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## DEAN OF STUDENTS COLUMN



There is an expression of "accepted rules in the society." In our Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct it is written in a little different way, but has the same meaning.

AUCA is not a race track and of course it is prohibited to play Kyzkuumay in halls, AUCA is not a forest and no one can catapult with a slingshot, AUCA is not a casino and it is not allowed to play cards here...

It is impossible to make a law that would cover absolutely all human activities; however, there is a

## From two to ace

sense of law and rules of conduct. They should be followed. This is for lovers of card games of any kinds.

You see, I had to especially write about obvious things...

Similarly obvious, as it happens every year, the dissatisfaction of some students by Student Senate, which they chose themselves.

Please, find me at least one country in the world, which would be happy with its government...

Right, there are no countries like that.

By the way, the present parliament is not better or worse than previous ones...

We all learn our whole life: observe deficiencies, the ability to choose the rulers, who rule wisely... And the main thing to remember is that you are not alone, people around you will always help out... You are not alone, don't create problems to the surrounding society...

Thank you.

## Critical Skills Evaluated

## Is Critical Skills course useful for AUCA students?

Some AUCA students think that about 50 percent of the material that the teachers provide for the Critical Skills course, which students have to learn, is useless.

"What do we study in the Critical Skills course? I did not want to take this course but I took since it was required", Hakima Arabshahi, sophomore BA student, said.

According to an anonymous head of Critical Skills laboratory, the materials which study here are the same as other universities in the US and our instructors are highly educated people who know the rules of American universities. A problem is not that.

"The reason for not perceiving this course as supposed to be that our students are more mature than students in the US", specialist said.

Students seem displeased with content of the course as well. For instance, Mariam Amiri had a group project that they had to present and their task was 'how to collect information for research paper.'

"I already took this course and here we studied subjects that were boring even for students." "The theme was ok," she said. Mariam Amiri, sophomore ICP student, said.

According to Sultan Mohmod, sophomore student in AUCA, Critical Skill is a useful course because it helps students to read critically, learn quicker, and to get the idea from books and any other kind of reading assignments. So reading the texts and writing a summary immediately after is the goal of teachers for students in order to get the full knowledge what a student studied.

"I think Critical Skills in addition to other general courses is really helpful. In Critical Skills, students can learn how to analyze the text, get the idea of the author and save time," Mr. Mohm-

od said.

Originally the course was for freshmen, but unfortunately most of the students, who signed up for Critical skills on spring semester, were not freshmen. Some students said that this course is the same as Composition class, but the differences are plenty between the two. Composition class teaches students how to write, but the main goal of Critical Skill is to deal with overall university requirements and reflect the main points of class work.

As Roman Mamashev, a teacher of Critical Skills course said, "Basically the main purpose of this course is to teach lessons and techniques which they are not taught in high school for students."

And also he said that if, for instance, one student writes a Critical Skills assignment in one or two paragraphs but there is no word limit, as long as student has satisfied all the requirements. But in Composition, the requirement of words is set, thus the only difference between the courses. In Critical Skills, these two papers were graded the same because they follow the requirements and it is not about the quantity but about quality.

"Again I say that in this course students should play the students role to get as much information as possible. Of course there are some people who do not like this course and they always said that we do not need Critical Skills since we are all critical thinkers," Mr. Mamashev said.

Some AUCA students still think that it is not an important course and they should not be required to take it. So administration office is going to change the name of, or possibly cancel, this course, and after that the freshman students in fall 2009 will not be required to take this course.

Yalda SHANSAB



Открыв очередной текст на редактуру, я обнаружила интервью Сельби Джумаевой, яркой представительницы нашей общины. Как редактор, я обязана следить за логической связкой текста и его динамикой, то есть, следить за тем, чтобы вам не приходилось читать чрезмерно длинные и сложные предложения. С этим текстом я поступила так же - отрезала треть текста за ненадобностью. Есть у редакторов такое выражение: «взгляд замылился». Так вот видимо это и произошло со мной, и я своим «замыленным взглядом» не заметила несколько важных предложений. Редакция просит прощения у Сельби за допущенные ошибки в редакции, которые привели к некоторому изменению в смысл теста. В связи с этим, было принято решение снова напечатать несколько ответов Сельби в их изначальном варианте, без какой-либо редактуры.

**Зарина Исамбаева**  
Русскоязычный редактор  
"New Star"

**-Именно о таких, как ты говоришь, вечный студент, как так получилось? (6 лет в АУЦА)**

- в 2005 году я совершила социально неприемлемый поступок, перешла после второго курса на социологию с экономики.

**-Почему социально неприемлемый поступок?**

- потому что в нашем обществе несправедливо обесценивают социологию, и многие ожидают, что каждый должен хотеть и поступать на бизнес или экономику. Разговоры с моей бабушкой побудили меня идти на экономику, она рассказала о многих теориях и взглядах на развитие рынков, разных систем и тенденций, она для меня

большой пример, не только как основатель первого и единственного экономического института в Туркменистане, но и как человек, который до конца своей жизни был предан своей науке.

Я нашла свое призвание в социологии и активизме. Мое рвение изучать теории и научные исследования вне силлабуса привело меня на программу UGRAD. Я брала в США предметы, которые АУЦА не предлагает, после этого года у меня был двухлетний семестр (я добирала 12 кредитов по обязательным предметам 2 года). Но я об этом совсем не жалею.

**-Я знаю, что ты, порой, недовольна политикой университета, что именно тебя не устраивает?**

-На самом деле я не против существования университета и политики АУЦА, потому что я верю, что мы не должны терять эту важную платформу с потенциалом стать центром либеральных искусств и эмансипации знающих свое дело молодых лидеров. Но, чтобы прийти к этому, мы должны критически анализировать наши программы и политики и находить инновационные, эффективные стратегии. Меня не устраивает, что иногда университет все больше коммерциализируется и не поощряет независимо мышление и свободу. Например, наша кампания V-Day изначально планировалась быть не бишкекской, а Ауковской, к сожалению, администрация нашего университета в лице студенческого Сената, офисов по делам студентов и PR ограничила акцию в публичности и приглашении гостей, что противоречило основным принципам осведомления и фандрайзинга. Но я очень рада, как активист, что преподаватель курса Антропология Гендера получила разрешение на проведение V-Day в АУЦА, особенно, публичной презентации о ВИЧ, сексуальном образовании и даже о правах ЛГБТ.



# AUCA Students Experience Education Without Borders

Five AUCA students attended Education Without Borders 2009, an international student conference in Dubai from March 29 to April 1.

Education Without Borders is a biennial conference creating networks across cultures in order to understand and generate solutions for some of the world's greatest challenges.

The goal of this conference is to form a mutual respect and understanding for participants from six continents and to build a network of highly achieving college, business and governmental leaders around the globe.

The mission statement of the conference is to "engage students and experts from countries around the world in active dialogue about the globe's most pressing social challenges and empower them to create and implement solutions."

According to Qurban Ali Amiri, MBA student at AUCA and one of the participants of this conference, it was an amazing experience to be a part of the conference. Above all, meeting new people from all over the world and listening to their ideas about how they

approach today's challenges is worth listening. It is the fifth time that this conference has been held in United Arab Emirates. The first time this conference was launched was in 2001.

The core aim of launching this conference and inviting 600 students from 120 countries and 300 universities is to share and discuss solutions to some of the world's most pressing social challenges that our societies are trapped in.

The importance of this conference is to bring delegates from all over the world to inspire them to change their community to be better places to live in, and to assign them to bring a new solution to the challenges their societies live in. The conference's organizing committee makes sure that delegates' commitments are implemented upon returning to their home countries.

The content of the conference was on student paper presentations based on some of the challenging global issues, addressed by inspiring examples, panel discussion, and student debates.

Elnura Sulaimanova, a junior student from ICP

Department, said that it was a great and impressive conference.

"I liked the speakers; I met many people from different countries to exchange ideas on all spheres," Sulaimanova said. "I liked the dessert we enjoyed a lot with our friends."

Sulaimanova learned a lot about the culture of the host country, United Arab Emirates, finding that are very hospitable and friendly people.

According to another participant of the conference, Sheroz Negmatov, a junior student from the Economics Department, this conference was very inspiring, one could see the high level of preparation for the conference.

"It was very interesting to meet different people from all over the world from different backgrounds and share knowledge and experience with them," he said.

The next conference date was announced at the closing ceremony of 2009 conference, which will be in March 2011 in Dubai.

**Breshna SHAHAB**



## Column: Looking For the Free Practice

Every student faces the lack of companies and especially employers, who can offer the free practice during the summer period or two-three months. There are still companies in Bishkek that offer free practice, but here another problem appears.

Young professionals have to take the charge of office manager, for instance imprint on or just fill the documents. On the first steps this work might seem well, but when it turns into the practice requirements, the main job experience will never be gained. Moreover, how will the person undergoing practical training write his report on the conducted work?

In capital's newspapers we frequently can't find advertisements about practice in this or that company. That's why students have to beat down doors in order to find the appropriate practice. But it's not because of student's knowledge or even appearance, he is not taken. This is because of several reasons, which rest on lack of time, money and unwillingness to bring up new specialists.

As my small research showed students from humanitarian departments, such as Journalism, European Studies, Psychology, Sociology and etc. didn't face to any undecided problems while looking for practice.

"When the time to pass practice came, I talked to my teacher and she advised me where I should apply. Shortly after her call I was allowed to pass practice in German Center," Regina Molchanova, an AUCA student from European Studies Department said.

But it's impossible to claim that any other professions, like economists or accountant have the same easy solutions.

"When I applied to the BLATA Audit Center, on the first interview the representative from financial office told me about their conditions. According to them, I had to pay 2000 soms per week," Renata Koltuhanova, the AUCA accountant said.

According to Koltuhanova, this practice wasn't worth paying. Her friend agreed, and spent three months sorting the archives. The one more friend of Koltuhanova had to pay 1000 soms per week, while practicing in Tax Revision.

Koltuhanova explained that companies don't want to spend their time on students, because they don't have enough experience and require education and explanation.

"It's possible to find free and even more useful for future job placement practice, if you have any acquaintances," Koltuhanova added.

Ekaterina Djan, an AUCA student from

Psychology Department said that her sister, who has an economist degree; had to face several problems and the only, who could help her that time was her father.

"My sister was looking for a practice for more than two months, and when she understood that it was just a waste of time, she asked our dad to find a practice for her in his company. This was the only solution that time," Djan said.

However, Vitaliy Sirtcov, an AUCA student from Journalism Department said that it was pretty simple to find practice on the TV channel NTS.

"I just came and said that I need practice. The showed me my future working place," Sirtcov smiled.

On my question about practice opportunities to the representative of Demir Bank, she answered that they do not take students on practice, because they had already taken several, and future enrollment of candidates won't be soon. But when I asked about practice conditions, she snapped out that she is not competent in this question and hanged up the receiver.

It's obvious that this problem exists in spheres, which actually prevail over others in Kyrgyzstan. There are a lot of economists and lawyers, along with mentioned above accountants and etc. But, is our country

overcrowded with young and striving future specialists? Not everyone will answer yes.

But on the other hand, everything is known in comparison. For instance, KICB bank agreed to examine my CV, when I pretended to apply for practice. The office manager was very polite and said that they have organized a special competition for future probationers. Perhaps, this all depends on the field of study and also on the chosen company. As this small research showed, students who found practice without any problems did it with a help of useful acquaintances or even relatives and friends. There should be always several lines in our resumes about previous experience and different diplomas, but how we can get it, if the most part of Kyrgyzstan's youth doesn't have an opportunity to pay, or doesn't have someone who could help. There is no understanding of this problem at all, but unfortunately there are a plethora of requirements.

**Aleksandra REVINA**

# City Mayor Revealed



Days before his visit, the university walls were broadcasting the arrival of the city mayor at AUCA. Rumors were flying around that his visit would be as democratic as possible, and they proved to be legitimate: he offered students the opportunity to ask him questions and he would answer to the best of his ability.

Nariman Tuleev, the current mayor of Bishkek, stepped onto our university on Wednesday, April 15, satisfying the concerns of students through inquiries regarding his work. Upon his arrival, the dean of students, Nikolay Shulgin, introduced the visitor to students and later proceeded to the conversation.

Unlike most politicians, Tuleev

did not prepare any tailored speech, but rather appeared flexible and let students toss their questions they are concerned about. After naming AUCA students “the coolest students” based on the parking lot, Mr. Tuleev received the first question concerning the roads of Bishkek.

He responded that this year nine roads will be completely recovered. The roads are Ibraimova Street ranging between Chui and Kulatova, Abaya Street, Logvinenko Street, Lev Tolstoy Street, Almatinskaya Street, Mederova Street and several others. Two meters will widen Logvinenko and Lev Tolstoy Street. Lev Tolstoy will be repaired between Almatinskaya and Panfilova.

Roads will be restored according to new, high standards and using the latest technologies in road laying. About 20 kilometers of roads in suburban areas will have their first asphalt surfaces.

The conversation led to the issue of trash seen around the city. The mayor answered with facts about new trash processing companies, which has recently increased. This means City Hall has also focused their attention on this area as well. Nariman Tashbolotovitch said that there are now many trash cans planted around the center of the city. But City Hall has not fixed the situation with the periphery of the Bishkek. Garbage in the streets remains a problem just outside the center of the city.

“On the other hand,” he said, “this sort of business is not really lucrative.” So the business sphere is not really interested in such deal-

ings, which is a problem because then there is no one to take care of the trash.

On the contrary, he urged students to help City Hall fight trash, since it is “our” city and we are the ones who should care most.

He said that there will be a big change in the center of the Bishkek, mentioning the construction work that is going on in Ala-Too Square and Panfilov Park. Ala-Too Square will have a new sound and light fountain, and there will be benches on the perimeter of the square. The budget is 20 million soms.

Panfilov Park has not been reconstructed for a long time, thus resulting in a desperate need to now modernize. The attractions will all be fixed, and new rides will be added. Other parks in the city will have trees planted and the mayor has exclusive contracts with local nurseries that are providing trees at a lower price.

He did not hesitate revealing his “official” monthly salary. It is 25,000 soms.

The mayor said that he is ready to sacrifice his own salary, as he did once, if the students have any good ideas for projects; however, he wondered whether students would be able to do something real with that amount of money. A student asked about a dormitory and the mayor urged him to come and negotiate. “I am sure you will be satisfied with my offer,” said Mr. Tuleev.

Next year, the mayor plans to create a student committee that will cope with student issues. It will have its own budget derived from

the City Hall budget, and students can do whatever they want with that money.

Students dipped their questions into the topic that has become most notorious these days, questions regarding the financial crisis. They asked the mayor if the world financial crisis affected him and his family in any way, where he replied by providing the numbers of profit that his company makes. If it had been \$1 million last year, this year it is \$300,000.

“Usually, I go on a vacation abroad four or five times a year, this year I cannot afford to even go once,” said Mr. Tuleev.

Despite the fact that he is now grey haired and growing older, his heart is still young. He shared his background and said that he earned his first million back in 90’s. He said that nothing comes without resistance and hard work.

His shared that his workday is so overloaded that he barely sees his family. The only time he spends with his family is Sundays. He said that his wife does not want to live like that and often says, “I wish they would fire you soon so you can spend time with your family.”

But Nariman Tashbolotovitch Tuleev, who said that once the goal has been set, it should be accomplished, and he will do the utmost to match what he said.

**Akylbek BALTABAEV**

**No movies, no music, no light for one hour. All over the world people sat without any light. It sounds like some sort of catastrophe had occurred. It looks like earth stopped revolving on its axis. Sixty minutes of a surge of pride that people are doing something for the Earth.**

The hour of the Earth, a global action organized by WWF, took place on March 28. About one billion people in more than 36 countries switched the lights off in their towns for one hour to let mankind understand that saving electric energy would decrease harmful pollutant emissions in the Earth’s atmosphere.

The first hour of the Earth took place in 2007 in Sydney, Australia. In 2008, over 50 million people participated in 270 cities from 35 countries.

This year, big cities such as London, Peking, Los Angeles, Rio de Janeiro, Hong Kong, San Francisco, Rome and others switched the lights off in their museums, theaters and restaurants. The most interesting fact is that Las Vegas, which is famous for its illumination, also took part in the action.

According to the organizer’s report, during the hour of the Earth there was no light in the most famous buildings and architectural objects in the world, such as statue of Jesus in Rio de Janeiro, the Federation Tower in Moscow, the stadium Millennium in Cardiff and also in the highest building in the world, Taipei 101 in Thailand.

This year, Russia participated in the

action for the first time by switching off the light in Lomonosov Moscow State University and other important buildings. Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan have not participated in hour of the Earth yet.

Nurshat Joroev, a professor of Ecology from Kazakhstan, is confident in that his country will participate next year. “I am sure that it is extremely sincere action and it has not only ecological, but also political benefits. Such action unites countries and people. Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan should not separate from Russia,” Joroev said.

Marat Isaev, an ecologist from Kyrgyzstan, agrees with his colleague from Kazakhstan. “I have heard about this action and I think that it is a good idea. But we should not forget that one day without light is not enough to save our planet. People should not be proud of it and rest on their laurels,” Isaev said.

The organizers do not ask people to switch off absolutely every lamp. According to them, the participants should decide for themselves what they want to switch off. More than that, the organizers gave advice about how to spend the free time during the hour. For example, they suggested organizing a romantic dinner with candles and look at the stars.

For more advice and information about the hour can be found on the WWF official website

[www.wwf.ru/ea2009](http://www.wwf.ru/ea2009)

**Zarina ISAMBAEVA**

# Earth Hour



## Masquerade for sophomores



The third-year students of American University in Central Asia celebrated their Juniors Ball on March 26 in Altyn Kazyna.

Observing the preparations for the Juniors Ball, Star Promo Group, second-year students that organize parties, made a suggestion to organize another ball, this time for sophomore students.

"Everybody was so excited about the Juniors Ball, and we thought, 'why not organize a sophomore ball too?'" Isakov Azim, a member of SPG, said. "But we were unsure if sophomores would support our idea."

The SPG called all the sophomores to a meeting to decide whether they wanted to have a

ball this year or not.

During the meeting on March 13, the sophomores made a decision to hold a Sophomore Ball

April 17. To make the ball unusual, they decided to have instead of regular party a masquerade.

"The idea of a masquerade for sophomores is original," Aigulya Oruzbaeva, a sophomore, said. "Nobody has ever organized a ball for sophomores before, and I want to thank Star Promo Group."

The first thing SPG had to do was choose a nightclub where the event would be held. They came down to a final two: Pharaoh or Infinity.

"We ended up choosing Pha-

raoh Nightclub," Meder Mamutov, a member of SPG, said. "AUCA students do not like Infinity nightclub because they had the New Year party there and it left a bad impression on our students."

However, according to Mamutov, the rent of Pharaoh Nightclub was too expensive. For that reason, SPG involved in the organization of the masquerade another group that manages the parties, Pulsar Promo Group, which also consists of AUCA students.

"The most important objective for us was to let the sophomores have a great time at their party," Sarymsakov Isken, a member of PPG, said. "We and SPG will have no profit from the organization of Masquerade, but we do not care, we work for our sophomores."

The price of the tickets for sophomores was 500 soms, for others the tickets cost 600 soms.

But there were only AUCA students at the masquerade, according to Isakov.

The official part of the masquerade was at 7 p.m. and there was a section with different snacks, alcoholic and soft drinks in the nightclub.

"To make the masquerade more interesting, we organized two groups of sophomore girls," Marat Mashanlo, a member of PPR, said. "They had to invent and perform their own show program and the group with best show earned money."

MELISBEK AISULU



## PULSAR Promo Group

**We all remember purple squares, which captivated the walls of AUCA. What was it? Purple secret had intrigued everyone and was finally revealed.**

PULSAR Promo Group – is a new promotion group, which has obtained the status of student AUCA club in the beginning of April. The opening of the club, took place on April 3. Organizers of the club not only had revealed the truth of purple invasion, but also answered couple of questions.

Why did you pick purple squares? Do they represent something?

**Pulsar:** We were thinking how to attract attention of busy students, how to announce about our promo-group. To make it in black and white would be very ordinary, that is why we used colorful ads.

Why purple?

**Pulsar:** Purple is hard to find in nature, due to its rarity and exclusiveness some people call this color - the color of chosen ones.

Have you implemented any projects?

**Pulsar:** Basically, we have done projects outside of AUCA, different events for students from other universities of Bishkek city.

Do you have any plans in the near future?

**Pulsar:** Yes, we have projects on development stage, that is why it is too early to talk about them, and we would want to keep it in secret.

Who are the participants of PULSAR Promo-Group?

**Pulsar:** Currently Pulsar consists of 4 people: Marat Mashanlo, Iskender Sarym-

sakov, Bermet Kydyralieva and Israil Shamaryl. However, we are planning to have more people in our student club.

Whose idea was it to organize Sophomores Masquerade?

**Pulsar:** We have organized Sophomores Ball with Star Promo Group. The idea definitely belongs to AUCA students, as everyone wanted to have an official event for the sophomores.

On April 17, 2009 Sophomores Masquerade took place in the Night Club Pharaoh. The party had two parts, official and disco.

The official part started with performance of Aijana (BA-107), with the song

of Christina Aguilera "Lady Marmalade" and knocked down many representatives of male part. However, she wasn't the only one who could strain her vocal cords, two more sophomores who actually do it professionally, rocked the dance floor as well.

"We thought it would be nice to support our friends at such event and it went great," Alia Toromyrza and Meerim Zayrbek exclaimed.

While the evening was continuing young lady dressed in Arabic outfit stepped on the dance floor accompanied by Arabic music and blew the crowd with her plasticity that was Indira Enteriyeva.

As the party continued with numerous

games, Venera Kim, the hostess of the party, tried her best to amuse the crowd, by revealing second secret "BELEJASSIPA".

By the end of the official part, one of the girls had finally guessed what this was all about.

**BELEJASSIPA** is a set of first letter of each department.

Venera Kim had asked everyone to try guessing the name of department; however it was very hard for sophomores, as the Campaign started giving it signs.

Sophomores, who are still under party's impressions shared with their feelings.

"The party really was on the top level, I mean this is how AUCA people usually relax, it was nice to be around my friends once again. I hope that Sophomores Masquerade will become a good tradition for all," Ekaterina Djan, PSY-107, said.

As you all know, there are two promo-groups that exists at AUCA, Star and Pulsar. However, that might create some competition around.

"Competition is always useful, indeed it makes a person think and develop. However, friends are much more important. Members of Star Promo Group are our close friends. We would try to reduce the competition as much as possible. There are ways to escape it and we will use them," Iskender Sarymsakov.

This was the first party organized by PULSAR Promo Group at AUCA, and our readers have only to lay back and watch how they are going to progress and make more surprises.

Lida CHIKALOVA



## 13 Strange Stories

**This number has its own history and its own life. It can be heard by everyone, and sometimes it is linked to mysterious stories. Sometimes it helps and sometimes it is hostile. It can have no effect, or it can change lives. It can be believed or refused. But, it will stay the same and continue its infinite path.**

**These examples are only one spoon of water in the ocean, but knowing them is the savior ship on its endless surface.**



**1.** "10 years and 3 months ago, a strange event occurred in my life. It was evening and after playing football, I was coming back home. Suddenly, I saw in my peripheral vision a sparkling object hovering in the sky to the left of me. Looking in that direction, I saw a huge object, similar to a plate. I was stunned by this. And suddenly the object disappeared as if it was never there. I thought I was probably dreaming. Trying to get to the bottom of the issue, I asked one friend with whom I had played football on that very strange day. I asked if we had played football. He answered that we played until evening, and then I left to go home. I suddenly remembered everything that had happened. Then, I was convinced, that I really had seen a strange object.

Although I do not believe in UFOs, I know that I saw a strange object in the sky that day. For me, it remains a riddle, whether it was a dream or not. But my friends, whom I met that day, said that I really met them. I think that the strange object or airship was real."

Derbishev Dastan  
CAA-108

**2.** "11 years ago, I was faced with a strange event that became one of the most unforgettable and unexplained things in my life. It was usual day, I was going to school. Everyday I went by mini bus, but that day I decided to go by trolleybus. When I got in, one old man was sitting in the first seat, a woman was playing with a little girl, and one man was standing. At that moment, it seemed to me that everything had happened before exactly like that. I was sure that it happened before, but how? I never got to my school by trolleybus. Everything was so familiar; that old man who was sitting exactly there, that woman with little girl and that guy who was standing exactly there. I was really surprised because such situations never happened to me before.

Even now I cannot explain that event. I will be very glad if someone can explain it."

Isaev Munarbek  
ECO - 107

**3.** "Personally, I do not believe in the telepathic, superstitious aspects of life. But sometimes, I do not know how, things happen. They make me feel different and this recent story reflect that. It was a lonely day. I was walking home after regular classes at the university and was thinking about the past, present, future: I am graduating soon! This thought made me feel even more lonely, more inde-

cisive about what I really wanted, and I simply wanted someone to call me and have a calm, hopeful conversation. And, suddenly, my cell started ringing! A close friend let me know about being near and supportive. A little later, I received another call, and later, another. The rest of the day kept on the same track!

I was happy to know that people can really feel each other no matter the distance between.

Good luck for you all! May all your wishes always come true simply like the case above!"

Mirgul Karimova  
ICP-105

**4.** "Why did I choose to be a diplomat? The reason for my decision was due to a movie that I saw recently. It was called "The Interpreter", a story about the actions of diplomats and how they do their remarkable work. What is so strange about that? I saw it on January 13. I do not know if it was the movie or the date, but ever since then I have been sure that I should be a diplomat. Currently I am in the preparatory department, but I am going to pass to the ICP department because it is my destiny and I will do my best to be a good leader."

Khusan Akramkhuzaev  
Preparatory I

**5.** "When I was in the 8th grade, I experienced a ridiculous event. When I arrived home one day, I realized my wallet was missing from my pocket. I went back to school along the road on which I had just walked. However, I could not find my wallet anywhere. I went back home again and my mother told me to take my wallet. I was very surprised at the moment. Then I realize why my mother had my wallet. I had given it to her the day before."

Hwang Kyung-Hwa  
ECO-108



**6.** "This strange event did not even happen directly to me, but it completely changed my life. One day, approximately three years ago, I heard a story about Morihey Ueshiba, the father of Aiki-do. It was a true story about Morihey. One day he showed his incredible powers by defeating an enemy who had a gun with his bare hands. Then, when he was leaving the "tatami", a strange light came from the sky and covered him, thus showing that he had reached his purpose. After hearing this story, my views on life changed. I started to learn Aiki-do and I have been learning it for three years. Now I know

that we do not need the art of war, we need the art of Peace and Love."

Vladimir Zareev  
AUCA Gardener

**7.** "I do not know for certain if this was real or not. One ordinary day I met my friends at the center of the city, and we walked and talked. We talked of our past, our childhoods, and the games we used to play. Sometime during our talk, I realized we were talking louder, and then splitting up to go home. That night I could not fall asleep. Then suddenly, I found myself with my friends in the park again. I knew I was sleeping, but I could not get out of the dream. Then, I woke up, and I was in my brother's room. I fell asleep again; I was back in the park! I thought, I have to do something, because I am seeing this dream over and over. Finally I woke up again and I was in my own bedroom. I looked at the time and it was 1:00pm; I was late for my lesson."

Nursultan Uzakbaev  
AMS-108



**8.** "I cannot say if it is an ability or something else, but I can do something that looks very strange. I can sometimes "see" or "feel" the future. It is not like in the Hollywood movies, but it is. I do not know why, but sometimes when I think about something, it happens a little bit later. I can think that I will meet a girl in red cloth, or see the car from corner, and strangely it happens as I thought it would. I have analyzed this and found out that all of this started when I was in 6th grade, when I was 13 years old. Also, I found out that I can "see" only for 10-13 seconds in future. I am not a prophet, I am a human, and it is a fact that I cannot do anything with it".

Akylbek Baltabaev  
MMA - 107



**9.** "One sunny day I was preparing to go to work. I was in very good mood. Suddenly, I understood that something was wrong. I looked for everything and found out that I had forgotten to take my glasses. I liked them and did not want to go with-

out them. I started to seek them. I lost an hour in that infinite search. Then, my son came to me and asked: "Mom, what is on your head?" The same time I heard from news, that there was a car accident on the road I would have been traveling on. I do not know why this happened, I do not even know why I remembered it now, after 13 years".

Lyudmila Kuzina  
Secretary-copywriter



**10.** "After a very interesting day on February 13, I was not as I had been before. That day, I had to finish my research paper on critical skills. But while writing it, I fell into a very strange trance and instead of writing the paper, I started to write my feelings by poetry on one page. Two days later, I saw a dream, where I heard very attractive and calming music. When I got up, I tried to play it on the Komuz, the Kyrgyz national musical instrument. It was really a heart-rending melody. I fell in love with this music. But after I had visited AUCA and came home, I could not re-play that strange music. I just forgot it. I could only recall a part of it, which was recorded to my laptop. After that, I started to write poems, songs on different topics and composing music. I will not forget this day, February 13, when I first felt this strange thing, which changed my view of the world".

Esen Rysbekov  
ICP-108

**11.** "Two or three years ago I was at work. I had just arrived at the library. I was bored so I started to count "my clients". When I stopped on 12th, one strange girl came to me and left several books. They were ordinary books on Psychology and I did not pay any attention. Later, the same girl came again. She looked very upset. She said that she lost \$300 in one of the books. We searched all books and finally found them. Money was in a small book, with a title "13 Ghosts". Suddenly, I remembered that she was my 13th client that day.

Elena Turdiyeva  
Assistant of Service department



**12.** "It was May. I was trying to get accepted into AUCA. I had just

written my TOEFL and the next day I chose to take an exam in Manas University. I thought, I must have alternative, except AUCA. After the exam in Manas, I came to AUCA and was astonished with the news. The second written exam for ICP department in AUCA has finished. I was stunned. I had missed the TOEFL, and did not even write an essay. It was the end. But, I did not give up and asked to write an essay. "Fortunately", they let me write and I passed. At the end of these stresses I found out that my TOEFL score was 513. It was the 5th month and the magic number 13.

Choybalsan uulu Irisbek  
ICP-105



**13.** Prior to telling you the strangest story, I tell you, put seatbelts tight and look bright  
Because it's gonna happen with you tonight  
All of us, sleep and dream eva nite  
Allright seat tight and look bright  
I, like all members of our community  
Had a dream about a special beauty  
She looked bright and always smiled  
Shaked my hand and hugged ohh tight  
Got me shocked with yooooo hot smell  
Went away and neva, neva came back  
I tell her eva nite:

Right you want some light  
Bright ideas blend in mind  
Got da sense of taste inside  
Act Miss Princess come over tonite  
And some one special day  
I found ma beauty at A U C A  
Yeah, turned out she is not that bright  
Neva smiled and neva hugged tight  
Didn't get to taste her smellllllllllllll  
Didn't get to share .....!  
I gave up! Moving on to ma next dream  
Well yall Have a good nite and sleep  
always tight!

**Cause it's gonna happen with you tonite.**

Just another freestyle from Alman!

Business Administration  
IMPORTANT: Read under Eminem's rhythm.  
**Atai MURATBEKOV**

# Poetry

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Wisdom and love

Wisdom can travel only two steps

Beyond it, it is lost in wonder

In beauty is that proof of your being

That brightness the eyes of the heart

Where are you- how are you-

where is your abode

Here your story becomes complicated

Otherwise, however difficult a problem

With quite thought it is slowly solved

Wisdom, and proof and thought and

imagination

Build the strong fort of trust

The clean sweet water of hope

Makes the path of life go through flowers

In everything there is design and balance and count

Shape and colour and strength and function

The hand of master is clearly visible

In every atoms of the universe

Everything is held in balance

Created and designed with thought.

The star the sun and light and air

Everyone is held in his hand

That is all journey the mind can travel

All its tricks and logic and craft and wisdom

But if you want a doll to amuse and divert you

Then there is dome, and here the pulpit

Thought and beauty, the beloved and 'khumar'

Can recreate a ruined world

Wisdom - a prisoner in 'limit' and 'balance'

Beyond it, it is lost and wonders.

(Baghlan, Afghanistan, 13, /04/08)

Hotak Yama

# New clubs at AUCA

Freshman at AUCA took the first semester to become acquainted with the university and see what it had to offer them. It seems as though the options for involvement were not sufficient for them. Consequently, the spring semester has seen many new student clubs open, creating more opportunities for student participation to grow.

One of the new clubs on campus is called Imperius, a political club organized by freshmen from the ICP department. It is said that they are good workers because they study politics and communicate about it with others. The idea to organize this club occurred to Serdar Mamedov and Ruslan Hudikov, freshmen from ICP, and was warmly supported by their fellow students.

The main objectives of the club were to help each person who is interested in politics learn about it as much as possible. Rustam Turaev and Arslan Penzhiev (ICP'09) supported their young classmates.

"It is very good that they organized this club. Definitely, the majority of AUCA's staff is interested in politics, but not everybody studies ICP. And sometimes students from this department do not have enough

time in lessons; studying here is not easy. We believe that in the near future, the club will be very popular."

Many teachers are also happy that Imperius has been established; it is possible to expand the knowledge of students through showing films at meetings, having discussions and debates, and simply broadening their interests.

The meetings are held in English, because there are many foreign participants. So for some it is also a chance to improve language skills.

Imperius has opened its own website: [www.imperius.ucoz.com](http://www.imperius.ucoz.com). Members are able to post news, add to the forum and participate in other activities on this site.

The second club is Invisible Hand. The founders are also freshmen, Atay Muratbekov and Nursultan Uzakbaev, both from American Studies. This club was actually created in the fall 2008, but the founders did not do a special promotion, because it was not necessary.

Invisible Hand does not have a real strict, specific purpose, and the par-

ticipants engage in different projects, starting with the Spanish-style New Year's party on December 17, 2008, with the Alumni Office help. As Atay Muratbekov said, their aim is to "aid other university clubs and students involved in extra-curricular life of AUCA."

The third club is the Pulsar Promo Group. Most students saw the purple leaves on the walls around the university. It might look like another promotion group advertisement, but in fact it is a non-profit organization.

Unfortunately, only a small group of students know about the clubs that have opened at the end of the academic year. Of course, the participants are also finishing their classes and studying for finals, which take them away from their beloved new groups.

Right now Imperius, Invisible Hand and Pulsar Promo Group have many plans, but they will begin working to their full capacity starting next academic year; the Club's Fair will be the declaration to the whole AUCA what they can do.

Akjibek BEISHEBAEVA



## Мамлекеттик тил боюнча Жаштар Комиссиясы

Кыргыз Республикасынын Президентине караштуу, Мамлекеттик тил боюнча улуттук комиссиянын алдында Мамлекеттик тил боюнча жаштар комиссиялары Кыргызстандын чон окуу жайларында Жаштар Комиссиялар тузулушу жонундо чечими чыккан.

2009 жылдын 20 февралында Борбордук Азиядагы Америка Университетинде 10 демилгелуу студенттерден турган Жаштар комитети уюштурулду.

Жаштар комиссиясынын негизги милдеттери:

- жаш муундардын арасында мамлекеттик тилди онуктуруу программаларды иштеп чыгаруу

- мамлекеттик тилди колдонуу, онуктуруу боюнча мамлекеттик жана жаштардын коомдук уюмдарын ишин координациялоо

- жаштарга, оспурумдрго арналган зарыл окуу китеп, адабияттарды, хрестоматия, создуктрд басылып чыгышы боюнча иш чараларды аткарат.

Этнологдордун эл аралык уюмунун маалыматтары менен, 1996-жылы жер жузундо 6500дой тирүү тил калган. Анын ичинен 6000ден ашууну эне тилин кунумдук жашоо тиричиликте пайдаланышат. Келечеги бар тилдерге англис, кытай, испан, орус, хинди, араб жана башка тилдер кирген. Жоголуу коркунучу бар деп 750 тилди атаган, алардын санына Кыргыз тили да кирет.

Комитеттин мучосу Мунарбек Исаев айткандай: «Биз, жаштар, кыргыз тилин сактап калыш учун, кыргыз тилинде суйлоп, ой-пикирлерибизди айтсак, жаштар арасында актуалдуу кылышы зарыл».

Ал эми Айсалкын Мусаева: «Азыркы учурда биздин жаштар оз тилинде суйлогондон уялышат эмеспи. Менин оюмча, Кыргыз тилин англис, орус, испан, француз жана башка тилидери менен бир билип, таза суйлогон адамдын терен интеллектуалдыгын, оз тилине, маданиятына урматтыгын билдирет деп ишенем», дейт.

Айсалкын айтып кеткендей жаштар арасында кыргыз тилин колдонгон актуалдуу эмес. Кыргыз тилин

уйронгонго, колдонгонго чакыргында, биз башка тилдерди уйронгондон баш тартуу жонундо кеп кылбаймын.

Албетте, азыркы заманда техниканын, илимдин, эл аралык бизнестин онугушу менен башка тилдерди билгенибиз зарыл. Бирок, коштуу коррупция, коштуу билип журуп оз тилинди, оз тарыхынды билбесен шылдын эмеспи.

(Жаштар Комиссиясынын Жобосунан жана Бириккен Улуттар Уюмунун статистикалык маалыматтары колдонулган)

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# Farewell kiss to Темирбек Алимман

## Гламур и Антигламур в жизни Алимман

**-Почему ты выбрала именно АУЦА?**

-Я жила в штатах четыре года, и это был единственный университет, где преподают на английском языке, и система обучения была такая же, как и в Америке.

**-Что ты делала в штатах? Ты FLEX?**

-Нет, я не студент по обмену. Я просто жила там со своими родителями, они у меня дипломаты. Их отправили в Штаты по работе, а я там училась в школе.

**-Что тебя привлекло больше всего, когда ты поступила в АУЦА?**

-Не могу сейчас точно все вспомнить, так как прошло уже целых четыре года. Я помню День открытых дверей, тогда еще учились совсем другие люди, они делали разные сценки в СН1. Тогда я почувствовала дух университета и поняла, что АУЦА – это именно то место, где я себя буду уютно чувствовать, а также осуществлять все свои возможности.

**-Ты часто принимала участие в различных мероприятиях, какое из них тебе запомнилось больше?**

-Я два года участвовала в ориентационной неделе. Оба лета, которые я провела как волонтер, мне очень запомнились. Особенно, я помню, как ко мне подходили первокурсники и спрашивали: “Эже, а на какой курсе мне записаться?” И я себя ощущала такой взрослой (смеется). Также мне понравилась «АУЦАграфия», мы с Дилей сидели, наверно, часов пять, чтобы все разложить по конвертам, чтобы никто потом не заблудился. Конечно же, я также помню веревку из одежды, когда все кричат: “Лифчик, лифчик!” Было очень прикольно.

**-Как большинству студентов известно, ты КВНщица из команды Антигламур. Как образовалась ваша команда?**

-Все было очень просто. Мы сидели в парке. Делать, как всегда, было нечего. Что возьмешь с людей, которые учатся на втором курсе, и им кажется, что еще вся жизнь впереди. Вообще, я мечтала играть в КВН еще со школы. Я всегда ходила смотреть КВН Кыргызстана. Ну, в общем, с нами училась одна девочка, которая раньше играла в команде

«тринашки» “Манго”, Каныкей Ибраимова, сейчас она в Штатах. Тогда, в парке, Каныкей предложила создать свою команду. Вообще, наша команда очень много раз расформировывалась и менялась. Я там была с самого ее образования, и до сих пор меня оттуда никак не могут выгнать (смеется).

**-А как зародилось название команды?**

-У нас было очень много разных вариантов. Артем Владимирович, ака Сэм, изкоманды «REMIX» предложил назваться АнтиГламуром. И мы задумались: “А почему бы и нет?” Нашей целью являлось показать, что мы не какие-нибудь богатенькие и гламурные детки депутатов, а такие же обычные студенты, как в любом другом вузе, шутим над такими же простыми вещами и ничем не отличаемся от других. Это название как раз говорило само за себя.



**-Тяжело совмещать учебу и КВН?**

-Мы с Союновым Эзизом поняли, что когда есть КВН, тогда и учеба хорошая, потому что у тебя есть три часа до начала репетиции, и тебе по любому надо сделать все письменные работы, презентации и т.д. После репетиции это вообще нереально сделать, так как мы приходили домой в 12 часов ночи, один раз даже до трех часов ночи оставались в университете. Мы, в принципе, все успевали. Мне скоро заканчивать, и через две недели уже сдавать дипломную, а я играла на межфаке второго апреля. Скорее всего, это говорит о том, что я отчаянная (смеется).

**-Если бы у тебя была возможность что-то изменить в жизни, что бы ты изменила?**

-Я думаю, что ничего. Я не жалею

о том, что поступила в АУЦА, я не жалею о том, что играю в КВН, я не жалею об оценках, которые пострадали из-за репетиций, не жалею, также, и о потраченном времени. Я больше приобрела, чем потеряла.

**-У каждого есть истории о том, как они как-то сильно опозорились. Есть ли такая история у тебя?**

-Есть у меня одна история, которая произошла совсем недавно, в январе. Я вела концерт в малом зале Филармонии Президентского камерного оркестра «Манас». На мне было очень красивое длинное зеленое платье, и оно держалось на одной единственной брошке на одном плече. В самый разгар вечера, когда я объявляла следующую композицию, моя брошка просто взяла и разлетелась! Одна ляжка платья упала назад, другая вперед

Меня спасла только моя папка со сценарием, которой я быстро закрыла все это зрелище. Но я, как профессионал, несмотря на переполох, закончила объявлять и гордо ушла за кулисы. А там, в суматохе, потому что у меня было всего 4 минуты, судорожно пыталась собрать на себе платье. Не буду говорить как, но у меня получилось скрепить брошку, благо волосы длинные и они закрыли эту неполадку.

**-Значит, тебе повезло!**

-Да, мне, наверно, повезло. А на самом деле, особых позоров у меня не было. Просто я вообще такой человек, который многие вещи близко к сердцу воспринимает, допустим, на сцене во время игры, если кто-то что-то не то сказал или сделал, мне кажется, что мы так опозорились! Хотя, на самом деле, это не было заметно.

**-Какая твоя самая заветная мечта?**

-Это, наверно, очень банально, но я хочу стать хорошей женой и иметь четырех детей.

**-Ну, почему банально? В наше время это редкость найти себе подходящего мужа.**

-Да. Не скажу, что это моя великая цель в жизни, но все же мечта. Почему я не мечтаю, как многие, о хорошо оплачиваемой работе, деньгах, о том, чтобы стать великим



человеком, потому что я уверена, что все это у меня будет, и мечтать об этом мне не надо. Поэтому моя мечта это уютный дом с камином, любящий, умный, талантливый муж и четверо детей. Причем, порядок должен быть такой: мальчик, девочка, девочка, мальчик. И когда у меня это будет, я буду считать себя полноценным человеком.

**-Ты хорошо поешь. Ты этому где-то училась? Или врожденный талант?**

-Первый свой гонорар я получила в четыре года, когда на свадьбе родственников устроила dance battle. Гости были в шоке, а я заработала, по тем временам, сумму, равную двум маминым зарплатам. Так, что выступать я привыкла с детства. Мама меня особенно поддерживала. Также я окончила музыкальную школу по классу фортепиано и, конечно, хоровое отделение. Но больше всего я почерпнула у преподавателя вокала АУЦА, Ольги Николаевны Жижериной, которая помогла мне преодолеть страхи и внушила, что я хорошо пою.

**-Ты любишь читать книги? И какое твое любимое произведение, которое ты готова перечитать множество раз?**

-Конечно, люблю! На меня большое впечатление произвел “Алхимик” в свое время. Его я перечитывала очень много раз, и каждый раз понимала это произведение по-новому. Также я люблю произведение “Де Камерон”, которое я прочитала на курсе Элеоноры Александровны Прояевой “Gender and Literature”. Это было каким-то переломным моментом, потому что я поняла, что люди сейчас не стали хуже и извращенней, так было всегда. Даже в то время. Мы ничем не отличаемся, и не стоит говорить, что 21 век – век доступных пороков. А, вообще, читать нужно. Так как без литературы не развивается язык. Особенно, мне, как будущему PR специалисту, читать нужно всегда.

**-Что бы ты хотела пожелать студентам АУЦА?**

-Я хочу пожелать вам желания и стремления. Если у вас есть какая-то мечта, стремитесь к ней. Ведь именно

в студенческое время у вас есть все возможности и время, с помощью которых вы можете раскрыться и показать себя всецело.

**-Кого бы ты хотела поблагодарить?**

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