



New Star

Developing Undergraduate Research: Senior Thesis in AUCA

High quality undergraduate research has always been one of the major indicators of the success of any university. With this in mind the Academic Policy Committee recently endorsed a decision to transform undergraduate senior thesis into an experience of all graduating students at AUCA.

Starting next academic year all our fourth year students will write a senior thesis as the capstone of their undergraduate work. This senior-wide expectation reflects our deeply held assumption that not only honors students but also every AUCA graduate is responsible and well-prepared to conduct independent research. The senior research project will provide an excellent opportunity for investigative and analytical inquiry that will benefit our students' intellectual and professional development. Our undergraduate research program will become a stepping stone that enables us to focus not only on the study of existing knowledge but also on the creation of new knowledge.

Faculty supervisors and departmental senior seminars will guide students' work. Program chairs and supervisors will ensure that thesis supervision is both interesting and enjoyable. University-wide workshops on various aspects of research will be planned for students to complement departmental research seminars. Also, we plan to develop a manual on senior thesis preparation to create a common understanding of expectations.

Students should start planning their senior research project as early as possible. Some may choose the topic on which they have done research earlier while others may decide to research a new topic. Students are most encouraged to talk to their instructors, including potential supervisors to get feedback and some good advice.

Departments will ask third year students to submit preliminary topics as early as the end of April. This will allow students to take advantage of university resources and faculty consultations and be better prepared to start the research in their senior year. Certainly, students can re-confirm or change topics in the beginning of their senior year should they decide to do so over the summer break.

If there are any questions, program chairs and I will be happy to address them.

**Dean of Academic Development,
Shairbek Juraev**

Dean of Students Column



And still the "Donkey Bridge"

Five years ago respectful Professor Brudnyi well known to AUCA community told me a story about student celebration called "Donkey Bridge"

Apparently, in ancient universities of Europe students celebrated transferring to the last year of their studies in informal and fun way. The celebration was named "Donkey Bridge", as analogy to Pythagoras' theory. (It was considered incredibly hard one back then) No professors or staffs were allowed to the celebration.

I thought that it would be nice if we could have the same ceremony at AUCA, and I suggested the idea to the Student Senate of that time. It was thought that the celebration will be very informal, but nevertheless traditional, filled with fun and original content. ...

The senate enthusiastically adopted the idea, only adding slightest changes such as inviting the administration and adding some official tones.

That's how the Donkey Bridge was born in AUCA, now known as Juniors' Ball to us ...

As I can recall, initially there was place for both the "ball" and for the "donkey bridge" and there was dress code And it was ceremonial....

However year after year, in my opinion, the ceremony is turning into a party...The main worry of organizers is where it will be -will the place be glamorous enough or somewhere less known....

In other words, the essence and reason of the ceremony was forgotten. ...

It's a student holiday, I am not pushing my opinion on how to organize it and how to manage, especially considering how offended senator get while hearing any advices.

However, ladies and gentlemen, don't you think that "Junior's Ball" or "Donkey Bridge" is turning into ordinary discotheque... May be into more glamorous one and with more snacks, with long dresses and suits, but still into the discotheque ...

Should the administration be invited? Does the format fit it at all? ...

I suggest to think about this issue to new elected Senate members and to make the choice.

I think that it's obvious, that Bridge, Ball and presence of administration and just a discotheque don't really go well together.

Sincerely,

Dean of Students
Nikolai Shulgin

Lucky ticket to make your dream come true

Spring... It's time to pass exams, to kiss, to love and sing songs. Also its time to participate in AUCA's annual contest "Stream" among high school pupils that from year to year becomes better and better. This year contest "Stream" timed to the national holiday "Nooruz". To make the atmosphere more relaxed and close up to that holiday, Dusheeva Gulmira who amazingly played role of Umai Ene cleaned CH1 saying saint words on Kyrgyz language. From great amount of students only six participants who bravely went through two hard parts of that competition, had to sing one song in Kyrgyz and another one in whatever language they want. While jury that consisted of 6 talented people made their decision on who will get the first three places, students of AUCA showed their talents in singing, playing komuz and dancing.

Basically, everything went great. Everybody was happy, the atmosphere was relaxed, and applauses continued till the end.

Winners:

1st place – Ivan Yurchenko
2nd place- Khalil Akhmat Naziya
3rd place- Berdibaeva Aziza

Jury:

Khalilova Dil'nura
Voinova Salkynai
Shulgin Nikolai
Min'kova Kseniya
Poletaev Maksim
Skochilo Rita

Takutdinova Diana

На протяжении всей истории конкурсов красоты отношение общества к этому действу не было однозначным, и «Мисс АУЦА» не является в этом смысле исключением. По моему мнению, как организатора и инициатора этого шоу в нашем университете, «Мисс АУЦА» - это не только великолепный шанс для каждой участницы проявить себя, но и возможность интересно и ярко прожить студенческую жизнь всем тем, кто здесь учится. Вообще, этот конкурс нельзя рассматривать только лишь, как состязание на звание самой красивой девушки, «Мисс АУЦА» - это не только красота, но и ум, артистизм, харизма, смелость, умение держаться на публике. Согласитесь, ведь не каждая может отважиться открыто претендовать на «самую- самую»! Именно поэтому, те девушки, которые из года в год участвуют в этом мероприятии, достойны уважения, и по праву являются лицом АУЦА, одними из самых ярких и перспективных его студентов.

Хотелось бы добавить, что далеко не каждый вуз нашей страны уделяет столь пристальное внимание культурному росту студентов, как АУЦА, и, к сожалению, не всегда студенты способны оценить все достоинства данной возможности.

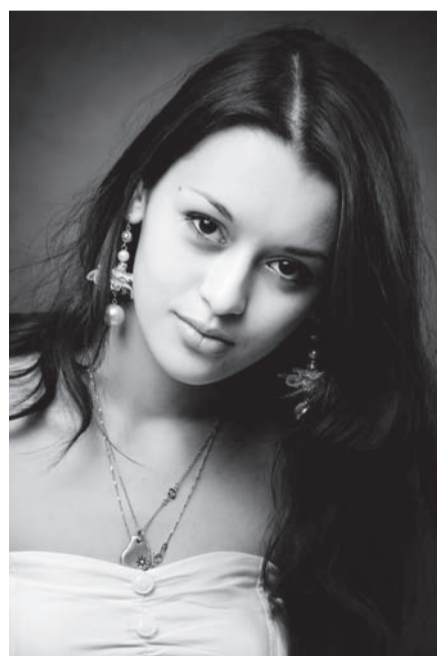
Еще одним неоспоримым плюсом Американского университета в Центральной Азии является возможность открыто выражать свои мысли. Однако на будущее хотелось бы дать ценный совет всем тем, кто осмелится публично дать оценку происходящему: «If you express your opinion, do it properly!!!».

Дорогие студенты! Хватайте удачу за хвост, цените дорогие минуты учебы в АУЦА, принимайте активное участие в общественной жизни. Больше позитива - и студенческая жизнь покажется вам сказкой!

С уважением, арт-менеджер АУЦА,
Минькова Ксения



Column name: IMHO (In MY humble opinion)



I love people. I like watching them and hearing what they are talking about in their social lives. Sometimes I can't observe human behavior "objectively", because I get sooo nervous and start to criticize them. But in that small amount of time that I try not to get pissed off by one's behavior, I really love people.

And you know what I like the most about people? They talk. Then they interpret someone's words and they gossip. These are – REACTIONS. Actually, all human behavior is about reaction. But I love particularly these ones: reactions on news, rumors...whatever, because there are some things that you can read, hear or watch, and forget about and there are some things that make you react. It doesn't have to be something important, but it makes you feel somehow. This is good. It can make you smile or laugh, cry or get angry – the point is that it touched you. And in my humble opinion this is the thing that every writer, poet, journalist, orator, motion pictures director, actor or painter should strive to do.

I've started to write this column not only because I like to see my pretty face on the first pages of the student newspaper, but also in order to get a response. That is why my column doesn't have a strict and rigid facts or an objective view. I like being subjective because I like people to know what I personally think about anything in the world, and because I like to see how people REACT to what I think. Sometimes I even want to write something good and positive.... But it is so much more fun to write bad things and irritate people.

I really like, when my friends compliment me for this column, but this is not enough. This week I've finally got a negative response to my text! It is harder to achieve something negative, than positive, believe me! So I am really thankful for you, people! I really appreciate all my readers and want to encourage them from now on to react on my writing more actively, if you want me to smile!

P.S.

I think I should add something to my column's name. From this issue I will ask Laza always to interpret abbreviation "IMHO", in order to make everything be clear for slow-witted people. And I will add something else. Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome my new column: "IMHO (in my humble opinion) – NO FACTS, JUST ME".

Current mood: moved by music and smiling
Current time: 23'36
Current track: The Calling – Thank You

Problems of AUCA Labs

American University of Central Asia consists of 1170 students and two main buildings. The first building is the main university and the second building is the library, which consists of computer labs, bookstore and IT offices. There is also a silence room which is used by students to study.

There is wireless all over the university therefore students who have laptop sit in the corridor to use internet. However the lack of chairs, table and room in the university has made it hard for students to study. Students that have their own laptop do not have enough space to sit and do their work. Those students that don't have computers at home have to wait for a long time till they find a computer. Even if they find a computer to use, they may be bothered by other students due to noise. There is no responsible person to control the students to keep them from making noise.

Chivar Mevedova, from Korea studying in sociology department said: "I never study in the lab because it's crowded and there are a lot of people, everyone is talking and we cannot considerate. I think lab not for studying anymore as it was three or four years ago and it needs to be improved in the case of talking, place and internet speed of AUCA".

Ensi Tszie, from Kyrgyzstan studying in sociology Department said the differences in AUCA lab are apparent; computer lab is always busy and hard to find a place.

"Sometimes you are extremely made, when you hurried to print something. Halls are alright as before silence room is not

silent anymore, even though now librarians are trying to manage some silence. I prefer to go home to study, than I come to the class again that is hard for student who are living far away," she said.

Dilbar, from Tajikistan studying in journalism department said: "AUCA lab is so crowded that is hard to sign up or wait until someone gets up".

According to Shahira Sadat, from Afghanistan studying ICP department, lab of AUCA is good in term of quality but it is not good because it doesn't have enough space for all students especially for those who use laptops. "I usually find place hardly. Sometimes I bring my laptop but there is not enough space to use," Shahira said.

A big problem is the lack of control, some students start loud conversations without caring that someone else is reading and writing. There is no one responsible for controlling noise; it would be good if the university hired someone to control the entire lab.

Aigul Honove, from Kyrgyzstan studying European Studies, said, there is enough technology in the lab, but it is hard to find place to study or work on the computers because it is always crowded. She believes the internet is too slow to download files. "Some of the computers are not connected to the printer which makes us to switch to another computer to print our stuff," she said.

"I guess it is good that the AUCA IT should find out the problems and solve them," Aigul Aygul.

Suraya Shams



Love her, she is an ANGEL!!!



God has chosen for us an angel who takes care of us, loves us, and sings to us every day, the angel that makes us happy no matter the hardship of life. This Divine angel tells us the most beautiful and sweetest words, with virtuous patience the angel teaches us how to speak, how to behave and attain humanity, angel teaches us how to pray and behave. This angel always inspires us, genuinely and wholeheartedly loves us, motivates us, makes us stronger, and shows to us the road to Heaven...

God with His Great Mercy and Love toward us, the children of Earth, gave name to our angel whom we love, who has the best place in our souls and heart, the angel whom we sometimes ungratefully treat, but no matter our immaturity

and ungratefulness and mistakes the angel always forgives us ...and the name of our Divine angel is MOTHER!!!

A little boy came up to his mother in the kitchen one evening while she was fixing supper, and he handed her a piece of paper that he had been writing on from the morning. After his Mother dried her hands on an apron, she read it, and this is what was written on it:

For cutting the grass: 5\$

For cleaning up my room this week: 1\$

For going to the store for you: 0.50\$

Baby-sitting my kid brother while you went shopping: 0.25\$

Taking out the garbage: 1\$

For getting a good report card from school: 5\$

For cleaning up and raking the yard: 2\$

Total owed 14.75\$

His Mother looked at him, and the boy could see the memories flashing through her mind. She picked up the pen, turned it over the paper he had given to her, and wrote down:

For the nine months I carried you while you were inside me: NO CHARGE

For all the nights that I've sat up with you, took care of you and prayed for you: NO CHARGE

For all the trying times and all the tears that you've caused through the years: NO CHARGE

For all the nights filled with dread and worries I knew were ahead: NO CHARGE

For toys, food, clothes, and even wiping your nose: NO CHARGE

When you add it up, the cost of my love is: NO CHARGE

When the boy finished reading what his Mother had written, there were big tears on his eyes, and then he looked at his Mother and said: Mom, I love you from the depth of my heart and the bottom of my soul.

And then he took the pen and in great big letters he wrote: PAID IN FULL

Inspired by kindhearted, sweet and magnificently virtuous lady

Emadsho Akdodshoev

Student Senate Report



We received a letter from students who proposed to elect student from each departments. It is a great idea because of diverse representation from all departments. The problem is that there are many students who are willing to be a

senator from the same departments. We think that if those students have incentives to apply for elections it means that they work. We had many cases when students from specific department are passive and we think it is not right to force them to apply for the Student Senate. Every student should have an equal chance to be elected and compete with all others. Without any discrimination

This year we have changed our Student Senate Charter, which was very vague previously. We have added new rules and regulations for elections: how people will be elected, where it will take place, what should be submitted (Application, SOP, and essay), their goals and etc. You can view these changes after we complete them all.

If we talk about the Student Senate of 2010 academic year we can say that our senators meet two times a week and during the meeting each of us first says what they have done in the past few days, and then we talk about what we are going to do for till the next meeting and allocate duties among ourselves. So, for us it is the most efficient way achieves our goals. We try to meet with club coordinators in order to look at their developments every two-three months. We are planning to meet with all students at the end of our term to discuss the works we have done.

The student senate has had a big job since the election we achieved our goals to set up new security cameras and to change our IDs to more convenient and qualitative ones. We are planning to realize the project of setting the Wall of Honor, where all our achievements of students since the establishment of AUCA will be put in BRAVO. It will be a pride of our university and advertisement for others as well. The most innovative thing we have done is that now students can print their papers immediately from their laptops through WiFi.

As you see, this year's Student Senate, unlike previous senates, decided to work more on academic activities and problems of students.

As most of you know our senate changed the date of the election this year from November to April, so our freshmen who are elected will start their job from September. It means that from this year Student Senate will not have freshmen members because

most of them, as we have seen, are lack of experience in University life and it is better for them to pay attention more to academic side in their first year.

On 4th of March Student Senate and Student Affairs office organized "Miss AUCA" which was really a wonderful event. Our girls proved that AUCA is plenty of beautiful and versatile girls. We want to thank our sponsors: *FiRma, club "Delta", Kulikovkie Terty, Misha, InStyle, RODI, Benetton*.

Also, during the spring break, we organized soccer competition "AUCA CUP", where we had 8 teams from all years of study. This event is going to be organized annually because it is a good opportunity to gather our student and increase the spirit of AUCA. I want to thank all senators and members of student affairs office, especially, Dilynura and Ksenia. On 25 of March our last big event Junior's Ball took place in BACARDI, where "DEMIR" bank agreed to be the main sponsor.

If you have any problem or something to say you can come to room 104 and share it with us. We are glad to see you and willing to help if it is needed.

**Respectfully,
Esen Rysbekov
Chair of AUCA Student Senate**

Miss AUCA

Be Jealous quietly! Ok? (Refutation)



Sometimes people think that they are perfect, but it is so far from truth.. as you Dina. If you not able to make something and you try to get someone dirty it is first of all basely for you.

Dina Karabekova, firstly look at yourself and then judge us, and make some suggestions that contest Miss AUCA is for fun. Even though those girls who participate is already worthy of respect and you dully sit and type this article for what? For demonstration that you are brave or so critical person who can apprise someone's beauty? Every person has own plenty and deficiencies no one is

perfect and if you consider your friends as most beautiful girls of AUCA it is not mean that they beautiful for everyone. For me my friends the best and most beautiful it is specifically for everyone. If you and your friends so beautiful why do not participate in this contest? Show us your beauty and perfect figure ;-)) Yes, we have democratic views in university but it is not for your heinous crime articles where you show your real face and show yourself as person with pointedly badness. I sincere spare you! Don't be nervous, be happy)))

Resnianskaia Tatiana
"Miss Congeniality"- 2009

Three weeks ago the most beautiful concert Miss AUCA 2010 got over. Personally I had a great time being there as a spectator, I had pleasure while looking at such beautiful and confidently walking on the stage girls. To participate and sign to this contest you should be brave person and be ready to go through many problems and difficulties that will appear while preparing to that show. As for me, the previous participant of Miss AUCA, it was a big step, because I was responsible only for myself, I stayed alone in the stage, I talked, I smiled to the crowd of people and I was satisfied a lot that I did it. Moreover, I did not regret at all!

The last issue of "New Star" the column "IMHO" shocked me and most of my friends and stuff. I understand that it is the author's column, but Dina Karabekova has no rights to write such unprofessional and humiliating article about contest Miss AUCA and about its participants. She wrote: "I suppose that Miss AUCA contest is funny event with girls that make fun of themselves". I am sorry, but who is she that could write about participants such things, to expose us as clowns?! Dina, you are not a famous and wise critic to judge moreover, without witness this great show.

Takutdinova Diana
"Miss Fitness"- 2009



Every individual has the right to express his personal opinion freely. Opinions can be different, positive or negative. But, if a person criticizes something (in this case Miss AUCA contest) he should have enough evidence for it. I want to address Dina Karabekova: How can you judge last year's contest if you weren't even there? Just because one of your friends told you that she was laughing badly? What about these «self-proclaimed AUCA beauties»? Who said that those girls that you mentioned in your article are «real beauties»? If they are «real», why didn't they

participate? Miss AUCA contest is not only for girls who are all dolled up all the time, but also for those who are just exploring themselves. The purpose of Miss AUCA contest is not for people to remember the «beauties» forever; it gives girls experience that is much important than the status of Miss AUCA or a worthless tiara. One of the girls reveals a new interest, another one overcomes her hang-ups, the third one stops being afraid of stage and audience, someone else comes back to earth and reevaluates many things in her life. Miss AUCA contest is not a competition for professional models where girls are picked according to their appearance; girls here show their worth in whatever way they are able and wish. If you are not satisfied with the organization and participants of the contest, you are welcome to suggest your corrections next year. Make it «properly», as you said, do your best! The last thing I want to add: you made a good trick putting your photo in the article in order to show how Miss AUCA should look. When doing such things, always remember that beauty slips by with lightning speed, but personality remains. So, my advice: don't look down on people because there are more important values than beauty.

Best wishes,
Jana Weber
Miss "Hollywood Smile"- 2009



Column: "Ok" critics and...others

In the previous issue of "New Star" (IMHO column) a very interesting article about "Miss AUCA" Beauty contest appeared. It supposed to be critique, but it failed in its tending. While Dina Karabekova wonders "WHY GIRLS GO THERE?" (i.e. on this competition), I am wondering WHY A PERSON WHO HAS NEVER BEEN THERE (as she confesses) WRITES ABOUT THIS ISSUE? Not "the last year contest seems to be ridiculous," but her unfounded criticism. Moreover, it is not criticism at all because a real critic:

- Doesn't talk about issues one is not competent ("I have never witnessed it <Miss AUCA contest> for three years that I study at AUCA," "I can't say it for sure, because we didn't visit all Miss AUCA's of at least three years...")
- Uses strong arguments, not friends' opinions as a refutation of material one criticizes; refers on reliable and proved sources ("One of my friends even noticed...", "My friends suggested going...")
- Doesn't insult other people, defending one's own thoughts and ideas ("I don't care about poor forgotten AUCA beauties...")
- Neither switches over to personalities, nor grows from a critic to PR-manager ("...if participants would be such really bright girls as...<the list of such girls instead of dots>")

Of course, everyone is able to miss some of these "requirements," but not all of them. At least, don't voice contradictory ideas: "Miss AUCA contest is the funny event with girls that make fun of themselves," "Isn't it obvious that everybody will forget about who this Miss AUCA was after one week?" and "...it would be better, if jury picked really bright girls of our university. I'd witness this contest with interest, if participants would be such really bright..." at the same time. Dina, you don't want to make your proclaimed "really bright" girls to be ridiculed and then completely forgotten after the funniest contest, do you? So, if you organize a column, write about your "humble" critique opinion, and even try to make some suggestions to other people, "do it properly," not contradicting to yourself.

Svetlana Verchenko

The Fifth Annual Juniors' Ball Ceremony: Have It Endured a Crisis?

On March 25, 2010, at "Bacardi" lounge-bar, third-year AUCA students were congratulated with passing "the middle" of their studying.

The performance started with the song of "Stream" competition winner, Ivan Yurchenko, and his group. Then, Nazia Halil Ahmad (the second place, *ibidem*), Eles Isabaeva and "Arman" boys band charmed Ball's guests ears with singing, and different performances from "Let's dance!" and AUCA girls dance group – charmed their eyes. As it is already accepted among AUCA students, especially juniors, Narisa Turdieva and Dei Abaikhonov became Queen and King of the Ball, which one more time confirms strength of their relations.

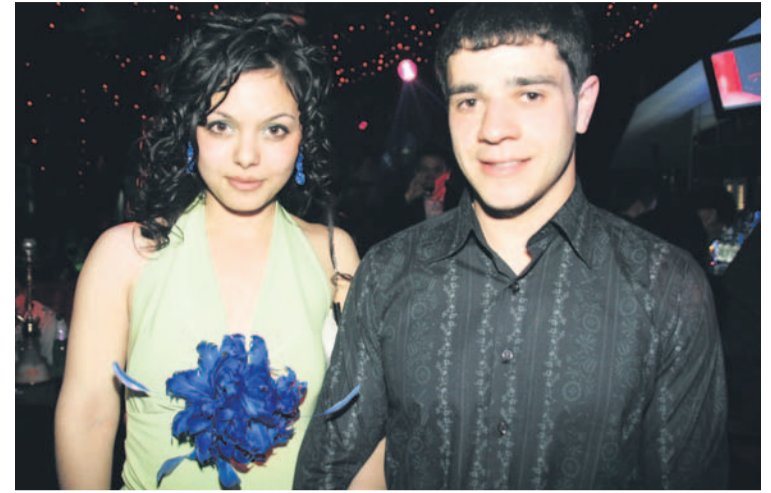
Having gone through the "Donkey Bridge," juniors metaphorically turned to another "mental condition" (maybe, became more serious, adult people). Now, AUCA Juniors are students whose studying formally crossed the line of mean, and soon they will start their last year of studying in their lovely university.

But, what's about those who haven't lived till the formal ceremony called "Donkey Bridge" and went home to sleep or to do their home tasks despite all the earlier expectations of spending all the night with friends, dancing and clinking glasses with champagne? A question occurs: for whom were there delivered so many congratulations from AUCA President, Dr. Ellen Hurwitz, Vice President of Academic Affairs Bermet Tursunkulova, and Dean of students, Nikolai Shulgin, while most of the gathered people were oriented only to themselves and the rest ones have already left?

When Dilnura Khalilova, Student Coordinator, addressed words "Do you hear me, juniors?" to the audience, only four or five people replied. Where was an appropriate to the event mood? It is either the matter of organization, or the spiritual juniors' condition, I don't know for sure; but the fact stays the same: there was no inspiring and uniting of all the ball members; the scene and all the performances were by themselves, and the guests of the party – by their own accord.

Maybe, that's why someone hasn't lived till the most interesting moment – when all the AUCA students went to the disco stage and performed their nice mood (already nice) and good command of dancing. Still, every junior has passed "the middle," with these dances and crossing the Bridge, or without. Congratulations! Have a good Commencement party, dears! And we have to hope that "crisis" has left, and today's sophomores will take amazing memories from their amazing juniors' Ball next year.

Svetlana Verchenko



Column: What would be the future of two Departments?



This year some of the AUCA departments received accreditation from Bard College. But Business Administration and International Business Law are not yet accepted for accreditation program because they are not liberal art disciplines.

Students from different countries who are studying at AUCA in these two unaccredited departments do not know when and how their departments will get accreditation from Bard or any other college or universities. But Bard accreditation will have its effect on the future of these two departments because

students might change their mind and maybe they will not continue in their field of study.

Mr. Robert Anderson the head of AUCA Business Administration Department believed that Bard accreditation will have a big positive effect for AUCA as an institution. It will elevate AUCA status even higher and will stimulate institutional development.

"For Business Administration and International and Business Law departments (the two professional programs), I think this change should be viewed as an opportunity to improve and move forward. It is an opportunity to analyze our strengths and weaknesses and make the necessary changes to improve our respective departments. I am currently looking at some US universities and we are exploring some interesting options," said Anderson.

Mr. Anderson stated that from a students' perspective, they will still receive the best business education available in Kyrgyzstan and probably in Central Asia from our current BA major. With or without Bard accreditation, students will receive the skills to work in the best companies in Kyrgyzstan, will be able to study abroad for a Masters degree, and have a better chance of being employed shortly after graduation.

I went to interview the head of the IBL Department about the issue of accreditation, but she had no comment, and her office manager said that she would be busy for at least a week.

Shairbek Juraev, Dean of Academic Development said that at any rate, AUCA will be searching for alternative ways to accredit programs that do not fit Bard-AUCA arrangement. It is not an easy and straight-forward process, but AUCA hopes to find good options.

"It is important not to misinterpret the whole process. Some say these two programs are being 'discriminated', others suggest these programs may now be shut down. Programs will not be closed down just because they do not 'fit' the program accreditation through Bard College. In fact, all two are strong programs, consistently attracting some of our best students," Shairbek said.

Dr. Hurwitz commented on the issue in a similar manner and said that she does not see any discrimination, however there are some differentiations between departments. A logical question to be raised by the students would be why there is no difference in tuition fees between the accredited programs and BA and IBL departments?

Nadia Mikahle, another senior student

from Business Administration, thinks that there would be fewer students willing to major in the unaccredited departments in the future, especially international students. Probably, more students, who are interested in these majors, would rather take them as minors. Or, those who are extremely interested will have to do a double major, so they can get an American accredited diploma from AUCA.

"Sure, there will be a feeling of unfairness for those students studying in these departments. They would definitely feel that they are getting a less accredited diploma while paying the same tuition as students studying in other departments" Nadia said.

Muradov Mansur, another junior student from IBL Department thinks that his department cannot get accreditation from Bard because IBL is not a liberal arts discipline. IBL should stay as IBL and there are good opportunities for IBL students in the job market in Kyrgyzstan.

However he asks a similar question - "Since we are not getting accreditation diploma from Bard College than why we should pay the same fee payment as students who are getting accredited?"

Hotak Yama



Are Books in AUCA's library just the Stack of Paper or Useful Resources for Students?

Each year international education standards get more advanced and students all over the world demand new resources to adapt to a new educational system.

AUCA, which has students from other 18 different countries, has a library which consists of over 70 000 volumes. The library does not seem to benefit everyone because some books are not up to date and most of the books do not match the faculty's curriculum. Due to the lack of books in the library most students cannot find the books they need.

Safia Rafikova, Director of Library Services, said, *"All library resources are formed according to curricula of the University, faculty, students, and researchers requests. The library obtains about 2000 new books annually and it receives books weekly."*

Safia Rafikova believes that the online books help students as much as the hard copies do. *"The library contains a collection of books of the universal maintenances in various languages and a rich collection of reference literature,"* she said.

Administration claims that it doing its best to obtain the library resources credible.

"The number of the books that University buys each year is not set but constrained by the budget. However, the university buys books each year according to the requests that departments provide. Any requests from the departments have to be justified, but the departments should provide their requests way before new educational year," Dr. Bermet Tursunkulova, Vice President for Academic Affairs, said.

However, some students and teachers believe that the resources are not as satisfactory as they should be. Dr. J. Otto Pohl, a professor in the ICP department is among those who believes that library resources could be improved.

"The number of the books is very small. We need more books specially those dealing with modern history. Finding books for courses is different. For most of the classes I have had to use material I brought with me from the U.S. For example for my politics of genocide course I had to go back to the

US for books," he said.

"The library is completely inadequate for research papers. It is almost impossible to download books from online. The free e-books are also almost all on subjects outside my field. Even we are limited to Jstor and Ebsco host," Dr. Pohl added.

Students are not always satisfied by library provisions as well.

"Not all books are up to date or modern or even eligible. We really lack books and this is obvious especially when you do research. Sometimes I work in the library, and I rarely come up with new books. Majority of the

books are not after the year 2000 ," Irtur Pirmedof, ICP junior, said.

Breshna Shahab, Journalism junior also thinks that most of the books are not up to date, which is really bad, because assignments require up to date knowledge.

"Some books are useful, but since we are paying a big amount of money, I think, that it can be updated and refreshed. However, our administration never pays attention to the academic stuff like library and etc," Breshna said.

Mariam Amiri



Poetry



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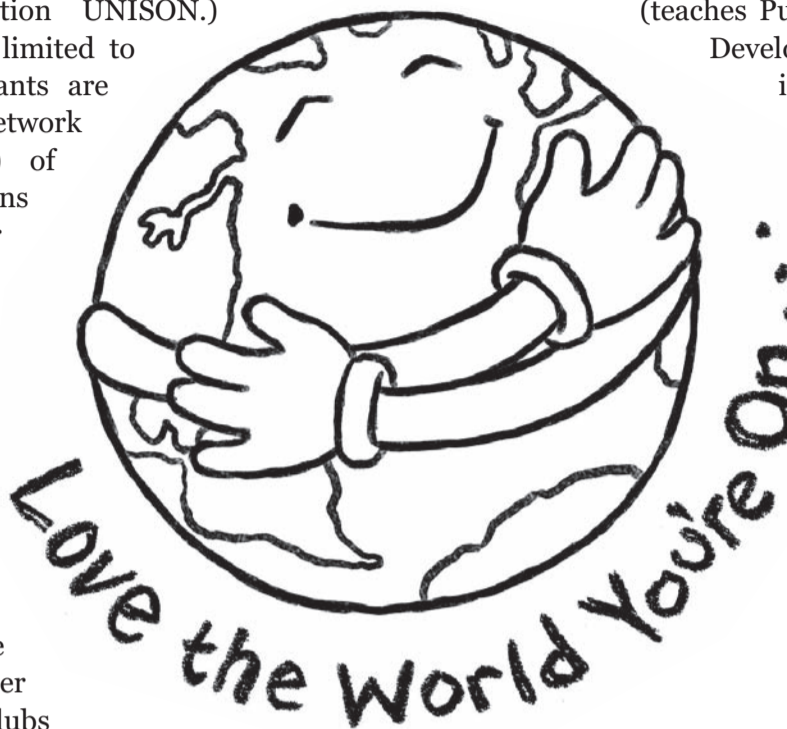
Мне больно. Мне больно! Мне больше,
чем больно...
Прошу, пристрелите меня добровольно,
Покуда я вам не сломала хребет.
Извольте стрелять! Прекратите вертеться!
Вот сердце. Всадите две пули под сердце...
И можете дальше продолжить обед.

И эти страдания и униженья
Достойны почтения и уваженья
И шествия масс под оркестр духовой.
И только посмейте мной не восхититься
Вы видите? Я начинаю светиться,
Столь рано сгорев от любви роковой.

Бенька

Earth Day 40 Celebration Coming Soon!

Earth Day working group – what is that, a new AUCA club, or its external branch? It is a working group which consists of several AUCA clubs (so far Earth Club, World Club, and Debating Club) and teachers, united by a common goal – to do something good for the Earth. (“Externalism” is presented by Civic Environmental Foundation UNISON.) Their activities are not limited to Bishkek – the participants are part of a world wide network (see www.earthday.net) of grassroots organizations that are campaigning for a sustainable future. The main purpose for all human beings is to learn how to take care of the only planet where they can live; to enjoy things it gives them, not doing any harm; and to change something for the better. Earth Care brings people together from different cultures, clubs and walks of life. Also, the organizers



invite every member of the AUCA Community with passion and devotion, who is able to contribute one's time, and take part in an activity to take care of our amazing planet. Are you such a person? Are you interested in writing articles, debating, or attracting sponsors for the Earth Day organization? Contact Martin J. Ossewaarde,

(teaches Public Administration and Clean Development courses), and register in e-course system (under Mathematics & Natural Sciences – Earth Day Working Group) in order to get access to all information concerning the working group and become its active member:

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Ole- ole- ole- ole AUCA is champion!

10th- 11th of March Dushanbinskaya street, 8 teams, 40 players, 8 captains... AUCA Cup 2010, what else can be better?!

Student senate, with the head of Tengelbes Musaev, organized such wonderful, memorable and hope annual event in AUCA life. Here, brave guys, who know how to play soccer could express them and show their best abilities in playing soccer.

The only problem that was in the field is the shortage of medical service, and most of guys had some injuries during the match.

Tatiana Resnianskaia (ANTH108) about the AUCA Cup: “I support team “Alga Kyrgyzcha” and “freshmen stars”, because it is really evident how real guys could play soccer! I expect that winner is going to be the strongest team. Saying about sport in AUCA, I pertain with favor. But I want AUCA to organize such sport events as usual as possible”.

Dil'nura Khalilova said: “I have no favorite team among them, I support MU! I think it would be cool, if this Cup will be annual event. Will see, which decision will make the next senate. The main thing in that plays, is the interest and enjoyment, I see that everyone like it and I hope it will be another AUCA tradition”.

Atai Muratbekov (one of the organizers): “actually all work was on Tengelbes and he did it with the worthy. Little problems were with money, but finally we solve it with the help of sponsors. My favorite team was “Ris s podlivom”.

What was the aim of this competition? Who was the initiator?

Will we have this Cup next year?

Tengelbes Musaev: *The idea to make it was mine. I remember that during senate elections many of senates wanted to make more sport competitions. That is why we decided to organize it, because we need in new boys who will play in Student Games 2010. Last year we took 2d place. This tournament is only one that ever had AUCA. This was in such good level. And I confidently say that it will be annual.*

Did u have problems while organizing?

Problems? First of all of course lack of money. I wanted to give medals for first 3 places, but they got only diplomas. Nevertheless everybody was happy!

Overall, I guess all players and visitors spent a great time. The weather was pleasant, the mood was excited, and the photos were clear))). Actually, I am a real fan of football, so this article was the best for me to write.

Diplomas:

The best player- **Stamkulov Marat**
The best goalkeeper- **Kojamkulov Aseiin**
The best defender- **Makeshev Murat**
The best young player- **Samudinov Aman**
The best bombing- **Bakytbek Uulu Baatyr**
The best goal- **Umarakhunov Il'hom**
Fair play – “Alga”

Sponsors:

Куликовский торг, Акун, Inter sport, Fanshop, Tennisi.kg, Bigser
The place where it was held:
Soccer center “душанбинка”

Diana Takutdinova



BOXES

How much time is needed for boys to become brave enough to approach a girl? And why don't guys please us (girls) with their attention? (Compliments are welcomed)

Disappointed

Хаким Давуров душка!!!) Девчонки обратите внимание!!
Хаким keep it up!!!
(Сводница)

А давайте дружно попросим администрацию поставить в туалете жидкое мыло и бумагу в Вохе (противно трогать использованное мыло и жесткую и вечно мокрую бумагу) =)

Негде обедать, поэтому и приходится в коридоре возле туалета!! P.S не только девочки там кушают. Если такие глазастые могли бы уступить стол, за которым сами сидели!!!

А почему у журналистов есть компьютерная аудитория?
А мы что лысье, =)

Экономистка

А давайте выделим страничку для клубов: некоторые действуют, но никто не видит, а другие просто создали и ничем не занимаются. Пусть на этой страничке они будут опубликовывать свои Activities и мы будем знать, что этот клуб существует и тратит бюджетные деньги.
P.S Газета стала содержательной!!! Молодцы!

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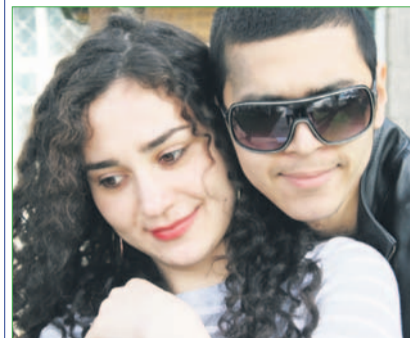
Было решено не заикливаться на неотразимости Адельмо, его ресницах и итальянских предках. Тему «мне будет не хватать Bravo» тоже отмели, потому что это и так понятно. О том, сколько девушек попало под влияние его бархатного голоса и завораживающего взгляда, вы, читатели, можете узнать у него лично. Чем писать о девушках, лучше о друзьях-девушках. Потому что, по словам нашего героя, «девушки приходят и уходят, а друзья остаются».

И все ж таки немного фактов не помешает. Адельмо учится на факультете «Американистика» и «Бог даст, в этом году закончит». На вопрос: «Такой ли уж ты донжуан, каким тебя привыкли считать?», он скромно опускает глаза и говорит: «Нет, конечно. Я просто очень люблю женский пол. Не представляю себе существования человечества без ВАС, любимые мои. Безумно уважаю и обожаю».

Горячий итальянский парень, Mister Womanizer вот уже пятый год подряд, Адельмо может похвастаться не только своими похождениями, но гораздо более важными отношениями. Видите? Десять горячих ауковских девчонок обнимают его на фотографиях ниже. Вы думаете, у них с Аделем романтика? Нет! Это все настоящая мужская дружба с представительницами прекрасного пола нашей alma mater.



Чопка, Чопка, Чопка. (Чолпон Чаргынова, ISP'09.) Братанчик мой. Мы познакомились на первом уроке кыргызского языка. Первое, что она мне сказала было: «Ты не перепутал пару? Это intermediate уровень». Ха-ха. Вот так мы и начали общаться. Чопка – это человек, который знает все мои секреты, самые законспирированные мои похождения, все знает. Я действительно могу на нее положиться. От нее ничего не скроется. Чопка – это моторчик, который никогда не устает, где бы мы ни были. Отчаянная тусовщица. Пряма как я :D. Я ее просто обожаю.



А Софка – задира. Добрая, веселая, всегда готова помочь, причем не раз это подтверждала. Всегда меня задирает, подкалывает, но именно к ней я иду, если нужно поделиться чем-то. Люблю ее и всю семью Абайхановых.



С Маликой (Малика Джапарова, PSY-106.) я познакомился еще в школе. Она училась в «семидесятке», а я в шестой. Нас познакомил общий друг Ерлан. Помню, наша дружба началась при смешных обстоятельствах: меня поймал охранник в столовой «семидесятки», тот, легендарный Фара, схватил «за шкирку» и начал трясти, потому что я не в тему признался, что пришел в гости. Он сказал позвонить родителям, чтобы они меня забрали, а я все ломался, минут сорок «нет, не буду», а потом сам попросил у него телефон и позвонил маме. Потом сижу такой обиженный, жду, а Малика все сидела со мной, успокаивала. Вот так вот наша дружба и зародилась. Дальше были компанейские посиделки, гулянки, поступление в АУЦА... А, помню, однажды еще мы на Исык-Куле всю ночь просидели в беседке двора, потому что ее маленький братишка заснул дома и не открыл дверь. А это фотография с Junior's Ball. Мы здесь как муж и жена! (смеется.)



С Дилей (Дильнура Халилова, студенческий координатор.) мы познакомились на Orientation Week. Она, помню, была самой шумной из всех фрешменов! Да она и сейчас такая. Ха-ха. С первых дней учебы мы все делали вместе – заполняли study card, ели в Bravo и т.д. Однажды сидели на уроке, тыкали друг друга в бок, и тут преподавательца говорит: «Что за sexual harassment?» Ужас. Я начал смеяться, потому что не знал слова harassment и не понял значения, а Диля всю пару возмущалась! Мол, «Я не извращенка!» Ну, она же FLEX, сразу поняла, что за слово. Насколько я ее помню, она всегда увлекалась футболом. Раньше ей нравилась команда Бразилии, а сейчас Манчестер. Особенно их ключевой игрок Уэйн Руни (смеется.) Диля такой человек, с которым всегда легко и весело общаться. Если у меня плохое настроение, она его быстренько повышает. Аэрафотка сделана около СН-1. Тогда презентация книги Николая Григорьевича Шульгина была.



Djanay Pyasova. С ней вообще ухочешься. В прошлом году, когда она была фрешменкой, ее подружки подошли ко мне и предложили с ней познакомиться. Я, конечно же, (КОНЕЧНО ЖЕ!!!) любезно отказался, но потом меня просто убило, когда они заявили, что мы с ней похожи. Я понимаю, может у нас некоторые черты лица и совпадают, но у меня-то лицо поинтеллигентней будет! ХА-ХА! Так и началась история с нашим родством.



Что я могу сказать про мою дружбу с **Алимой?** (Алима Темирбек, JMC'09) Мы познакомились на вступительных экзаменах по журналистике. Так вышло, что я сел рядом с ней. Она оказалась лучшей поступившей, потому что перед тем как пойти на экзамен, она готовилась. Причем вслух. А я сидел рядом и все слушал, и запоминал. После экзамена я подошел к ней и поблагодарил за помощь, а она рассмеялась: «Как ты все это запомнил?» С тех пор-то мы и общаемся.



Мека. (Мээрим Кучукеева, JMC'09) Братанчик № 2. С ней я всегда готовился к урокам. Мека мне помогла во всем. Она – мой друг. Она такая жизнерадостная, всегда улыбается, ходячий позитивчик. И рисует классно, и плавает тоже (смеется). Когда мы были на ИК, она уплыла ооочень далеко, и я решил за ней поплыть, но не доплыл даже до половины, выдохся и чуть не утонул. Пришлось брать мячик и плыть уже так, на мячике.



Шадия... (Шадия Курбанова, AMS-109) эх, Шадия... даже не знаю, что с ней делать... Мы с ней все время ругаемся, но при этом она меня изучила гораздо лучше других. Особенно, учитывая, что общаемся мы месяцев шесть максимум. Несмотря на наши ссоры, она определенно тот человек, который видит меня насквозь. И это хорошо. Возвращает меня с небес на землю (улыбается).



Венера. О, Венера! (Венера Ким, экс-студенческий координатор) Старшая сестра. Место встречи – межфак КВН, первое в моей жизни выступление, хотя как сказать, я исполнял роль трупа. А, еще мы на драму вместе ходили. После нашего знакомства очень много времени проводили в 104 комнате, либо в Bravo. Смешной случай вспомнил. Когда я был на втором курсе, а мои друзья на третьем, Венера пригласила меня на Junior's Ball. Я приехал за ней, жду около подъезда, звоню, она говорит: «Сейчас спущусь, платье одеваю». И так я ждал ее полтора часа, в течение которых она говорила: «Вот, вот, прическу испортила, сейчас выхожу! Вот, туфли надеваю! Сейчас, сейчас!» А в итоге выяснилось, что она все это время была в парикмахерской. Мы приехали на бал, опоздав на 2 часа.



Наргизка (Наргиза Сыдыкова, IBL-106) для меня как араванская сестра. С ней мы всегда хорошо общались, но нашу дружбу укрепило именно то, что мы 2 месяца прожили вместе. В смысле, когда по Work and Travel ездили в штаты. Два месяца видели физиономии друг друга и не поругались. Она такой человек, с которым нет желания ругаться, даже когда плохое настроение. Очень солнечный и добрый человек.

Акжибек Бейшебаева