



# New Star

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## Diplomatic Visit of Hilary Clinton to Kyrgyzstan

Hillary Clinton, the U.S. Secretary of State, visited Kyrgyzstan on December 3rd. She arrived closer to from Astana where she participated in the OSCE summit. In Bishkek, she held conference with the president of Kyrgyzstan, Rosa Otunbaeva, and afterwards had a meeting with students of Bishkek universities, civic activists, and with representatives of NGOs in Kyrgyzstan. The meeting had been organized by the United States Embassy.

This was the second visit of Hillary Clinton to Kyrgyzstan - in 1997 she visited as first lady, being the wife of then-President Bill Clinton. In her visit, Mrs. Clinton took part in the opening ceremony of the American University in Kyrgyzstan, now renamed the American University in Central Asia.

As reported by national television, the U.S. secretary of state responded to various questions at the meeting. In particular, she noted the importance of establishing the parliamentary democracy in Kyrgyzstan for the entire Central Asian region. Hillary Clinton particularly stressed that Kyrgyzstan can and should become a successful model of a parliamentary republic for all the neighboring countries.

"Many people say that parliamentary democracy cannot work in Central Asia," she said. "But we do not agree with that assessment."

Mrs. Clinton also gave her opinion of the recent parliamentary election in Kyrgyzstan, saying that it was one of the clearest elections held in Central Asia.

"We are really delighted that the

elections were held fairly and openly in Kyrgyzstan," said Hillary Clinton. "The countries that have many times held the elections could envy the elections which were held in Kyrgyzstan."

In response to a question on what she thinks about the April revolution in Kyrgyzstan, Clinton said it was the choice of people. "I want everyone to know: the people of Kyrgyzstan have said their word for democracy. So we must all help in this." She added that America will continue to provide assistance to Kyrgyzstan, to support the people of this country in their choice and in their desire to build democracy.

She noted that the new government in Kyrgyzstan started work, which is very important, and it is important that the government would work with the president and the president would work with the government.

In the meeting with Hillary Clinton, people were not only interested in the issues of Kyrgyzstan, but they were also interested in the affairs of other countries. There were some questions regarding Georgia's issues with North Ossetia and Abkhazia. By the words of Clinton it was clear that she supports Georgia in this case, saying the lands of North Ossetia and Abkhazia from their origins belonged to Georgia.

To the question about the recent conflict between North and South Korea, she claimed that it is a very important issue. "The U.S. is very concerned about North Korea."

"And we want to work with Russia, China, South Korea, and Japan to change the behavior of North Korea's regime and try to move it away from its provocative behavior, like the attack of the South Korean island," said Hillary Clinton.

Clinton's visit to Kyrgyzstan was part of her diplomatic tour, during which she also visited Uzbekistan and Bahrain. In the afternoon, the U.S. secretary of state traveled from Bishkek to Tashkent.

According to Clinton, there are plans to conduct a women's conference in Kyrgyzstan in May 2011, which will discuss the importance of the role of women in the democratization of society.

**Elmurat Ryskulbekov**



**What does Hillary Clinton, the U.S. Secretary of State, prefer to read, how many hours of sleep does she get, and which designers does she like to wear? Answers to these questions were given on December 2nd during her meeting with our students in Bishkek.**

**MCs:** Besides political and economical questions, we have some silly questions for you.

**HC:** I am not very often asked a silly question. So I'll try.

**MCs:** Does Chelsea have political mission?

**HC:** NO.

**MCs:** Were you scared to come to Bishkek after the exposure that we had?

**HC:** Was I scared? No, no at all.

**MCs:** What designers of clothes do you prefer?

**HC:** Would you ever ask a man that question? (Laughs)

**MCs:** How many hours do you sleep?

**HC:** Well, it really depends on what else is going on. I've been kind of busy this week, so I haven't slept many hours. But you know I try to get six hours and then on the weekend I try to make up for it because you know you can't go too long with too little sleep. It starts to impair your judgement. So even if I can't sleep a lot during the week I try to catch up on the weekends.

**MCs:** Which is your favorite movie?

**HC:** My favorite movie...oh my

gosh. I've seen so many movies in my life. You know, I had different favorite movies at different stages of my life. So when I was younger, much younger than you, I liked "The Wizard of Oz", the classic version with Judy Garland. I loved that movie. I like the classic movie "Gone with the wind". (Applause of audience) When I was in college, "Casablanca" was a very favorite movie. I don't know, I must have seen it a hundred times. I really like the actress Meryl Streep, so I love everything she is in. Anyway, I can go on, I like many different movies.

**MCs:** What was the first word of Chelsea?

**HC:** The first word of Chelsea... Well I...hm...You know, "Mom". (laughs)

**MCs:** What do you read during your long flights?

**HC:** I have to read a lot of briefing papers. You see these people that I travel with? They are constantly producing papers and they expect me to read and understand in short notice. And I get piles of them. I read newspapers because I have to keep up with what is going on in the world. But I also try to read for pleasure, so I read mysteries and romances. I try to read at night even just for a minute before I fall asleep just to clear my head.

**MCs:** What inspires you?

**HC:** People who have the courage to stand up for human rights, themselves and particularly others, that's what I find very inspiring. Leaders who put the needs of their people ahead of their own personal benefit.

**MCs:** Where you go for vacations?

**HC:** I love New York, so I often vacation in New York.

**MCs:** So you have vacations?

**HC:** Well, you know what? There was a period of time when I did not have any vacations, but last year my family actually took a vacation. And I highly recommend it.

**Material was prepared by Zarina Isambaeva**



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## Dean of Students Column



### Дежавю

Я поймал себя на мысли, что из года в год в своей колонке пишу одни и те же вещи.

С одной стороны, я понимаю, что студенты меняются – приходят другие, и им тоже надо что-то объяснять. Объяснять

то, что уже давным-давно знают другие. Скучно писать такие статьи, но нужно. Вот и пишу.

Кафе «Браво» замечательное место, чтобы сидеть, там развернув лаптоп, и заниматься уроками или просто болтать в «аське». Но кафе «Браво» – это ещё и место, где люди принимают пищу. В идеале им бы хотелось делать это сидя за столом, а не стоя у подоконника.

К сожалению даже те студенты, которые знают о существовании этой проблемы, никогда не уступают место человеку с подносом, который мечется в поисках места, где присесть во время ланча.

Во многое верю. Но не верю, что после этой заметки что-то изменится. Но надо писать. Вот и пишу.

Это не вопрос нехватки места для отдыха и работы. Это вопрос воспитанности и совести. Когда у нас была комната отдыха для студентов – было то же самое: празднично развалившиеся на кафешных стульях студенты, которым в этот момент нечего делать, сидят за столами, и академик Брудный, стоя у подоконника «воюет» с котлетой, которой тоже неудобно, когда её режут на шатающейся буфетной «таблетке».

Скажите, не хватает свободного места в университете? Возможно.

А по моему «тупо» не хватает СОВЕСТИ.

**Без уважения к людям, которые не уважают своих голодных коллег и преподавателей,  
Н.Шульгин.**

## Student Coordinator Column

**Dear students, and in particular, our international delegations! Diversity week is coming!**

I want to notify you that Diversity Week has been transferred to January. As we saw from last year, Diversity Week was scheduled during the post examination period, and students didn't have time to prepare, to rehearse, and to present their performances as they really wanted to. Therefore, we will celebrate the long-awaited multinational week from January 24th to 28th in 2011. It is desirable to wish all delegations who will take part in Diversity Week to gain strength during their winter holidays and next year present their country colorfully and brightly to leave a positive resonance about their representation in our community. In this season, twelve delegations have expressed their desire to participate in Diversity Week - Kyrgyz, Uighurs, Tatars, Russians, Ukrainians, Caucasians, Chinese, Metises, Tajiks, Turkmens, and even Americans are among them.

Senators from the Student Senate and members of the World Club will participate in the organization and contribute to Diversity Week as well. In cooperation with participants and organizers, we have coordinated the program of performances and came to the conclusion that the whole event, except for the food day, will be held on the large stage in CH-I. All offers about this kind of innovations have been accepted under demands of participants. I think you will manage to show your traditions, culture, national dishes, costumes, and, of course, fairy tales on a new scene in front of the whole student community. That is why you should gather and make rehearsals right on time. Now I wish you luck in your hard mission – in passing your final exams. See you in the next issue of New Star next year! I wish you all to spend your vacation extremely cheerfully!



**Sincerely,  
Your student coordinator  
Adele Omuralieva**



## Student Senate Column

**Dear students and university staff!**

Final exams began and it's the last week of our fall semester, the last week of our hard work together. So, let's do our best and then we can relax and enjoy the holidays. Before then we want to inform you about the event that was held on December 2nd, the day of meeting with the 67th Secretary of State of the United States, former Senator of New York State, Hillary Rodham Clinton. In the meeting there were representatives from different Kyrgyz universities and, of course, from AUCA. The meeting with the U.S. secretary was available for the best six senior students, Student Senate, and randomly selected students, as well as our administration and some professors. The discussion was mostly about global and domestic political issues, which included Osh events, April events, Kyrgyzstan's new government and other issues. The secretary said she supported parliamentary democracy and believed in the positive changes to which the new government could lead. Our students participated very actively in discussion and we would like to thank them for it.

Recently, the Student Senate received complaints about the food quality and prices in our local cafeterias, and the Business Administration department conducted research and made a survey to find out satisfaction levels of AUCA students, faculty, staff and administration on the food. Based on



these results, the Student Senate, with the help of the administration, will make the decision. Fortunately, many students participated in this research and it will be easier to find the right decision. The results of the survey are available on [http://irt.auca.kg/en/news\\_events/76/](http://irt.auca.kg/en/news_events/76/). If you have some interesting ideas and recommendations, you are always welcome to share them. AUCA's Student Senate is interested in active participation of students in university life and supports students' interests.

The new year is coming and you are actively preparing for this great event by buying presents and decorating your houses! The Student Senate wishes you to pass all final exams, to finish all your work, and spend your holidays well! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, dear friends!

**Perizat Dzhusubalieva, PR Committee**

## Gossips @ AUCA

Среди всех ВУЗов Кыргызстана, наш шумный Alma mater славится своими уникальными студентами, во всех смыслах этого слова. Но, к сожалению, у всех эта уникальность проявляется по-разному: кто-то стремится завести как можно больше друзей, кто-то – максимально повышать свой GPA, ну а кто-то – предпочитает реальным достижениям – виртуальные.

Многие из вас, наверное, уже заметили, как ещё с прошлого года у нас в универе появилась «загадочная незнакомка», распространитель информации, а так же самая обсуждаемая страничка (на Facebook) этого сезона – наша дорогая и всеми любимая AUCA Blabber!

Как ни странно, публика поделилась на 2 группы, одна из которых, презрительно отзываясь и строго критикует проступки этого загадочного человека, а вторая – ласково добавляет комментарии, советует продолжать плетение столь жарких интриг и желает процветания. Что ж, давайте смотреть на вещи трезво:

– Во-первых, не могу не согласиться, что в этом всем «балагане» есть своя изюминка, и страничка на Facebook пользуется огромным интересом со стороны студентов (особенно тех, что часто фигурируют в её повествованиях).

– С другой же стороны, я считаю это неприемлемым: «палить» студентов, а потом и ещё выставлять их личную жизнь напоказ.

По правде говоря, наша «Блабберша» не такая уж и ярая, она делится не самыми свежими новостями, да и к тому же не самыми интересными... хех... ну и какая же ты Блаббер тогда??? Кстати, я заметила, что ты не пишешь всё подряд, без разбору, а выбираешь определенную группу людей про кого писать... хмм... я думаю, у тебя на этот счет свои какие-то идеи, какой-то скрытый смысл или личная выгода. Сразу очевидно, что у тебя очень узкий круг друзей, и ты мало с кем общаешься и мало про кого знаешь. По твоим слухам даже можно легко вычислить твою среду обитания... так что, делай выводы как писать, и что писать...

**Antiblabber**

## Column: Why Should We Evaluate?

The online course evaluations have been launched for Fall 2010 by AUCA's administration. Each student will have an opportunity to write their opinion about AUCA instructors regarding teaching methods and course materials.

"I think that the evaluation system will not work properly until there is competition between professors. In order to be a competition, we have to have more professional professors in different subjects. But now we do not have enough qualified professors at AUCA. Now this evaluation looks like an easy triangle, but it needs much expenses and effort," said Murdov Mansur, IBL-107.

"I think the course evaluation is very useful for the improvement of the academic environment of the university when a lot of students participate in it. Their active participation might help AUCA administration find out about problems of teaching courses, the structure of syllabuses, and the behavior of teachers with students," commented Dastan, CCA-108.

"I believe that our evaluation cannot change anything. During my two years of study, I have never seen any changes, and I am not sure that this evaluation

can bring any changes to AUCA," said Izzat Yollyyev, IBL-110.

"I think it is really helpful for the administration of AUCA and they will know what changes they should bring in the future. But at same time I had trouble with answering so many evaluation questions. There are too many of them, and I hope in the future they will make it short and precise," said Madina Damir Kyzy, BA110.

Last year, students of JMC-107 had problems with the instructor of the second writing seminar. I was one of students in her class. The instructor never taught us anything because she never had any background in writing. She spent the whole semester on some useless projects and brought mostly Russian guest speakers from some private NGOs or institutions. At the end of semester, she gave bad marks to the whole class and even failed some students without any explanation or reason. She never gave us feedback on our projects during the semester. She went to New York for winter break and sent us our grade through email. No one was satisfied with their grades and everyone was upset and mad. We talked to the head of our department, but he told us that he could not help us and we

had to wait for her. We asked him if she had an obligation towards students. She received a salary from AUCA. How she could go on vacation before announcing the final grade and checking our projects and homework? But he told us to write to her and ask her for an explanation. We wrote to her several times and she replied to us that it was our final grade and she could not change anything. She said we were free to make an appeal or write to the President and Vice President of AUCA.

We wrote a letter to the Dean of Academic Affairs regarding this issue. She said to us, "Sorry guys. I cannot help you with this problem. You need to talk with the head of the department." I went to the appeal committee. But the same bureaucracy was there. They told me that I should write an official letter to them and provide them with facts and proof and that they would begin the investigation after two weeks. "Please wait..." I received the same answer from the appeal committee. When we had proof in our hand that the professor was violating our rights, no one from the administration heard us or helped us. Now, how can we believe that today the administration of AUCA wants



to listen or help us? I believe that before doing this evaluation, the administration of AUCA should bring us more qualified full-time instructors. I cannot see any sense or logic in doing these evaluations. I will never do them because there is no one to hear our voice.

For years the Journalism and Mass Communication department has not had enough qualified full-time professors. This year we have only one full-time instructor for the whole department. We have mostly part-time instructors. They are teaching us the seminar and lecture in one day. This is not useful for students. I have three classes like this. At the present time we do not have any full time professors. How should we write an evaluation?

**Yama Hotak**

## What do you think about toilet paper of AUCA?

The American University of Central Asia is the most famous university in Kyrgyzstan with students from different nations and countries. Most of them are on scholarships and survive with monthly stipends. They expect that everything in AUCA should be perfect, but still there are some problems, such as the quality of toilet paper used at AUCA. This toilet paper is the worst and is uncomfortable to use. Toilet paper at AUCA is used for two purposes: hand drying and as toilet paper. Sometime these papers fall on the floor or sometimes are wet and make it hard for students to dry their hands with, which could cause health issues. It would be good to pay attention to this matter.

Salavat Baurbek, a student from Kyrgyzstan studying at IBL department, said, "I haven't

tried AUCA toilet paper because I don't like the color of those papers. It looks like they are already once used. Maybe it is soft enough, but usually I have my napkins with me. It will be great if the AUCA toilet paper gets changed, better and whiter."

Samea Shanori, a student in the ICP department, said, "The toilet paper at AUCA is the worst and lowest quality. It would be better to be changed. We use these papers for drying our hands as well, which is not good for health because it may bring some sicknesses. Or sometimes, when one student uses that paper to dry his/her hands, the paper gets wet. The next student would prefer not to use it for drying since it is already wet. Usually those papers are lying on the floor and there should be a place to put them."

According to Kamila Musliova, a student from Uzbekistan studying Anthropology, "AUCA toilet paper is not soft and they don't have good quality. However, it would be good if the quality of toilet paper become higher so that students get comfortable using them. As we know in some universities there is no toilet paper at all, but since our university is an American university, it should be qualified in everything."

Bakyt Dzhenyshpekova, a student from Kyrgyzstan studying in AS department, said, "Toilet paper at AUCA is like sand papers, which are even hard to clean the floors with instead of drying hands or being used as toilet paper."

Saghar Jawad, a student at the European Studies department, said, "The quality



of AUCA toilet paper is not good at all. Also, it is from a cheap company. It should be changed with a better paper. Also, the toilets of AUCA need more work, not only regarding toilet paper, but also hand dryer and superior soap for washing our hands. As I see in every toilet of AUCA there is only one soap, which is not enough for all the students."

**Suraya Shams**

# KVN is back in AUCA

Six KVN teams, five juries, and almost 300 people opened a new season of the most interesting and humoristic game, known as KVN. This KVN Festival was organized by Central Asian League of KVN, "Asia Mix". These teams made this game special: "Lovi Moment", "Abibas", "RazmerImeetZnachenie", "Kandai E?", "KartyDengiDvaStvola" and "NaVzlete".

This celebration of the KVN game was opened with a guest team from KNU, "Osobennosti Nacionalnogo", which cheered up our warm audience.

The members of jury, were Nurlan Mamakeev, Nurlan Anarbaev, Lira Juraeva, Ermek Kenensarov, and Ulugbek Abazganov.

The old and experienced team "Lovi Moment" started the game and showed that their team is still alive and can make a lot of fun. This year, a completely new team of freshman emerged as well. In the "Abibas" crew there were only freshman and it was their debut. Karim, captain of the "Abibas" team, said, "Despite the fact that we did not win, we still enjoyed KVN and next time we will definitely take a cup."

Team "Karty Dengi Dva Stvola" took second place, showing outstanding performance in freestyle and razminka.

One feature of this team was that they had four girls and only two boys, which is very rare for KVN.

The funniest were recognized two teams this time: "Kandai E?" and "Na Vzlete". The "Kanda E?" team showed a great, funny performance; one of them was called "Four stages of getting drunk". What is interesting is that this team is composed of only three people and all of them are former players of the famous AUCA KVN team "Kvartal 205". Team "Na Vzlete" closed this festival of KVN with interesting jokes and dances.

The fact that the conference hall was full was evidence that AUCA community missed KVN very much. All jury members said that they have enjoyed the quality of humor in AUCA, noticing that there are a lot of talented and funny players. As a result, Nurlan Anarbaev, president of Central Asian League of KVN "AziyaMix", invited "Kandai E?", "KartyDengiDvaStvola" and "Na Vzlete" teams to play next season in "AziyaMix".

So the season of KVN is now opened, as well as the question of who will be the champion of AUCA.



Batyr Shabdanov



# TOP 5 STYLISH AT AUCA



Photos were taken by Diana Takutdinova Akjibek Beishebaeva

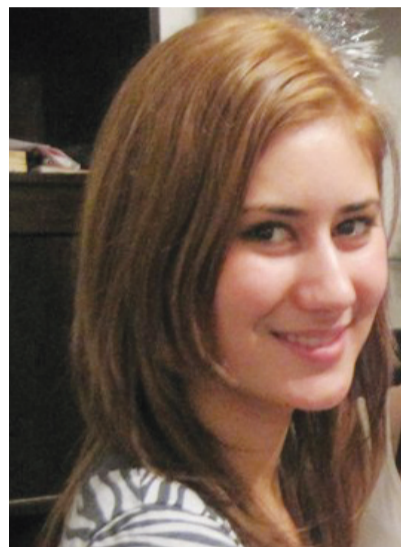
# New Year magic, New Year miracle and New Year wishes

New Year's Day is holiday as best as possible, considered the most celebrated holiday during the whole year in every continent and in every country. Each year gives something special to us. You wish for something and the whole year you expect it. You try to make and spend that

because you know that you will meet the New Year the same way that you celebrate it. So, let us ask our students about what are they going to ask Santa for, what do they love most about the New Year, and what do they want to wish to one self?

## Questions:

- 1) What would you ask from Santa Clause this year?
- 2) What do you love the most about Christmas/New Year
- 3) Your wishes to students, professors and staff



**Diana Gurbanmyradova ICP-110**

1) I would ask Santa to give me a chance to go to Turkmenistan during summer vacation, and then normally return back to my favorite AUCA.  
2) I love the Christmas atmosphere: songs, getting presents, watching Christmas-New Year movies, and I also like that people are on a winter break, so everyone is happy.  
3) I wish OSI would increase our scholarship, Bravo prices to decrease, students to be happy, and everyone to enjoy their winter break.



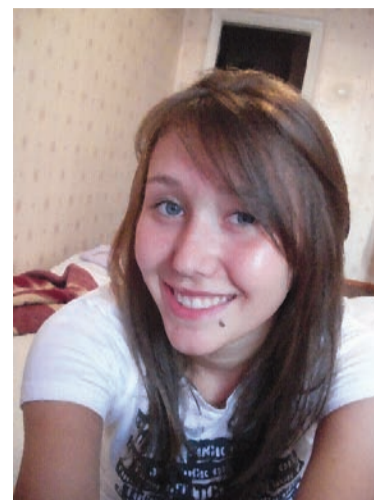
**Nikita Menshov ICP-110**

1) I will ask him to bring happiness to my home, to make my family and friends happy, to keep everything that I have achieved through all my life safe. And, of course, a lot of chocolate!!!  
2). That everybody gives presents to each other, that your lovely family sits at one table and eats different delicious food. It is great. This holiday unites people.  
3) I wish everybody would be more kind to each other, to give love and positive emotions to everybody you know. Enjoy your life, it is wonderful!



**Hakim Davurov Eco-107**

1) А что он существует что ли? Ну тогда: Здоровье родителям, себе хочубук-рубик=)  
2) Больше всего я люблю Christmas как и любой другой праздник за то, что в этот день мы не учимся. А Новый Год люблю за Бесконечное оливье и рыбу.  
3) Желая студентам большого GPA, хорошо потусить на Christmas and New Year, профессорам желаю чтобы в новом году они забыли, что есть такая буква «F».



**Ekaterina Zinchenko Anth-107**

1) The next year is somehow planned for me, but if I had a chance to ask for anything, I think I'd ask for two tickets to Australia so Tony and I could hang out before she graduates!  
2) I love the festive and magic atmosphere this holiday brings, especially when Christmas/New Year bazaars are organized and it's snowing! I still love to decorate the Christmas

**Guljan Asylbek Kyzy ES-108**

1) Make my wishes come true. And to have snow on Christmas and New Year's Day.  
2) Holidays! I love everything, except for shopping traffic.  
3) To everybody: love, peace, and joy. May happiness snow on you and all your days be bright and white!

tree and share presents with family and friends on New Year's Eve. There is something special about the feelings New Year evokes in people.

3) I wish all seniors to be accepted to wherever they applied for graduate school and Happy New Year to everybody! Let the next year be more productive and successful.

@ Tony: I wish you to achieve everything you have on your mind next year + I wish you to have less problems with everything :)

@ Yumi: I hope you'd have a safe trip and a wonderful New Year with your boyfriend

@ Igoshina: I wish nobody would break the lock of your car next year !!

@ Gulnura: I wish you great piece of luck with your senior thesis

@ myroomie: I wish you to forget about you-know-what and move on :)"



Material prepared by Diana Takutdinova

## PERSONA: Djusubalieva Jamby Kubanychbekovna

### Why did you become a teacher?

Because I like philosophy and arts, and to share my experiences.

### Are you a risk taker?

It depends.

### Where did you study (university) and where did you begin to work?

I studied at Moscow State University and the Sorbonne in Paris. I worked as a diplomat and a journalist.

### Describe your teaching experience.

Well, I like it very much. Sometimes it's inspiring; sometimes it's disappointing, just as life is.

### What three words would your students use to describe you?

Please, ask my students.



### Are you fluent in any language other than Russian and English?

French.

### How do you feel if a student does not meet a deadline?

I'm disappointed, but deep inside, I understand.

### What are your expectations from your students?

Well, I'd like at the end of the semester that they become less obscure and more knowledgeable than they were in the beginning.

### Describe "professionalism." What does it mean to you?

To do things in the best way you can, not to be attached to a reward, and keep the given promise.

### If you had not chosen teaching as a career, what career would you have chosen?

Astronomy.

Interview was conducted by Aizhan Omurbekova

# WIFI in AUCA: Network Connection or Headache to Users?

First among all universities in Kyrgyzstan, AUCA launched wireless network in 2006. WIFI was provided by the university to help students have access to the internet in places other than the computer labs. However, its efficiency is still under question.

The first access point to WIFI was "Bravo Café", where students who had laptops or pocket PCs could use the unlimited wireless connection.

The first step in December 2006 that targeted Bravo Café proved to be successful; therefore, in September 2007, a second step was taken by the Information Resources and Technology department. "Now WIFI is available in the Second Building (Library and Labs), which covers almost all the area of the building. Also, two new points were installed in first building," reported the AUCA website.

The questions about from where, how, and for what price AUCA gets its WIFI were not

answered as requested. However, from AUCA's website, it was found out that "in future, with the increasing of notebooks number, we are planning to cover the whole campus with wireless networks."

Here comes the question of quality and quantity. Is it important to have wireless all over the university or to have in some specific places but with a high quality or high speed? On one hand none of the questions were answered as requested, on the other hand students believe that the speed of the WIFI is very slow and it needs consideration.

Almost all students that have laptops, pocket PCs, and iPhones use the wireless networks in the university every day but none of them is very satisfied with the speed of WIFI.

"The speed is very slow and I even cannot see photos or download anything," said Marlen Alishev from BA department.

Marlen also believes that IT staff are always helpful and whenever

students face problems they solve it, but the main problem students have is with the speed of the wireless. "In order to download something, you need to wait until the evening because of the low speed of WIFI," said Marlen.

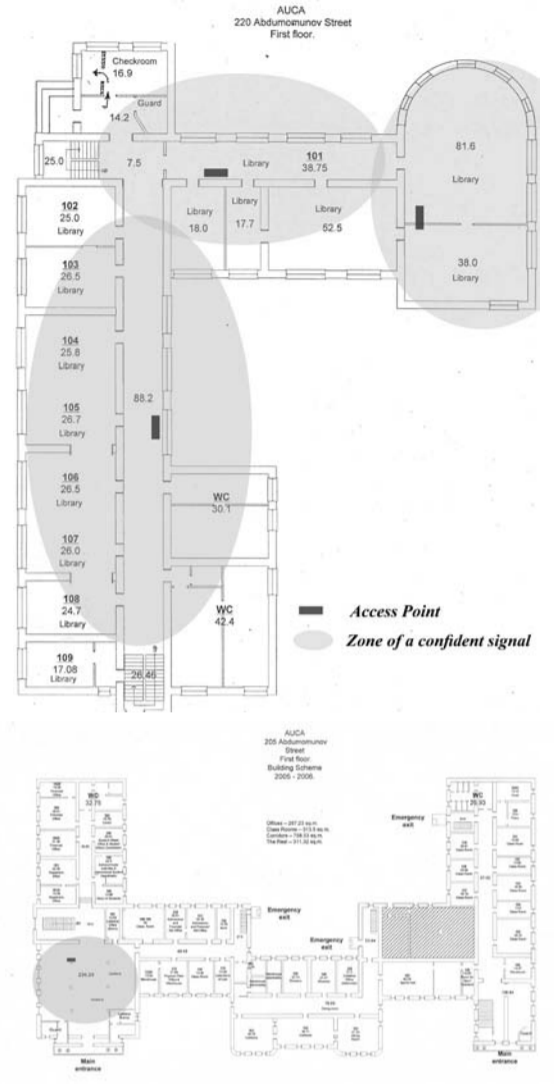
Another student, Begimai Arpachieva, ICP-110, said, "I wish that we could download videos, music, and photos; however, there is a restriction on downloading YouTube videos and music." Begimai also wishes for faster WIFI speeds in the future. "When we want to download pictures for our presentations, we cannot because the net connection is not very efficient," said Begimai.

"I think WIFI is very useful, since the university is not capable of providing more computers in the labs; however, the speed is very slow and it needs to be faster," said Zhibek Zakirova.

So, contradictory to their satisfaction with the IT staff, students remain dissatisfied with the speed. "I hate the

wait for high-speed wireless networks in their campus.

**Mariam Amiri**



# SIFE: Stimulating Youth Entrepreneurship through Business Leader Mentoring

On December 5th, SIFE-AUCA completed a project sponsored by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). The project, called "Stimulating Youth Entrepreneurship through Business Leader Mentoring", was aimed at training high school students from the suburbs of Bishkek. Over two weeks, students learned the basics of economics and business planning through a variety of business games and training sessions. In four weeks, students learned to write business plans to present to a competition jury, comprised of both teachers and graduates of the SIFE-AUCA, as well as businessmen in Kyrgyzstan. The project involved eight teams from five schools: 78, 16, and 46 secondary schools, and 1.2 Novo and Paul School. Kadyrbek Maksatbekov, one of the

team captains, took first place for "The Best Business Plan" for a proposal to finance his university studies. The representative of USAID for the Kyrgyz Republic, Ashley Morris, said, "The guys who participated in the project will undoubtedly contribute to future economic development of Kyrgyzstan."

**Material prepared by Asel Suimenkulova**



## Column: Believe

**“Бирөөгө ата зар, бирөөгө ата көр” (Kyrgyz proverb)  
“There are some who badly need a father, and there are others who humiliate him.”**

Askar was sitting in his new car. Who knew that one day the boy from the orphanage would become this successful? Askar was driving near the elderly house on his way home. He never knew his parents, although he always dreamed of having them.

He had the habit of stopping by the elderly house every time he drove by. There were many trees around the building of the elderly house, and it looked like a small park with alleys. Some elders would be sitting, playing domino, cards, or chess, others would be talking about politics and recent news, but only one old man used to be walking down the alley, all alone and in deep thoughts. Askar noticed he was very different from the rest of the elders; he was tall, with a white beard and loyal courage. He wore a Kyrgyz national coat, “chapan”, and a Kyrgyz national hat, “kalpak”. Askar wanted to come out of his car and make acquaintance with this person. He hesitated for a long time. Finally, once he came up to him and extended his hand, saying

“Assalom aliekum, respectful aksakal (a word referring to an old man).” The old man looked at him and shook his hand. They sat together on the nearest bench under a tree. The old man was very thoughtful. That day their conversation lasted for a short time, limited to some notes about the weather.

The next time Askar came to visit the man; they sat on the very same bench under the same tree. The old man told Askar about how and why he started to live there.

“My wife and I lived a long happy life. She was always besides me when her support was needed. Her death was a huge loss for me.”

“I have only one son, with whom I started to live after that. You could always feel the atmosphere around the house. My daughter-in-law did not hide that she did not want me to live with them. Every time my son would come home after work there would always be something to quarrel about. My little six year old grandson would not come up to me, maybe he was afraid, or maybe his mother told him not to. Once, my son said a phrase that I would have preferred to die rather than to hear: ‘Father,

I am sorry, but I think it is not possible for us to live together.’ I felt a terrible pain in my heart, but stood silently with dropped head. Why would I have a conflict with

him? The conflict would not change them. I gathered my clothes, we sat in his car, and drove here.”

Askar sat silently. He did not know what to say.

He started to visit an old man more often, almost every day, and now they knew each other better. Every time Askar came, he brought apples, bread, or some sweets.

Once he asked the old man, “I have always dreamed of having a father like you, because I never knew him. Would you agree to be my father and the grandfather for my children?”

The old man smiled and answered, “Askar, what a nonsense? You must be joking, right? How come you need me, while my own son does not need me? Let’s close this topic.”

Askar never talked about this again. He kept visiting him every day, sharing with him his future plans, problems, and ideas. During times when he needed advice, the old man was always there. He was wise and old enough to help a person with a suggestion.

Once, Askar came home after his work. His four little children, who were playing in the yard, ran to him the very moment they saw him, yelling, “Daddy, daddy came!”

Askar picked up his youngest child. They

came into the house; his wife was setting the table. They had a happy family dinner, chatting and eating plov. Afterwards, Askar proudly announced, “Children, tomorrow we are going to visit your grandfather!”

The children were incredibly happy. They could not wait to see their grandfather, whom they never met.

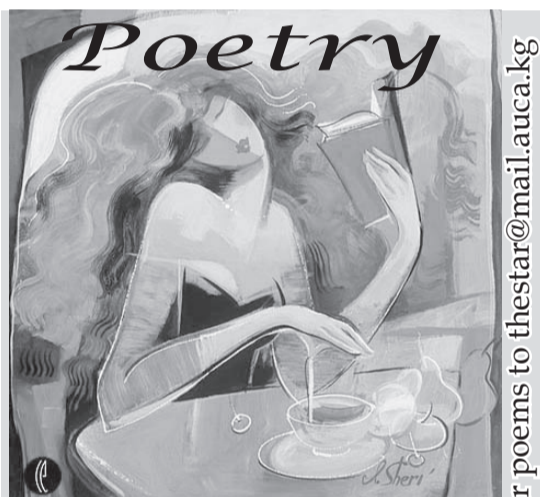
Ainur, Askar’s wife, always knew about his childhood, and about how he met the old man. She understood everything and did not mind. The next day everyone in the household was so excited as if it were a holiday.

When they came close to the elderly house, Askar told his children, “See, that is your grandfather.”

When children heard what their father said, all four of them ran toward the old man shouting, “Grandfather, grandfather!”

Each one of them wanted to give him a hug first. The old man, just as usual, was walking down the alley. He was totally surprised and stood there, not understanding anything. Askar and his wife came up smiling and Askar said, “Father, my family and I need you. Please, come home with us.” The old man’s eyes were full with the tears of happiness.

**Karlygach Nurmanbetova**



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Что не сидится вам, великие державы,  
Борцы за веру, демократию и мир  
Вы так горды и так вы величавы.  
Кто сеет ветер, буре приготовит пир.

Неужто вы и, правда, позабыли?  
Все ужасы, всю боль и гром войны?  
Так быстро годы ваши раны исцелили?  
Кошмары больше не приходят в ваши сны?

Забыли вы, как рвали плоть снаряды  
Предсмертный стон, агонию людей?  
Осиротевших женщин чёрные наряды  
И без семей оставшихся, забыли плач детей?

Вы что, себя и вправду убедили  
В возможности оружием поразить?  
Свободу мысли, исповедания и воли  
И в праве, тех, кто неугоден раздавить?

Скажите мне, бывало ль, чтоб убийство  
Не ненависть рождало, а любовь?  
Скажите, цель оправдывает средство  
Когда во имя цели льётся кровь?

Велит ли Бог насилем и угрозой  
Людей заставить верить и любить?  
Не он ли одарил людей свободной волей  
Во имя Бога, вправде ль мы убить?

Мир пережил войну – одну, вторую  
И каждая была другой страшной  
Но помните, что третью мировую  
Не пережить сообществу людей

И после вспышки света ярче солнца  
Наступит вдруг, сплошная темнота  
И после грома, что планета содрогнётся  
Вдруг нерушимая наступит немота

И лучик света больше не пробьётся  
И навсегда умолкнет сердца стук,  
И нить истории земной прервётся,  
И навсегда исчезнем мы, мой друг!

**Миненков Игорь, преподаватель кафедры  
Подготовительное Отделение**

Today's Twitter block in The New Star is mainly dedicated to #movies, however, you can also see some information about #AUCA, and several other issues. Enjoy it!

What's happening?

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Dear faculty, students, and stuff FOLLOW #TheNewStarAUCA!!!

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**Charlieroot** Накрылось кое-какое дорогущее оборудование #auca

**Drakonov** странная штука прогресс, люди стали писать с телефона, звонить с компьютера, скоро, наверное, кино с микроволновки смотреть будут

**Ekozlov** Взрослеющий очкарик вступает в схватку с Волан-де-Мортом!

**Azzzik** Посмотрел «Иссыкульский бешбармак» Э.Абдыжапарова. Простой и веселый фильм. И не надо обращать внимания на орехи и кричать «Туфта»

**Zarozigzag** при просмотре фильма «Фейерверк» - одиночество и любовь вылазиют из экрана

**Abiguzyon** Верните деньги за «Скайлайн»

**Koffboy** многие тратят деньги, которых они не заработали на вещи, которые им не нужны, чтобы произвести впечатление на людей, которые им не нравятся

**Jamala\_jamala** «My terpim bol', potomu chto boimsya peremen» iz k/f «Eat.Pray.Love». So true.

**Bulbulkg** Документальный фильм о многоженстве

**Bulbulkg** Документальный фильм об умыкании невест

**Adamkeshher** В общем, «Налетчики» - гламурный вариант «Города воров», а у «Отличницы» огромный рейтинг на имдб. Он хороший, смахивает на советское кино.

### BOXES

Среди серой массы фрэшменов, есть розовое пятно – это пятно Алтышка из ECO 110)))

Эркин, хватит кидать про себя в BOX. Уж не в кайф читать про тебя xD

Please, отмените FYS для фрэшменов. А то пожалуюсь в мин.образования!!!

Аташка, почему ты меня не замечаешь? =(

Jake, перестань развешивать свое нижнее белье в туалетах! Это некрасиво!

Молодая, молодец! Так держать! Набирай еще, не стой на месте!

Леша Мун, твоя фигура сводит с ума! =)

Карты, деньги, 2 ствола – обожаю вас мои стволы!!! ЗюЗя =)

Уважаемый редактор “New Star”! Я от имени студентов мужского пола, прошу устроить стриптиз в «Браво» 21,12,2010 в 12:45. В случае не удовлетворения просьбы, любезно прошу редактора выпить яду.

С уважением и любовью среднестатистический студент АУЦА!!

Поменяй штаны уже наконец, а! Или они у тебя одинаковые?!

Кто пушка?!

MC is the best of the best  
Even in lessons we can have a rest  
MC is like sun in gloomy, dark night

MC white and beautiful light  
MC is crazy? MC is fun  
MC is always number one.  
From MC to MC

Я себя люблю! И Вы любите

тоже! <3 <3 <3 от: НатаKewa =)))

Уважаемые редакторы! Согласно Платону, не побуждает к исследованию то, что не вызывает одновременно противоположного. Так что я хочу, чтобы вы дали нам краткий обзор Bard College New York. Ведь если мы получим их диплом, то мы должны знать ВСЕ. С уважением MESSI

Шахноза с экономики-блондинка! =))

Прошу Вас, не мучайте Freshmenов! УБЕРИТЕ FYS и Composition!!! OMG!!!

# Farewell Kiss to Hadija Murtazalieva

**Умница, красавица, разве что не комсомолка, зато вполне опытный и востребованный юрист - во время интервью телефон Хадижи разрывался от бесконечных звонков ее клиентов. Уважаемые читатели, позвольте представить вам замечательную девушку, которая, к нашему сожалению, но к своему счастью, выпускается из АУЦА.**

**Так как мы решили сфокусироваться на твоих достижениях в профессиональной сфере, скажи, пожалуйста, почему именно право?**

В школе мне очень нравился урок «Человек и общество». Скорее всего, этот предмет и явился причиной моего выбора. Конечно же, копаться в законах мне никогда не хотелось, но разбираться в юриспруденции и знать, как это все работает, определено - да. Мне кажется, человек, будь он и не юрист вовсе, должен знать законы. Пожалуй, так (улыбается).

**Расскажи о своей работе в органах Министерства юстиций? Ты говорила, что принимала участие в важном проекте?**

Взяли меня на работу по счастливой случайности, благодаря моему преподавателю, которого я встретила в коридоре Министерства во время обеда. Намечался грандиозный проект «Поддержка реформы

судебной системы в Кыргызской Республике», который финансировался Евросоюзом, а реализовывался GTZ, и я была хоть и незначительной, но частью этого. Работу приходилось выполнять разную, от курьера до ассистента, но основной обязанностью был устный и письменный перевод документации, законов, деловой переписки и книг.

**Как и любой чет верокурник с программы «Международное бизнес-право», ты работаешь в Legal Clinic АУЦА. Вы уже как квалифицированные юристы оказываете помощь гражданам Кыргызстана.**

**Чем она тебе помогла?**  
Я познала тонкости общения с клиентами, научилась эффективно пользоваться ресурсами, усовершенствовала навыки юридического письма, и многое другое - всего и не перечислишь. Могу сказать одно - я очень рада тому, что у студентов АУЦА есть возможность найти себя во время практики в разных областях права. Большое человеческое спасибо нашему департаменту за это.

**Были ли курьезные случаи с клиентами?**

Еще как были! Но мои моральные соображения, которые повторяют положение о конфиденциальности, не позволяют поделиться с вами интересными историями. Но поверьте, нам очень весело работается.

**Что помогает тебе в жизни?**

Я живу в Вере. И это мне помогает.

**Профессия юриста, в частности**



**адвоката, обязывает защищать своего клиента, будь он виновен или нет. Как ты можешь связать это с верой?**

Любая вера не приемлет обмана, поэтому я никогда не свяжу свою жизнь с профессией, которая подразумевает ложь. В будущем я вижу себя юридическим консультантом. Я хочу засыпать со спокойной совестью.

**Что значит для тебя семья?**

Близкие у меня всегда будут на первом месте. Я вообще семейный человек, который с радостью будет стараться совмещать две любимые вещи - семью и работу. Я окончила Cavendish College, а значит, у меня будет 2 диплома, дай Бог, и я не собираюсь на этом останавливаться.

**За что ты бы хотела сказать спасибо АУЦА?**

Во-первых, я стала уверенней выступать на публике, благодаря бесконечным презентациям. Во-вторых, я научилась ориентироваться в юриспруденции. Как однажды сказал Омуралиев С.Ч.: «Хороший юрист не тот, кто цитирует статьи, а тот, кто знает, где найти подходящую норму для определенного случая».

**Кому лично ты бы хотела сказать спасибо?**

Замечательному преподавателю, главе нашего дружелюбного департамента «Право» - Ногойбаевой Элиде Каныбековне. Тюлегенову Т.А. низкий поклон.

Также всем «певцам» из

юридической клиники. Есть люди в университете, их, правда, очень мало, которые на меня положительно влияют. Большое им за это спасибо! Те, о ком я сейчас говорю, поймут.

**И, напоследок, твои пожелания нашим студентам.**

Наберитесь терпения, не бросайте начатое. Обязательно делайте minoq, если, конечно, не учите на программе «Право». Пожелания «джуниорам» - не вздумайте давать клиентам юр.клиники домашний номер. And Make TOKTOM available at home!

**Мы, в свою очередь, хотим пожелать Хадиже удачи во всем. Не забывай родной университет и приходи в гости!**

**Aleksandra Revina**



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