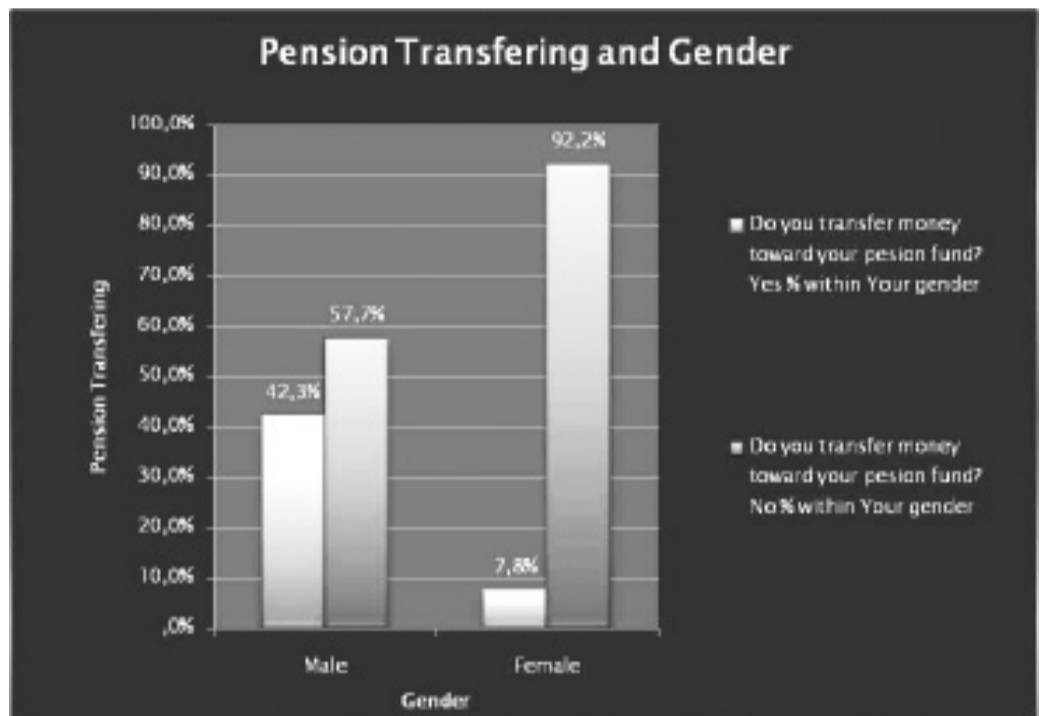
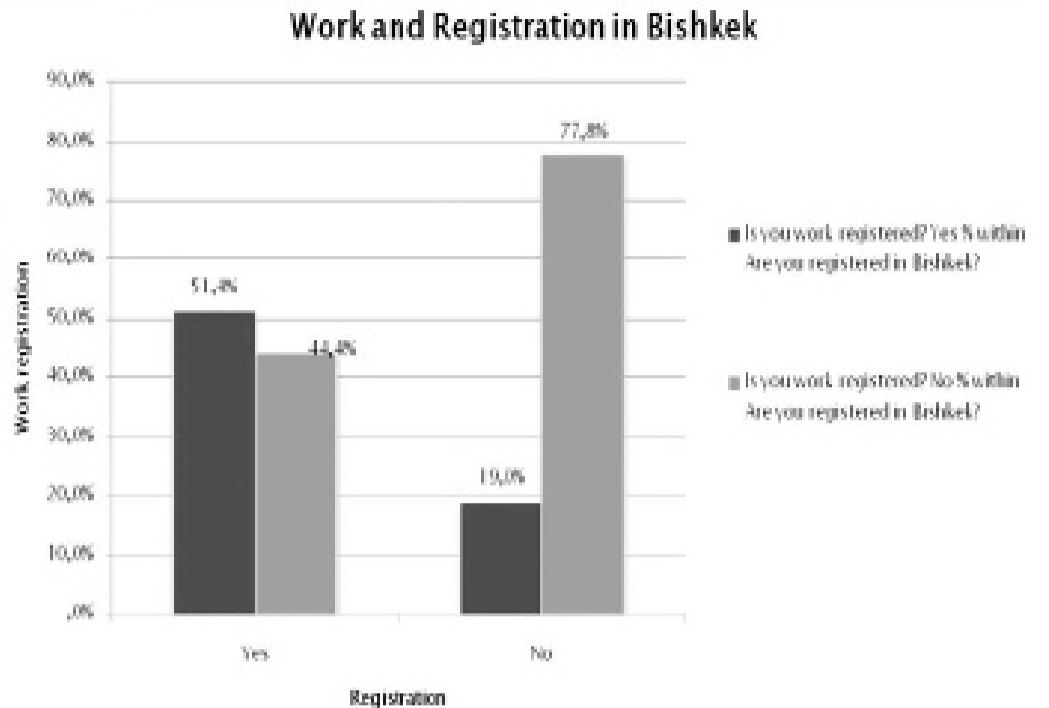
Also, the research found that in Kyrgyzstan the informal sector is composed of mostly females. Certainly, the fact that they expand unintentionally to the informal economy in Bishkek is justified with their low salaries and position in the society of Kyrgyzstan.

"In Tajikistan females get more pension than males, while in Kyrgyzstan females' work is evaluated much less than males; therefore, females get less pension," Nodira Kholmatova said, adding, "Because of that there are more informal employees among females than among males."

The informal sector is very prominent in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan and it has strong links with the current and future social security of people, but people are quite pessimistic and they don't trust the government.

"Informal employees don't think about the future, they just live by present time, make stress on current salary and don't care what will be with them in the future," said Eliza Damirbek kyzy.

Material prepared by Farizat Syrdybaeva



Citizenship and Identity of Kyrgyz and Tajik Migrants in Russia

A group of AUCA students visited Kazan, Russian Federation, for conducting research for a project titled, "Citizenship and Identity of Kyrgyz and Tajik Migrants in Russia."

Nodira Kholmatova (Soc108) and Aijan Sheralieva (Soc108), under the supervision of Dr. Emil Nasritdinov, Thematic Leader on Migration at the SRC, received a grant of \$2,000 from UNESCO to conduct their proposed research and publicly present their findings in May 2011.

The research group conducted a study in Kazan from November 22nd to 29th, 2010.



"The migrants in Kazan were hospitable and were glad to co-operate with us," said Nodira Kholmatova. "But it was so cold there," she added.

By the group's observation, they found that there are different reasons for migration to the Russian Federation, but the main reason is to earn money and to escape from poverty.

"Being in Kazan I divided the migrants into three groups. The first group is the migrants who have gotten citizenship to stay for permanent residence. The second group is the migrants who have gotten citizenship just for surviving. As a matter of fact, without citizenship it's difficult to

find a good job. And the third group is the migrants who haven't gotten citizenship yet, who work illegally and earn less money," said Nodira Kholmatova.

But even considering themselves as the citizens of the Russian Federation, the migrants identify themselves as Kyrgyz and Tajik people.

"The Kyrgyz migrants and their children, who were born in Russia, follow all Kyrgyz traditions and customs, which proves their identity as Kyrgyz," said Aijan Sheralieva.

Moreover, the researchers were witnesses of one of the migrants' celebrations, which showed that location or citizenship doesn't



influence identity.

"One of the migrants, who was selling in the bazaar, invited us to his son's 'Sunot Toy'. To this celebration was even invited Moldo for following the custom," Aijan Sheralieva said.

The research group successfully interviewed Kyrgyz and Tajik migrants in Kazan and they will be completely done with their study by May 2011.

"The exact result, analysis, and conclusion will be ready in May, that's why I cannot talk about certain results without statistics," Nodira Kholmatova said.

Material prepared by Farizat Syrdybaeva

Poetry



Мне в спину дует шалый ветер,
Бреду по улицам одна,
Сквозь пережитые столетия,
Где стынет талая вода,

Белеют склоны горных вышек,
Я прячу пальцы в рукава,
Мне дух весенний еле слышен,
Под тонкий стебель сосняка.

В реке, что издали змеится,
Плывет почти прозрачный лед,
А над водой венцом искрится,
В лучах тепла жемчужный свод.

Зима в мохнатых рукавицах,
Покинет ветреную даль,
А я вяжу на тонких спицах,
Весне мохеровую шаль.

2006

Адель Омуралиева

Ski-tourism in Kyrgyzstan Becomes more Popular

Opportunities to attend ski-resorts in Kyrgyzstan are increasing, which makes skiing more popular.

Kyrgyzstan is a mountainous country, but ski-tourism is not yet developed enough in Kyrgyzstan. "You have the best mountains, but your ski-resorts are poor," said Roul Lopez, a Spanish tourist in Kyrgyzstan.

Kyrgyzstan began developing ski-tourism about five years ago, but only during last few years have opportunities for ski-resorts become better.

Season after season, every ski-resort improves services for its visitors. Previously, a ski-resort located in Kara-Kol was the only appreciated one, but now there are a lot of other ski-resorts that can be considered good competitors.

In Kyrgyzstan, ski-resorts in Kara-Kol, Orlovka, Too-Ashu and around Bishkek are noticed.

Kara-Kol is considered the best one, but it is located far in the mountains and because of that it is considered an expensive pleasure. That's why ski-resorts around Bishkek can be convenient for people who don't have enough money or time to go to Kara-Kol.

Ski-resorts around Bishkek city, like Ory-Say, Kashka-Suu, Suluu-Tor, and Toguz-Bulak, where the snowboard association is located, allow people to save their money and get pleasure from their trip. These resorts are not far from the city, about 35-50 km,



which allows people to spend less money for transportation. The tickets in the ski-resorts around Bishkek are also cheaper than in Kara-Kol, Orlovka, and Too-Ashu. It is about 300-500 soms, while in Kara-Kol it is 700-800 soms, in Orlovka it is 700 soms, and in Too-Ashu it is 700 soms.

Despite the expensive costs at the Orlovka ski-resort, a lot of people go skiing there because it is convenient for its cost. This is the only resort where people can enjoy night skiing. The alpine skiing tracks are lighted at night, which makes skiing more interesting and exciting until 10 p.m.

People can go to Too-Ashu ski-resort in spring because there is still a lot of snow here when green grass appears elsewhere. Too-Ashu is located at 3,400 meters above sea-level, that's why it is cold there. In winter, the height of the snow can reach up to 1.5-2 meters. So, in spring there is a lot of snow in Too-Ashu, which allows people to ski for 6-7 months a year.

The opportunities of ski-resorts allow visitors to get pleasure from skiing until 10 p.m., 6-7 month a year. And it is possible to get pleasure from skiing very cheaply, which means that skiing can be possible for almost everyone.

Farizat Syrdybaeva

FUNNY



TWEETS



Мужчины на удивление нелогичны: твердят, что все женщины одинаковы, и постоянно меняют одну на другую.



Ключ от BMW подходит к сердцу любой женщины



Если вы ещё не научили своего попугая орать фразу: «ПОМОГИТЕ!!! ОНИ ПРЕВРАТИЛИ МЕНЯ В ПОПУГАЯ!!!», то вы зря теряете время!



Перехожу дорогу, где нельзя и думаю: вот сейчас меня машина собьёт, а у меня в сумке сигареты. Мама узнает, что я курю, расстроится..



Что делают люди когда им вырубили свет? Правильно, бегут к окну посмотреть каким еще домам электричество вырубили!



Почему девушки называют себя кошечками или тигрицами? Оленихи и самки утконоса тоже бывают одиноки и игривы



Если вы нашли женщину своей мечты - с остальными мечтами можете уже распрощаться



Экзамен. Профессор: «Ну, и последний вопрос- какого цвета учебник по данному предмету?».. Шёпот с дальних парт: «Нифига себе. Вот валит.»



Ничто так не улучшает вкус домашних блюд, как изучение цен в ресторане.



Доктор - блондинке: - Не дышите. - А Вы что, пукнули?



К черту сериалы! Надо оказ-ся чаще встречаться с родственниками и слушать их душераздирающие истории.



«самый влиятельный человек после корпоратива - тот, у кого фотки...»

BOXES

Aidin, who played Alice is very sexy! =) Gulnura!

Дорогой мой ГИМАТДИНОВ ДЖАЛИЛЬ. Я жить не могу без тебя! У меня на весь живот татуировка с твоим лицом! Я люблю тебя! Твоя Тайная Татушница! <3

Карина Хаджимуратова, харооооош!!!

\$5000 за обучение? Г***О

Бема, ты страшная.

Б**, с*** Флехы бесят!

Девченки на скамейке в Bravo, за**** уже!

Покатило в субботу?

Тупые фрешмены. Уфффф...

Нурс, спрячь уши!

Пушки вымерли.

Девченка с очками на голове, ты мне нравишься!

Ya ne Super-Star, ya Super Molod!!!

Продам GPA 2,3. Есть желающие?

Васип, сколько раз в день ты бреешься?

Влюбленность для меня в последнее время не более чем химическая реакция в организме. Однако от этого она не становится менее ценной и желанной. Как только реакция начинает зарождаться, я уже судорожно ищу катализаторы. Я боюсь, что химических веществ не будет достаточно для того, чтобы преобразовать одно вещество в другое. Катализаторы в любовь. Катализаторы, как правило, редки в моем случае. Я пользуюсь крайне дефицитными веществами: методики, анализы, опыты, антураж. Я влюбилась! Сейчас я использую сразу четыре катализатора и боюсь они нейтрализуют друг друга. Мо реагент испытывает на себе их действие и теряет направление и силу. Anonymous

Ля-ля-ля-ля-ля-ля-ля-ля. Сапар. Чика. Айдин. Аман (Кролик). Калыс. Асыл. Эрмек.

Kyrgyz Delegation is the BEST!!!

Тупые фрешмены!

Все-таки в AUCA нет нормальных девчонок...

С***! Почему вы в Bravo по 300 лет сидите и жрете? Поднимите свои ж***. Жрать охота.

По-моему я люблю малолеток.....

Farewell Kiss to Natali Anarbaeva



Об учебе

- Почему ты поступила на журналистику?

- Ну, во-первых, когда я поступала, у абитуриентов было два выбора. Это делалось для того, чтобы, если не поступишь на какой-то факультет, была возможность поступить на другой. Я же решила поступать только на журналистику. Никуда, кроме журналистики. Такая работа всегда меня привлекала. Очень необычно, ты пишешь статьи, можешь фотографировать, освещать какие-то мероприятия, находиться в «горячих точках», и нести информацию людям. Поэтому я выбрала эту специальность и, проведя четыре года на журфаке, не жалею об этом. Хотя, в последнее время меня также стала привлекать сфера Public Relations

- Ты планируешь работать PR-специалистом?

- Скорее всего, да. Стать профессионалом в сфере PR моя цель. Я сейчас пишу дипломную работу по пиару, хоть это и очень сложно. Мне бы хотелось работать в неправительственной организации в отделе PR, или же участвовать в каком-нибудь общественном проекте. Не знаю, что будет в будущем, но я планирую года через два поехать за границу, получить степень магистра, и потом обязательно вернуться в Кыргызстан.

- Ты много времени уделяешь университетской активности. Как тебе удается совмещать с этим учебу?

- Трудностей у меня не было никогда. Мои однокурсники постоянно спрашивают меня, «как тебе удается, Натали, все успевать! Почему у тебя такой хороший тайм-менеджмент?». Я до сих пор не могу подобрать ответ на этот вопрос. Каким-то образом я могла уделять время и урокам, и друзьям, и экстрас-куру. Может быть, это все потому, что университетская жизнь меня так привлекала, что я даже не замечала нагрузки. Мне все было интересно: и учиться, и «активничать», и общаться с друзьями, в общем, все успевать. Конечно, были и истерики, особенно на втором курсе, когда мы сидели в студии и монтировали свои видео-проекты. Так как компьютеры были старые и частенько «глючили», у меня мог удалиться почти доделанный проект, на который уходило около трех часов, и тогда в монтажке был жуткий шум от моего крика. :) Но, конечно, такое случалось редко. В принципе, иногда полезно поплакать, покричать, и побиться головой об стенку. По крайней мере, хотя бы однажды у каждого студента такое случалось.



О благодарностях.

- Мне бы хотелось выразить большую благодарность нашему Николаю Григорьевичу за то, что он всегда нас поддерживал, любил, за то, что можно просто зайти к нему и поболтать о всяком; также спасибо офису по делам студентов, т.е. Ксюше, Аделе, Айзаде; моим друзьям за то, что все время поддерживали меня, веселились и дурачились вместе со мной. Также спасибо моему факультету за то, что сделали из меня человека :), дали знания, отдельное спасибо Элизавете Залкинд за помощь с дипломной работой, сеньору Браво за его уроки Испанского, и за то, что благодаря ему я жутко хочу поехать в Испанию. :)



Об АУЦА в общем

- Ты поступила в АУЦА, и сразу начала участвовать в extra-curriculum activities? Или немного погодя?

- Да, чуть попозже. Приведу пример. Недавно в нашем университете прошел День Открытых Дверей для абитуриентов, я там тоже участвовала, представляла нашу студенческую газету. Зашла в актовое зал фотографировать концерт и увидела лица некоторых школьников. Они были такие... типа «Что это? Что это такое? Какие все здесь странные!» И тогда я вспомнила себя. Четыре года назад мы с однокурсниками тоже решили сходить на День Открытых Дверей и узнать об АУЦА. Нам также показывали концерт, и тогда я думала: «Что это за студенты? Они такие странные!?» Мне казалось, что это все другое. Необычное. И когда НЕ студенты АУЦА приходят, они чувствуют эту «друговизну». Тогда я пришла домой и категорически отказалась поступать в этот университет. Но родители заставили.

На Ориентационной Неделе я тоже дня два походила с отсутствующим видом типа «где я, и что здесь делаю», но потом уже познакомилась с ребятами, мы начали вместе что-то делать, в чем-то участвовать, и так вот все и закрутилось. Тогда я и начала понимать, что может быть, мы и немножко отличаемся, но в этом-то вся суть.

- В чем именно ты участвовала?

Я состояла в Студенческом Сенате. Также на первом курсе мы с девчонками открыли клуб женского мини-футбола. Подошли к Николаю Григорьевичу, он так обрадовался, что даже сам решил стать нашим тренером, и мы на протяжении двух лет тренировались, участвовали в различных соревнованиях... было очень весело. Что касается волонтерства, это отдельная история. Участвуя в различных мероприятиях, просто получаешь огромное удовольствие от того, что ты вместе со своими друзьями, и вам весело. Скажем, Ориентационная Неделя. Я два раза была на ней волонтером, и всем советую. Ребята, кто сейчас на первом-втором курсах, обязательно примите участие, потому что потом просто будет жалеть, если этого не сделаете. Видя глаза новеньких первокурсников, всю эту бешеную атмосферу, понимаешь, что не зря участвуешь в такого рода мероприятии. Просто слов нет.

Ну и, конечно же, студенческая газета «New Star». С первого курса я пишу статьи, моей «фирменной», можно сказать, рубрикой стали Farewell Kisses, целая серия просто. Как-то влилась, и сейчас вот являюсь координатором нашей газеты. Мне очень нравится работать, делать верстку и дизайн газеты, общаться с ребятами, кто пишет статьи. Огромный опыт. На следующий год я, скорее всего, останусь, и буду продолжать работать.

- Как бы ты охарактеризовала каждый год, проведенный в АУЦА, одним словом?

- Первый год – extra-curriculum activities, второй год – монтажка, третий – любовь, и четвертый – учеба.

- Есть что-то, о чем ты жалеешь?

- Да. Жалею, что не участвовала в драме.

О друзьях

- Натали, у тебя очень много друзей не только с твоей параллели, но и со всех курсов. Как ты нашла общий язык и с младшими, и со старшими?

- На самом деле, учась в АУЦА, это очень легко, ведь ты берешь пары не только с одногруппниками, но и с ребятами младших и старших курсов. Допустим, мне двадцать лет, и при этом я могу спокойно общаться со студентами и помладше, и постарше, потому что все ребята очень интересные, так что возраст не имеет значения.



O Work&Travel

- Ты ездила по программе Work&Travel. Расскажи о своих впечатлениях, стоит ли всем ехать в Штаты таким образом?

- Я ездила один раз, до этого как-то не решалась, на первом и втором курсах боялась, а когда заканчивала третий, поняла, что другого шанса не представится. Вот, собрались с друзьями, поехали, побывали в Нью-Йорке, Вашингтоне, Флориде, а жили в Алабаме, в курортном городке Галф-Шорс. Я работала там татуировщиком, не настоящим, конечно. Делала временные тату. Благодаря этому я научилась рисовать, что для меня всегда являлось практически недостижимым. Было весело, я общалась с людьми, просто обожаю свою работу. В конце лета я оставила себе две недельки на путешествия. Это просто незабываемые ощущения! Я и потусила, и «просветилась» в музеях. Очень сильно скучаю, хочу опять в Штаты, особенно в Нью-Йорк. Нью-Йорк – это мечта. Я советую всем поехать хотя бы раз, потому что если есть такая возможность, нужно обязательно ее использовать, иначе потом будешь жалеть. Это хороший опыт, ведь человек учится быть самостоятельным. Приобретаешь новые знакомства, впечатления, также начинаешь понимать, что значит зарабатывать самому.

- Были какие-нибудь экстраординарные случаи?

- Ну, меня два раза чуть не уволили. Я сидела каждый день по двенадцать часов в магазинчике, ждала своих клиентов, и бывало скучновато, так как людей иногда было мало. Чтобы как-то развлекаться, я смотрела фильмы, и это ужасно не нравилось моему менеджеру. Он постоянно возмущался, мол, чем ты тут занимаешься, ты не уделяешь клиентам должного внимания и т.д. И однажды он просто сказал: «Все, собирай свои вещи и уходи». Я отказалась, сказав, «Вы мне не босс, не указывайте мне, что я должна делать, либо позвоните моему начальнику». После этого мне, конечно же, было страшно, но менеджер покричал-покричал, потом успокоился, потому что клиенты были довольны моей работой, и мой босс просто не мог меня уволить.



ПАЛЕВО!!!

- Да, был такой случай, вроде никто ничего не заметил, но мне было очень стыдно. Мы с Нурбиной Зирековой были ведущими на конкурсе для абитуриентов «Stream». Когда участники пели, мы заходили в боковые комнатки возле сцены, и танцевали, кривлялись, в общем, сходили с ума, а потом как ни в чем не бывало выходили на сцену и объявляли следующего участника. На мне были рубашка и корсет. Объявив очередной номер, я захожу в комнатку и вижу, что мой корсет расстегнут, и рубашка почти полностью раскрыта. Я была в шоке! Но мне повезло, вроде никто потом не смеялся и не намекал на это, так что я поняла, что мои длинные волосы меня спасли, и никто ничего не заметил. Потом я была уже осторожнее с такими танцами за кулисами.

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