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THANKSGIVING DAY

Thank you – is hard to say?

On November 21, 2006 the Student Senate organized a Thanksgiving Day celebration for students.

This year unlike the last year students were supposed to celebrate Thanksgiving Day separately from the AUCA staff. The Student Senate was in charge of organizing the holiday using its own budget. 1050 som out of the Student Senate budget was spent on the decorations and presents for the competitions.

At 12:20 nice music started coming out of the CH/I where the celebration took place. 6 volunteers came out to the stage in order to compete for the main present of the day – the roast. After such competitions as creating slogans, remembering songs, drawing on "Thank you" theme and as well saying "Thank you" to someone special in the room – Kristina became a winner of the hot roast. All the other participants left the stage with presents as well: teddy bears and AUCA T-shirts.

Other students got to participate in the competition of saying "Thank you" to someone special. And Eziz won another piece of roast.

Towards the end of the show the "Thank you" movie was not, unfortunately shown, but those of the AUCA members who want to see it may find it on the web.

By Gulnisa Asymova



photos by Alexander Fedorov

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Let's analyze together

Well, I was always amazed how can people organize classes in the AUCA. For example, where do study students of the BA, ICP, and Economics departments. There are dozens students. Is it possible to arrange the schedule of the classes of the ICP, BA, and Eco departments?

Why do many students have to spend a lot of time in order to reach the place of their classes? Students who take aikido, mini football, and some other sport classes have to go to sport halls in different universities and schools of the city. It is not convenient for both students, and professors.

I have heard about different projects connected with the increase of the place in the AUCA. I think that it is too radical to cut off trees in our yard in order to increase the number of rooms. Of course we should somehow solve this problem. However, is the most radical way of solution the best and the most effective way? I don't know. But I hope that we can somehow save our yard.

It is clear that the university is increasing, and it is right time to think about this problem. Let's try to solve it together. We are waiting for your suggestions. I hope and I think that this issue does matter for all us.

Veronika Sivasheva

New Senate meets the President

On November 8th, 2006, the new elected senators for the year 2006-2007 met with AUCA President, Ellen Hurwitz. During this meeting different issues and future plans of Senate's work were discussed.

The meeting started with the congratulation of President to new-elected 9 senators. Hoping for better cooperation between Academic and Student Senates, Ms. Hurwitz invited to the meeting the head of Intellectual Life Committee and member of Academic Senate, Okon Akiba.

One of the priorities of the Student Senate is to create better understanding between Administration and Students of AUCA. To reach this, the chairman, Nodir Suleimanov, will have regular meetings with Administration, representing students' concerns. Moreover, the Student Senate has agreed upon several activities for better representation of students' interests: having every day office hours (from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.) in room 104, when students can come and express their ideas and concerns; electing the Freshmen delegate who will represent the

issues of all Freshmen in the Senate; creating a Senate e-mail (student-senate@mail.auca.kg) to increase the mobility and efficiency of taking into consideration of students' ideas, which are sent to this e-mail address.

If you have any questions, please contact the Senators:

Chairman: Nodir Suleimanov
Financial Committee: Berdiyev Arslan & Adilet Abdraimov
PR Committee: Gulnisa Asymova & Dilnura Khalilova
Social Activities: Aigul Kasymova & Ermek Esenaliev
Hearing Committee: Ashym Kulcharov & Sovetbek Zikirov

Мы бродячие артисты

С 10 по 17 августа студенческий театр "Debut" вместе со звёздами кыргызской эстрады выступал на сценах больших и малых городов Чуйской области. Ну, что сказать про Сахалин, Кант, Кайынды, Токмок и другие веси?

Помимо знакомства со звёздами, которых раньше не видели, и признаться честно даже не знали, (и на второй день забыли) наши бравые ребята от души веселились и занимались любимым делом.

А ещё был salary, хоть и небольшой но хороший.

В общем, за те 8 дней, что мы цыганствовали, получили, не передаваемы очучения.

Народ, в общем-то у нас хороший. Но вот на шутки реагирует сурьёзно. Я бы даже сказал с уксусом. А принимали тепло, душевно. Аплодировали, не жалея мозолистых ладоней.

Подытоживая сию сумбурную вещичку: таланты в АУЦА не перевелись и не переведутся, аминь!

Максим Полетаев

Есть проблема!

Проблема из цикла «Возвращаясь к напечатанному». АУЦА! Dear students, faculty and stuff! Сейчас у нас есть дворик и students room. Но не хватает аудиторий. А ещё есть всеми любимым Китчиннет, занимающий в здании 3 комнаты, и с радостью перенесенный бы администрацией во дворик. Улавливаете? Нет? В общем. Буду краток. Надо выбирать - что нужнее: Большой Телевизор или Плакучая Ива, диваны или скамейки, свежий воздух или запах помещения, Дворик или Студрум? Потому, дорогая общественность, просим высказать своё мнение по этому вопросу – мы ждем ваши предложения по адресу Bravo, Voxes#1, Voxes#2 или в редакции «Стара» в 104 комнате. Не оставайся в стороне!

Проблема без цикла. Срочно! 3 минуты до пары! Ксерок! Critical Skills! 5 страниц в 2 экземплярах! Но Сору center пуст...Пара уже началась, а студент все стоял, стоял...

Желудок-то как урчит. На втором этаже очередь, поднимаемся на третий. Ура! Никакой очереди! Пойдите...А где продавцы? Может еще успеем достоять очередь?

Максим Полетаев

Dean of students column

Кто мы?

Неужели не могу я написать маленькую статью из одних только вопросов, подумал я недавно? Почему бы и нет?

Не кажется ли вам, господа студенты, преподаватели и сотрудники, что решение проблемы часто связано с тем, насколько правильно и своевременно поставлен вопрос?

«Это правда?» – хочу спросить я людей, которые умнее меня (я знаю – их много) – «что вопрос важнее ответа?»

Быстро или медленно идет время? Четырнадцать лет - достаточное ли это время, чтобы сказать о себе – «Я вырос и я это - ...?» Кто мы? Что есть АУЦА?

АУЦА – это университет ориентированный на социальную элиту?

АУЦА – это университет поставивший во главу угла подготовку лидерский кадров для перестройки Центральной Азии на западный тип развития?

АУЦА – это институт основанный на новой политике взаимоотношений преподавателя и студента?

АУЦА – это особое сообщество людей, которое выполняя свои институциональные обязанности (учась и уча) создало уникальную атмосферу, которая их при этом окружает?

АУЦА – это более либеральное или более консервативное образование, как с точки зрения Запада, так и с точки зрения Востока?

Что для тебя больше в АУЦА, и в чем

причина твоего поступления в АУЦА – желание

приобрести знания или желание попасть в непривычную для наших вузов атмосферу?

Каким вы видите АУЦА в будущем: более строгим и консервативным в образовании или более либеральным, демократичным и строящим часть своей миссии через участие студентов во вне академической деятельности?

Считаете ли Вы, что социальная и культурная активность студентов является своеобразной частью академического образования или только полезным времяпровождением?

Считаете ли вы, что настало время задавать себе такие вопросы, что мы достаточно повзрослели?

Считаете ли Вы, что определение стратегии развития университета это дело администрации и Совета попечителей, а не университетского сообщества в целом?

Должны ли мы, все кто имеет отношение к АУЦА это обсуждать?

И последнее, действительно ли у меня получилось написать статью из одних вопросов?

С уважением
Шульгин НГ

Who we are?

Can I write an article that consists of only questions? Why not?

Don't you think dear students, faculty and staff that solving the problem depends on how correctly the question is given.

«Is it true?» – this is what I want to ask people who are smarter than me (I know there are a lot of them) – « is the question more important than answer?»

How does time go on? Fourteen years – is it enough time to say ourselves «I grew up and I am...? Who we are? What is AUCA?»

Is AUCA the university oriented to social elite?

Is AUCA the university that prepares future leaders for reconstruction of Central Asia to western style?

Is AUCA the university based on new politics of relations between students and professors?

Is AUCA a special community of people who study, teach and more over create unique atmosphere?

Is AUCA more liberal and more conservative education from point of western countries as well as eastern countries?

What is the main reason of your studying in AUCA – desire to get knowledge or wish to study in a unique atmosphere.

How do you see AUCA in the future: more strict and conservative in education or more liberal, democratic and building part of its main mission by participation of students in extra-curricular activities?

Do you think that social and cultural activity of

students is one of the parts of academic education or just the useful time spending?

Do you think that it is time to ask ourselves questions that we grew up enough?

Do you think that determining strategies of university development is the work of administration and the Board of Trustees but not of the university community in general?

Should we –people that are related to our university discuss these issues?

And the last, could I really write an article, which consists of only questions?

Sincerely,
Shulgin N.G.

About Terry Boesch

Few words from editors:

It is not a secret that Mr. Terry Boesch's correspondence with AUCA administration was recently published in Internet. The beginning of this case was event concerning supposedly baseless reasons of Mr. Boesch's dismissal. We requested Mr. Beshimov to comment and clarify this issue. (the interview was not edited by editors)

First of all, let's specify the author of correspondence. It is Dr. Terry Boesch, instructor of MBA, MB program along with his wife. Speaking about his spouse, I have barely met her during the course of my professional activity. It was unpleasant for me to read her letter because of following reasons: 1 - if I am not mistaken, she has worked here for nearly one and a half month as a President's secretary. It is very short period of time for making conclusions about university. 2 - even those employees who established this university and made a big contribution to its development refrain from these kind of conclusions, but newcomers with one and a half month of experience working here let themselves to make that kind of far-reaching conclusions. In your opinion, is it a serious approach? However, I respect all opinions and the right of a free expression, but in this case, I can't see any serious arguments that I can argue about, or express my point of view.

Concerning Mr. Terry Boesch. Of course, I have read his letters. Unfortunately, Mr. Boesch, wrongly interpreted my speeches in Senate that were witnessed by everybody, at some places he did it on purpose. I am a person, who worked in the sphere of higher education, and for 25 years has trained not one generation of students; I am proud of many of my students, and one should be very imaginative to state that I can compare the students of AUCA with Nazis. I think this was intentional distortion.

Speaking of Terry Boesch's case, I think we should support the spirit of respect and openness in public debates in Senate as well as in the whole faculty and staff. He said that he had spoken to more than 50 students and so on. In my speech, I have said that it is not a good argument, and reference to the majority

is baseless, because masses, from the course of history, can be manipulated, and followed far from objectivity and truth, like it has happened with Hitler. Hitler was elected by the majority and he brought the nation and the whole world to the disaster. As you may see, it happens in various degrees. My words stated that masses can be manipulated, and big number of people is still not an argument. We should evaluate

The Indiana Disciplinary Commission, which investigates misconduct by lawyers for the Supreme Court, charged Boesch in 2001 and 2002. Lake Superior Court Judge John Pera president over four days of testimony last summer before concluding Boesch behaved as if «fundamental requirements of law did not apply to him and that he could do whatever he wanted whenever he wanted in total disregard for the rights of others.»

the academical situation by the matter of deep analysis. He tried to put me against students and students against me. How do you think, would self-respecting professor act this way? I think, no. How do you think, can a person, who consider himself as a professor, freely play with these concepts and conclusions? I think, no. Because for me, professor is the one who cares about moral condition of students, growing generation, and does not provide a reason for disappointment through his words and actions. For me, professor, is an intellect, high level of intellectual development, which features absolute control of tools like arguments, facts, concepts, ideas, and ability to operate with them. I respect critical thinking; it should be based upon the strong argumentative base. I don't consider conclusions useful, if they are based upon gossips and freely interpreted facts. This is what has happened, afterwards few letters were written by Mr. Boesch. He said that in his opinion MBA students are relatively weak. (45% in total) I said, "I am aware of these problems, but I do not fully agree with you, let's negotiate (have a dialog), You and me, together, let's meet and talk with students." He has refused. Why is he refusing to have open discussions? Why does he prefer one-sided meetings with students?

I invited him for a conversation and told that there were complaints coming from Your col-

leagues, whom you simply insulted by Your letters that You sent. They decided that it was an attempt to harm their dignity and reputation. I warned him that he should not do it, that it was going against professional ethics and it was not making him look better. Of course, I told him that You are a person, who came here not long ago and I respect the aspiration to know better the teachers, inside regulations of university.

But starting the work in university with assaults is kind of wrong. I warned him. Then I asked him to answer a question "Why when we were hiring You on job, You hid from us the information concerning Your previous jobs? For example, what was Indiana state court's decision about You." Suddenly, he turned pale and was sitting lost. Then he started tell not clearly that he was fighting for somebody's rights but he was not understood and everything was passed. In the middle of the conversation he stood up and left. What is he afraid of so much? I can tell that Indiana state court made a specific decision about him. In USA he was punished for the same things he was doing now. Naturally, comes a question how did it happen. Also, how was he asked to leave Belarus republic in 24 hours? As ex-diplomat I know that there should be serious reasons to extradite a person in 24 hours. While reading his letters, I understand and agree now why Indiana state court judge said that Teri Boesch could easily negatively evaluate people. Any teachers or professors, I think, needs to be delicate, careful in evaluating people. Take his letter, the way he writes about president and me. It does not matter if he respect me or not, but he has to respect my dignity.

Actually, we did everything right. We made an oral warning, made a written warning, which

he rejected. We invited heads of his program to meeting to openly discuss everything. And when we saw that he intentionally acts the same way as he did in the US and Belarus we had to make a decision about breaking off the contract with him. I will say, as a Vice-President, I wanted him to say till the end of the semester. Robert Anderson, head of his program, can confirm it. It means that Mr. Boesch forced us to make this decision by his ignoring of professional ethics.

Further. You see, his tactics are about dividing people. I said that it is good that You talk about problems, but do not be a part of a problem, be a part of a solution. He did not want to. I asked the head of a program, Robert Anderson, if problems of a program were discussed with him and he said no. But Teri told me the absolute contrary and wrote about it. When I showed the letter to Robert Anderson, where Mr. Boesch was characterizing the program as being worthless, he was very surprised. How can you trust a person who tells one thing to one person, second thing to second person and third to a third person?

Unfortunately, I found myself in the situation, where I had to deal with a lie. I believe in God and He is the witness, I know I am right. Teri wrote in his letters that I threatened him. On the contrary, I believe that it is inadmissible in the walls of university. And if we stay with a person tête-à-tête, I never let myself insult other person's dignity these are my moral principles.

I want to say something from the moral side. We, on purpose, gathered with Academic Senate, which agreed with the decision of administration. We also met with number of professors within the limits of committee, who have worked many years in our university. They are free people, who respect themselves, their world and almost all of them spoke out that Mr. Boesch put himself into the situation, where it was impossible to act differently.

I regret that we trusted this person and that kind of situation appeared. Concerning Mr. Boesch and breaking off the contract - everything was made right.

"Heroes" of the Month

November has been for all Kyrgyzstan a very hard month. Considering all the political events and the multiple murderer alarm. Many citizens were chained to the television, some actually participated in the meetings (deputies, students, unemployed), some continued to work (shops, taxi, marshrutka) and some people continued to party (initiation in AUCA).

I was very curious of the public opinion about this whole situation in the country, because our university is famous for being very independent, democratic and neutral. I conducted a survey of 80 students of AUCA. The survey consisted of 23 names of politicians and government officials constantly mentioned in the news during these hot days. And 8 characteristics students had to correlate with. This is what happened:

The *oratorical skill* got **Baisalov Edil** and **Babanov Omurbek**

The most *charismatic personality* is **Kulov Feliks** and **Babanov Omurbek**

The *persuasion skill* got **Kulov Feliks** and **Tekebaev Omurbek**

The *negotiating skill* got **Tekebaev Omur-**

bek, Sultanov Marat and **Kulov Feliks**

The most *uncertainty* evoked **Kulov Feliks, Baisalov Edil**, and **Bakiev Kurmanbek**

The most *dislike* evoked **Bakiev Kurmanbek** and **Usenov Daniyar**

The most *distrust* got **Bakiev Kurmanbek, Usenov Daniyar** and **Madumarov Adahan**

The most *hostility* evoked **Bakiev Kurmanbek** and **Usenov Daniyar**

Also to my surprise AUCA students are not very politicized. At one hand, this is good, because other students in other universities are always forced to either stay or go the square for the government side. On the other hand, it's not that bad. Future leaders, as Mrs. Hurwitz loves to say, know very little about the present policies. How can future be without the past?

Moreover, there were names in the survey that practically didn't get any kind of response, except: "Who is that?"

For those, who still don't know who is **Moldokasymov Kyaz** - he is the General Director of National Television-Radio Company (GTRK). It is well known that the influence of media is very strong, and we all have felt it,

while watching KTR, with its total ignorance to the peace meeting and excessive attention to the "anti-meeting".

Another very, as it turned out, not knew persona - the city mayor - **Nogoev Arstanbek**, the governor of the Osh region - **Satybaldiev Jantoro**, "fierce governmental fan" a.k.a. the one who organized the "anti-meeting" - **Turgunaliyev Topchubek** (for those who still didn't get, in the nearest past Topchubek was in strong opposition to the Akaev's government, and now he, for some reason, became a fervent Bakiev's defender), and a person, who's house was attacked recently - **Omurkulov Isa**.

Among those who didn't get any nomination, there are well known names like **Karabekov Kabai**, **Sariev Temir** and **Sherniyazov Bolotbek**. 90% of the assessments about their personas was positive. They are positive characters, but didn't get enough votes to get a nomination. Characters like **Atambaev Almaz**, **Otumbaeva Rosa** and **Baibolov Kubatbek** got even votes as for positive and as for negative sides, which shows their not very clear positions.

However, not all reformers were perceived positively. Such an active opposition deputy, like **Eshimkanov Melis** and General Prosecutor **Kongantiev Kambaraly** got an extremely negative assessment.

In any case, it is very hard to say who is bad or good. They all showed their faces and they all should be ashamed of something's they either said or done. The answers of this survey should not be used as index to the opinion of the whole society, this is only one little part of it. But even that little part is part of a nation.

In USA the government every two years conducts a survey of most popular people in their state or community. The chosen people could be any person in any spheres. This helps to better managing and instillation of new mechanisms. What we found in this survey is that our chosen «heroes» are not as credible as they present themselves. And that is very discouraging.

The most constantly repeated response during the survey was "Now, I'm uncertain about them all". And this is truly reflects the real picture.

Aliman Temirbek

THANKSGIVING DAY



В первую очередь, я поблагодарю своих родителей за то, что они меня родили вот такую хорошую. Ещё благодарю своих друзей за то, что они есть, всегда наполняют мою жизнь добром. И спасибо АУЦА.

Эльвира Асаналиева ICP 105



Я бы хотел поблагодарить маму и бабушку. Хочу поздравить всех студентов АУЦА с праздником Thanksgiving. Также хочу передать привет Аделью, Шухрату, Нодику, Венере Ким, и всем остальным. Всех люблю, всех целую. Alleluia всем спасибо.

Эрмек Эсеналиев LAW 104



Хочу поблагодарить свою подружку Асылу, она всегда мне помогает решить задачи. Иногда я даже получаю хорошие оценки.

Айгуля Самуддинова LAW 106

Здравствуйте! Меня зовут Риккини Адельмо Энтони. Я хотел бы поблагодарить Эллен Хурвиц за то, что она такая добрая женщина и разрешила мне остаться на нашей кафедре.

Риккини Адельмо Энтони MM 105



Я хотел бы поблагодарить свою девушку за то, что она меня терпит.

Аскар Шералиев ICP 103



Хотела бы поблагодарить всех студентов за то, что они есть вообще, вас журналистов, а также свой факультет и своих преподавателей, особенно Алана Кубатиева. А также Николая Григориевича, Айзаду, администрацию АУЦА, маму и мою близняшку.

Жаныла AMS 205



I want to thank my parents, my mum and dad. Huma SOC 105

Хочу поблагодарить департамент журналистики, в особенности Радика и Диму за то, что они нам всегда помогают. А ещё всех четверокурсников за встречу, которую они организовали. В четверг было это дело, классно. А также всех университетских сотрудников и журналистов "Star", я всех вас обожаю.

Алия Мадылова MM 205



First of all, I want to thank the AUCA, because this the place I would love to study. I want to thank all the teachers.

Asel Soorbekova LAW 105



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Благодарю Американский Университет за крышу над головой, за тепло, за поддержку. Спасибо. Руслан Мятиев MM 103

Хочу поблагодарить всех митингующих, которые стояли на площадях и протестовали, а у нас в честь них не было пар. Спасибо снегу за то, что так в тему выпал. Спасибо ТЭЦ за отопление, которое ещё больше в тему. И вообще всем спасибо за то, что они есть, и спасибо всем родителям, которые нас родили. Моим - отдельный Respect! Мээрим Кучукеева MM 205



I don't know, whom to thank, but I am really happy. I don't know why. I thank that nice girl, who gave me this card. It is written here in Turkish, I guess, "Have a good Day". Thanks to her, she made my day. Aleksey Li ECO 206



Ну, в общем спасибо всем. Спасибо моим необыкновенным родителям, друзьям. Спасибо, что вы все рядом со мной. Спасибо всем студентам АУЦА за тёплые улыбки. А то на улице так холодно, что только добрые лица других и могут согреть. Спасибо нашим славным профессорам, которые создают необыкновенно креативные курсы. Благодаря этим курсам мы получаем идеальную возможность воплотить некоторые, самые невоплотимые, на первый взгляд, мечты.

Сивашева Вероника MM 105

Thanks to all people I met in AUCA. To all professors, students and people who make my life in this university so interesting and light, full of colors. I really do not know what I would do without them. Thanks. By Smile.



I want to thank all our students, who voted for us. Also I want to tell them that we will do everything to make life in the university even better.

Nodir Suleymanov
SOC 104

Дорогие вы мои! Любимые! Спасибо вам, мои курочки и петушочки. Спасибо вам за эти яйца и перья. Вы лучшие на нашей птицеферме. Ястребсоч.

Хочу сказать спасибо себе за то, что я смогла вынести те 'прекрасные дни', что я прожила с Настей, Машей и Лялькой. Люблю себя за это!J

Машонис! Спасибо тебе за ежедневное чтение твоих стихотворений (это ничего, что их до тебя Ахматова написала)!

А ты, Лялечка! Спасибо тебе за то, что ты съедаешь все продукты и не даёшь мне поправиться. Читаешь Micro до 4 ч. ночи с закрытыми глазами. Так можешь только ты!

И, наконец, ты, любовь всей моей жизни! Аяйяка моя! Твой голос покоряет всех и вся! Кабалье Монсерат с тобой даже рядом не стояла. А твоя пижама! Ммм...! I don't understand, почему я тэбэ кохаю!

И ваще дэвочки, вы – лучшие!

Thanks to all teachers of American University in Central Asia. Also I congratulate all students with this wonderful holiday. Thanks to my parents that they gave me the opportunity to study in this nice university. Burul LAW 205



Я хочу поблагодарить тех, кто голосовал за меня в сенат. Обещаю, что оправдаю ваши надежды. А также хотел бы поблагодарить клубы АУЦА SIFE и КВН. Благодаря им жизнь в университете стала для меня неотъемлемой частью моей жизни. Адилет Абдраимов.



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I want to thank, first of all, this university, my department, my friends, and my loved one. Bahtiyor Asanakulov ICP 104

My dear ANGEL, my dear FRIEND,
Thank you for your endless like the Universe, loving, and caring heart,
Thank you for your outstanding, hyper and unique personality,
Thank you for your beautiful and generous soul,
Thank you for your sincere and kind attitudes,
Thank you for your innovative and fresh like an air ideas
И знаешь, ЧОПА, я ещё могу так очень долго продолжать, но не хочу навлечь гнев редакторов нашей газеты.J
With all my love, МУСЯ

WHAT LIES BENEATH...

In the basis of passionate love lies something, which consists in the strive of an individual to save purity in his type and to adjust it, in the case of imperfection or abnormalities – which is an instinct. Basic instinct.

Metaphysics of Love

These are the considerations that influence a man's choice, when choosing the type of a woman in passionate love:

1. Age (should be fertile. The best is from 18-28)
2. Health: a severe illness may alarm us for the time being, but an illness of a chronic nature or even cachexy frightens us away, because it would be transmitted.
3. The skeleton, since it is the foundation of the type of the species. Next to old age and disease, nothing disgusts us so much as a deformed shape; even the most beautiful face cannot make amends for it - in fact, the ugliest face combined with a well-grown shape is infinitely preferable. Moreover, we are most keenly sensible of every malformation of the skeleton; as, for instance, a stunted, short-legged form, and the like, or a limping gait when it is not the result of some extraneous accident: while a conspicuously beautiful figure compensates for every defect. It delights us. Further, the great importance which is attached to small feet! This is because the size of the foot is an essential characteristic of the species, for no animal has the tarsus and metatarsus combined so small as man; hence the uprightness of his gait: he is a plantigrade. The teeth, too, are important, because they are essential for nourishment, and quite peculiarly hereditary.
4. Plumpness, in other words, a superabundance of the vegetative function, plasticity. It promises the offspring abundant nutrition. Hence excessive thinness strikingly repels us.
5. A beautiful face. Here, too, the bone parts are taken into account before everything else. So that almost everything depends on a beautiful nose, while a short retroussé one will mar all. A slight upward or downward turn of the nose has often determined the life's happiness of a great many maidens; and justly so, for the type of the species is at stake. A small mouth, by means of small maxillae, is very essential, as

it is the specific characteristic of the human face as distinguished from the muzzle of the brutes. A receding, as it were, a cut-away chin is particularly repellent, because mentum prominulum is a characteristic belonging exclusively to our species. Finally, we come to the consideration of beautiful eyes and a beautiful forehead; they depend upon the psychical qualities, and in particular, the intellectual, which are inherited from the mother.

Women's considerations, in choosing the type of a man, are divided into two groups: first class and second class. These are first class considerations:

1. Age (30-35)
 2. Appearance – not beauty, but masculinity. The reason for this is that they are not guided by taste but by instinct, which recognises in this particular age the acme of generative power.
 3. Strength, courage - Women pay little attention to beauty, that is, to beauty of face; it is chiefly the strength of a man and the courage that goes with it that attract them, for both of these promise the generation of robust children and at the same time a brave protector for them.
- This is the second class, depending on the psychical qualities:
1. A man's heart or character - firmness of will, determination and courage, and may be honesty and goodness of heart – all of which are inherited from the father.
 2. Intellectual capability – carries no weight to the woman, because they are inherited from the mother. In fact, a superabundance of mental power or even genius, as abnormalities, might have an unfavourable effect. And so we frequently find a woman preferring a stupid, ugly, and ill-mannered man to one who is well-educated, intellectual, and agreeable.

If so far we were talking about theoretical hypothesis of different concrete groups: men and women. Lets see how it happens in reality:

1. Height - Men of immoderately long

and attenuated build delight in a stunted and short figure.

2. Color of hair - Blonde people fancy either absolutely dark complexions or brown.
3. Different organs - snub-nosed persons find an aquiline nose or a parrot-like face so indescribably pleasing; and the same thing applies to every other part of the body.
4. Temperament - Each prefers a temperament the reverse of his own; but only in so far as his is a decided one.
5. Color of skin – if it does not attract, any other color of skin would not certainly repel.

Basic Instinct

We have seen that a man's careful choice, developing through innumerable degrees to passionate love, for the satisfaction of his instinct of sex, is based upon the fundamental interest he takes in the constitution of the next generation. This overwhelming interest that he takes verifies two truths which have been already demonstrated.

1. Man's immortality, which is perpetuated in the future race.
 2. That his real nature is more closely allied to the species than to the individual.
- That keen and even intense longing for a particular woman is accordingly a direct pledge of the immortality of the essence of our being and of its perpetuity in the species.

The other day I tried to draw the guy, who will have some opposite facial and body characteristics. The face looked kind of familiar, maybe even somebody from my Effective Writing Class! However, that a whole different story.

Aliman Temirbek

PERSONA: DAVID LEVY



(continuation)

- Finish another sentence: I cannot live without...

- I guess this will sound pretty lame for the most of the students, but I cannot live without a library. I have to be able to explore through books. Other things that I cannot live without. I think that's just about it. At one point when I've had to give up everything that was comfortable. I always traveled as a student, now as a scholar, but as a Professor I've always had access to scholarships.

- Any future plans?

- I will return to America to get a PhD.

- You want to do it in America?

- Because the best universities that interest me are in America. Aside from that I hope to be a full professor at a university somewhere. And the truth is that I rather likely will end up living in America. But I hope, I would love to be a professor somewhere in Europe instead. I would love to be a professor at Central European University, where I got my MA degree. Because I love Budapest so much. Probably, the best city I've ever lived in. So, I would love to go to Budapest.

- What kind of student were you?

- I considered myself a good student. Sometimes I was typical self-righteous student, when I thought the professor was idiot. Now I see how it's like in the other end, when you know all these students think they know everything and I still think I know everything. It's a constant situation. People love to argue in academics, so we know everything. I was a good student, I guess. I got very bored with formulate courses. In America the standard course is 3 midterms and 1 term paper. Virtually every single course you take was that way. I was so bored with writ-

ing same exact general type of paper every semester. I was trying to find new ways to do everything, be more creative. When I wouldn't get the grade that I wanted I would get very self-righteous. I thought the professor were too narrow-minded. So, I ended up getting 'B' for course, which I thought very horrible, the worst thing in the world, I thought it was all their fault, never mine. Generally, I was an 'A' student. By the end of my university I was very tired of it. When I went to Budapest I fell in love with learning all over again. Because I was studying so many interesting things that I never even thought of before.

- Do you think people around the world are the same?

- Absolutely. You run into the same personality types. On individual basis people are exactly the same. People use and abuse the tools their cultures provide exactly the same way everywhere in the world.

- What do you think of Kyrgyzstan, Kyrgyz culture?

- In general, I'm very comfortable here. I enjoy the feeling of the city. Naturally, it is a very

beautiful land. Going to the countryside, one of the things I love is just how hospitable people are there. They invite people in their homes readily. I love watching the children play. In the village they have so little. In America kids are just screaming around and crying for video games all the time. I'm sure in AUCA students were the same because you're all such rich little brats here in AUCA. Yes. Not everyone of course. I've seen children in the villages playing with piece of strings, just jumping over it and having the best time. That's something you'll never see in America. I've never seen children happier anywhere in the world as in here. That's

To be able to study in foreign language, I have nothing but respect to the fact that students here are studying in foreign language. This is an incredibly difficult thing to do. Incredible respect.

one of the things I really love. And, in general, people are so welcoming. The only thing I wish, I love to walk around at night and listen to music and it's not the best thing to do in Bishkek. I still do but along the Chuy, where I feel safer. I'd like to really explore city without fear at night. But I know it's not the best idea.

- Have you tried our cuisine?

- I've had a lot of different cuisines here. I like most of the food very much. I like manty, I like

lagman, and I like plov. So, Uzbek, Uygur cuisines. I like beshbarmak. I've had it in restaurants and that someone made at home. They are all very good. I don't like kymyz. I hate kymyz. But I have to drink it frequently just to be a good guest, I often times have a big dish of kymyz. I'm sure I can't even pronounce it. They put it in front of me and I have to drink it.

- Do people stare at you here?

- Yeah, they ask if they can touch my hair all the time.

- You mean someone here or just in the street?

- It happened in the streets too, especially in clubs, bars.

- Have you been to many clubs here?

- I don't go to clubs here, because I hate pop music in general.

- Is there any pop music there?

- Yes, a lot of the dance clubs play pop music. What you think as hip-hop and R'n'B they all are just pop. I hate standard 4 by 4 rhythm music. You know, 1,2,3,4 and 1,2,3,4... It just gets so annoying after a while. I like jazz; I like old blues and old rock'n'roll. In general, music in

clubs gets too much for me. Maybe that means I'm an old man. I tend to gravitate towards bars more. I like cafes, I like places where people are sitting and play chess. For me it is somewhat exotic. These are the place where local, lower class people tend to hang out. For me it's very interesting.

- Do you have anything to add?

- Architecture is static music, and music is liquid architecture. Life changes, make the best of it. That's something that came to my mind.

- Message to AUCA students?

- The most important thing is to understand what it means to be in over your head. When you are just at the point, where you are so busy, you have so many responsibilities, so many problems, so many things you have to do that you feel like you cannot manage it, you can barely make ends meet, I think it is most real. Learn how to be comfortable with being in over your head. When you're absolutely at your limits.

That's when you're growing the most. It might be difficult. You learn to be comfortable with it and you learn to be peaceful. Keep finding ways to be in over your head. You will grow a lot and your life will pass meaningfully.

- Did you have any crazy stories during the university years?

- You know what streaking is? It's when you run

naked outside. It was twice when I streaked at the university campus.

- Absolutely naked?

- Absolutely naked.

- Why?

- The first time was my friend's graduation. It is sort of a tradition. Not a strong one. People run naked on celebration around the campus and jump into the fountain. The second time was for a date auction. You know, where girls and guys buy each other to have a date. We had the tradition at the University of Georgia. This was for the Relay For Life when we raised

money to fight cancer. So, we had this date auction every year. One year one of the girls said she would buy me for \$100 if I run down the lawn completely naked. I said "All right, but only if you do it with me." She agreed and bought me. We ran outside. Everyone was watching, we took our close off and we ran together hand-in-hand. The whole date auction was watching.

- What about university policy? They don't prohibit it?

- No, no. The first time the university policemen came out. I actually had my hat, my hat in the photographs. So, when the university police came out I was covering myself with that hat. They understood we were just having fun and simply asked to put our clothes on. But the real police, if you are in the city then, yes, that would be a problem. But on the university campus it is not that big of a deal.

By Meerim Kuchukeeva

Photo by David Levy (personal archives)

Poetry section



Hi everybody! Our Star poetry section is working still and I'm still waiting for your poem to my e-mail

gellas@bk.ru

НОЧЬ

прекрасна ночь в своей тиши.
она спокойна величава,
царица властна, своенравна
прервать молчанье не спешит.

сойдет на землю в свой черед,
Луна за ней неспешно приплывет,
темнеющим плащом неторопливо
спрячет все в объятьях дивно.

и все прекрасно в этой тишине,
и облака в бездонной вышине
таинственно и медленно плывут,
меняя форму, цвет и силуэт.

прекрасен млечный путь и звездопад
и земля, и небо, и горы этому рад.
шелест листьев, щебет птиц
ласкает простой человеческий слух.

и только в мире тишины,
где нет дневной той суеты,
вдруг остановятся часы
и снятся сказочные сны

и пусть недолог этот сон,
где придаешься ты мечтам,
но прекрасен в ночи перезвон
и звездный храм, что строишь сам.

Чолпон

Закусив печалью горькой,
Встала я из-за стола.
Подошла к окну тихонько,
Не смотря на зеркала.

За окном шагала осень
Громко ветрами свистя.
Паутинкой тонкой проседь
Начиналась от виска.

И взглянув назад, несмело,
Не увидела я льда.
Подбиралась умело
По моим следам беда.

Sv

В 5 ЧАСОВ УТРА

В предрассветной тишине
Свежестью я наслаждаюсь.
Вселяет она бодрость мне,
Как же он красив – момент – и я им
насыщаюсь.

Сидеть на крыше дома своего
В пять утра и помолиться,
Окруженная свежестью и чистотой
И звонким пеньем птицы.

Что может быть прекрасней?
Ведь этот небосвод
Освещает в тетрадке десницы моей ход.

Горизонт уж багровеет,
Но всё ещё в сплошном лишь сне.
Один петух во всю мощь горла
Заявляет о приходящем дне.

И комары не закусили
Как в душной комнате моей.
Одна лишь свежесть дух мой пробирает.
Что может быть того милей?

Свежестью нового дня пахнет в пять утра
Кто просыпается – гоним нуждой с утра.
А я лишь в пять утра на крыше
Пеньем птиц окружена.
Красотой природы, что дарит Бог нам
Своей рукой из сердца дна.

TqM

Моя мама сходит с ума,
От того, что я безумными планами полна.
Она всё ходит, причитает:
«Кто же её обуздает?!»

Волнуется материнское сердце
Желает уберечь от бед,
Но вновь иду по краю колодца
И не могу дать от безумий обет

Ведь жизнь прекрасна
Если безумным днем полна.
О! как это ужасно –
Ждать когда же тебя подхватит волна!

Так что, живите всем врагам на зло
И добро творите – жить вам повезло!
И сердце матери поймет
И безумство ваше превзойдет.

TqM

Boxes

Announcements:

1. Прошу вернуть прежнее Bravo, нынешнее труба беспонтовое! Труба не удобно, да и левые так больше заходят без документов.
2. – Это послание Адель: Адель, пошёл ты!
3. Туркменские девушки самые красивые парни в мире.
4. Я хочу вызвать на дуэль Асылбекова Адилета (ЕСО 104). Чисто раз на раз. Чыгасынбы? С уважением, Баратов Фаррух (ВА 105)
5. Обращение к Джмугазиеву Чингизу: "Эу! Ты реально определился, кто-то тебе нравится? Или Абдраимов Адилет или Риккини Адельмо"
6. Туркменские парни красивые??!!Вахахаха! Мой Улан самый лучший! KG AUCA girl.
7. Туратбек уулу Алишер ты такой ничёшка пампошка! Чыгасынбы?Раз на раз. С любовью Баатов Фаррух
8. Адель, я давно мучаюсь одним вопросом, только одним, и мне нужен только один ответ. Я знаю это не красиво, но всё же я девушка, поэтому я хочу услышать от тебя только правду! Адель...Адель - где ты купил эти накладные ресницы?
9. Кыргызские парни-лучшие!!! Казахская девушка
10. Я обращаюсь к Ахматунову Шухрату: "Шурик! Где моя обещанная Чалара-Чупра?"
11. FOOD
12. Кыргызским девушкам нужны туркменские парни? А мне нужны Кыргызские парни!!! С любовью, казашка, узбечка, французенка, итальянка, русская, испанка, американка и даже афроамериканка, и китайка...Японки и забыл даже Азамат.
13. Dear Star, в АУЦА столько много красивых, сексуальных мальчиков из Туркменистана, что у меня просто кружится голова. Они просто супер!!! Они милашки. Мальчики из Бишкека.

Looking for:

1. Помогите!!!Ищу большую грудь! Мальчик с пальчик.
2. Ищу свою бжешку! Спартак
3. Ищу парня, который кричал на дискотеке Initiation.Кыргызстан

I Love:

1. I love my girlz: Myahri, Kristina, Aysel, Lena, Nazgul and my most valuable playas: EZ, Azat, Maksat, Rahim, Berdy, Ayvar, Merdan. I love ya guys!!! Thank you gor always being there. You are the best! A.I.
2. Я люблю тебя кыргыз!!! Jessica Alba.

Who are the coolest and the funkiest in AUCA?



Farewell Kiss

Of course our lovely Seniors!!! This is the last year for them with us and after that is going to be real, responsible life and, hopefully, usage of all the knowledge given in AUCA. What about the kindest Senior? Probably, you have already guessed that it is Ruslan Kovalenko. Today we are going to find out what kind of "fruit" he is.

- *Tell about yourself.*

- I'm studying the fourth year. I'm from Karakol. I'm very cheerful, interactive, talkative. If I want something I always try to get it. I have a sister, she is one year older than me, and today is her Birthday! (November 20)

- *How do you feel yourself as a Senior?*

- Excellent! It feels very good that I'm almost done with studying in the university, but on the other hand, to be honest, I don't really want to leave. I really enjoyed these four years they were unforgettable. Tons of fun, different events that were conducted here...

- *What is AUCA for you?*

AUCA is my second home. Home, where I received a lot of knowledge and made a many good friends.

- *What are your future plans?*

- Finish this year with God's help. Later, if there will be any opportunity, I will start working.

- *Where?*

- In my own field of Sociology, I guess.

- *Are you sure that you are going to work in Sociology field?*

- Yes, I am sure on about 85%. Sociology is pretty new for Kyrgyzstan, but very promising.

- *What is the meaning of life for you?*

- Get from life everything possible and all the existing pleasures!

- *What do you value in people?*

- The most important are openness and caring for others. I don't like rudeness, rude people. Probably, because I'm very caring person myself.

- *What is real friendship to you?*

- Friendship is when people are ready to help each other in everything, to do everything for each other, and simply to spend pleasantly time with each other.

- *Is there any one or anything that would not let you go from AUCA (girls or friends)?*

- No, there is nothing that would not let me go from the AUCA. I will continue communicating with my friends in AUCA after

the graduation.

- *Is there anything special that you would like to say?*

- Вадик можно по шее надавать! (Vadik is passing by). Just kidding! Hope that all students will not concentrate only on academic affairs. Take part in different clubs and extra curriculum life of AUCA. Have fun, enjoy the student life, feel the real student's life. Otherwise you would feel that you were crammers (заучки), only studied and didn't do and see anything interesting.

- *The most unforgettable memories?*

- I'm sure I will never forget "Drama" trips to the regions of our country. The brightest memories are all connected to "Drama". In the studying field there was nothing like that. I won't forget cheerful and funny Vadik (Vadik is sitting near us)

- *If you could turn back the time, would you change anything?*

- Yes, I would change many things. I would change my "mood" for studying. I came here and I was so sloppy, didn't study was more participating in "Drama" activities and did not spend enough time to study. If I went back I would try to manage my time better. Other than that, I wouldn't change anything. I'm satisfied with everything else.

- *What was your first impression when you came to AUCA? Do you remember?*

- More позитива! The first time I came here was in 2002 and I was accepted to AUCA in 2003. I came here with my cousin Marat and participated in Orientation week for the first time. Although I wasn't a student yet. That was the time I decided that I would study here.

- *You participated in Orientation week but you were not a student yet? How come?*

- I just came here and was watching them. Then Nikolay Grigorievich saw me and asked if I wanted to participate. So, I did and I loved it all. Then I saw all those university brochures and realized that I wanted to study only here and were preparing whole year to apply to AUCA.

- *Did your impression changed since then?*

- No, it didn't. Well, there are some classes that I'm worried about them but not more than that.

- *You are leaving AUCA this year, what do you feel about it? I heard someone saying, "Finally, I'm leaving" and so on.*

- I know I'm leaving and it is sort of, "Finally!" and I'm entering adult life. On the other hand, I don't really want to leave. It will be different and here you can have fun. If I could, I would stay here for a year or two. But I have to leave, I'm graduating.

- *Do you think you found real friends when you came here?*

- I had lots of friends in school too. I always was talkative and sociable. I think the first year I was mostly spending on meeting people. I have a lot of friends, the ones that already graduated and the ones that are still here.

- *What are you going to miss the most?*

- The university. It can be hard sometimes, difficult courses and stuff, but it is still the best place. Later, it is going to be a real, adult life, I will have to work and there are going to be dif-

ferent things to do. In the university, problems are much easier to solve.

Marat is entering the room and screaming: "Он же лапшегон!"

- Yeah, he loves me.

- У меня даже соус есть. Можно с ушей брать и есть!

- Don't look that he is not shaved. He has already graduated. He just needs to leave. He doesn't like when people do not ask him anything.

- *What do you dislike in AUCA?*

- I don't like new students changing. New students are different. It's my fourth year, but new students are already different. In the past, students were trying to focus on learning and studying. Now they are focused on unneeded things. They just come here because of the prestige. You know, to say, "Yeah, I study in AUCA." Some of them do not participate in maintaining AUCA Spirit.

- *Is there anything you cannot live without?*

- I cannot live without Mika (ex-senator, sitting near us). You come in the morning and it is the best feeling when he kisses your ear. No, just kidding. I absolutely cannot live without TV, because I go to sleep with TV, I wake up with TV. What else? I cannot live without everything. I cannot even live without Erma (he just entered the room).

- *Ok, then let's put it this way. What 3 things/persons would you take to an island?*

- I would take Pamela Anderson... I'm kidding... I guess, I would take three friends and have a good rest. Потусовались бы and then we would be saved, no problem.

- *What is your day in AUCA?*

- I don't have classes in the morning, but then I have them from 11 till the end. So, I come at 11 a.m. then I have two classes or four sometimes. Sometimes I eat. All the other time I just hang around and do useful things. The first year I was here till about 10 p.m., the second and third years I was here till about 8 p.m., now I'm here till about 6 p.m.

- *Why your eyes are so red? Don't sleep enough?*

- Yeah...

- *Student life or were crying?*

- No, it is watching a new blockbuster.

Let's wish Ruslan good luck.

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