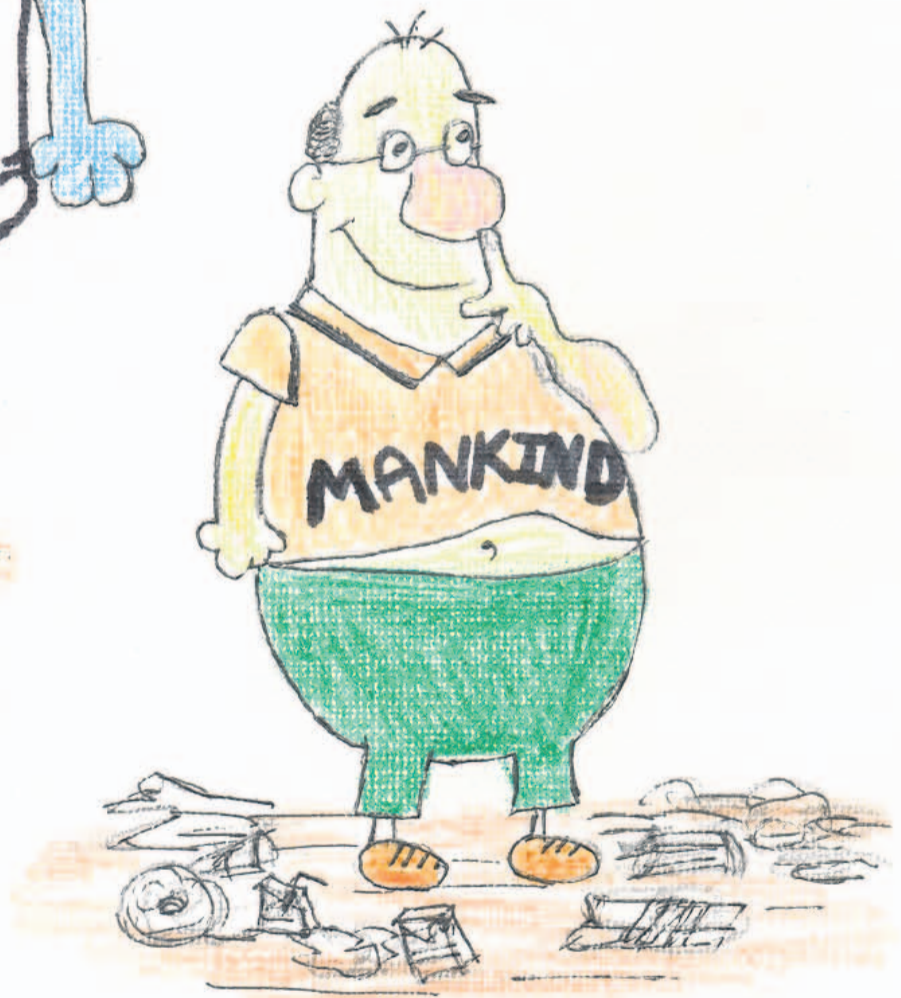
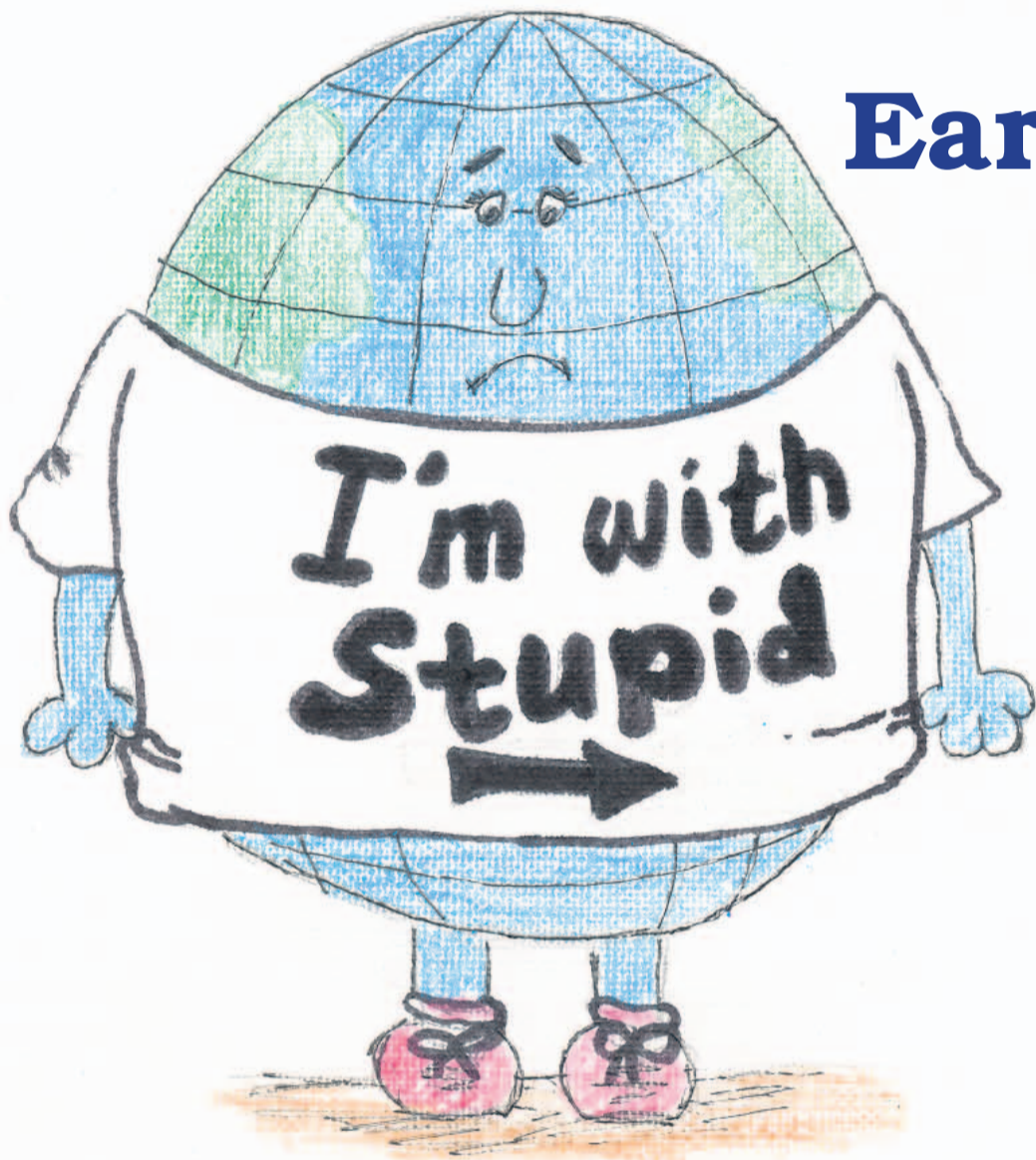


# New Star



## Earth Day in AUCA



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## Dean of Students Column



### Берегите себя (интервью с самим собой)

Чем становишься старше, тем больше жалеешь людей.

Любых.

По обе стороны самого красивого забора страны.

Нас всегда что-то разделяет. Такова жизнь. Мы не можем быть одинаковыми.

Значит ли это, что вариантов нет, и через какое-то время всё повторится?

Не знаю.

Будет ли следующее правительство тупо красть, или будет красть умно?

Не знаю.

Может, не будет красть совсем?

Не знаю.

Когда будут громить, убивать и грабить в следующий раз?

Не знаю.

Может, не будут совсем, и это наш последний позор?

Не знаю.

А может наши «революции» это и не позор вовсе, а гордость?

Не знаю.

А что тогда знаешь?

Что чем становишься старше, тем больше жалеешь людей.

Любых.

По обе стороны забора...

И тех, кто убивал, и тех, кого убивали.

И тех, кто грабил, и тех, кого грабили.

И тех, кто сеял пшеницу, и тех, кто её топтал, размечая «самозахваты»...

Прости нас, Господи, в очередной раз!

Декан по делам студентов  
Шульгин Н.Г.



Дорогие студенты, преподаватели и сотрудники Американского Университета в Центральной Азии!

От имени редакции газеты «New Star», я хочу принести соболезнования семьям всех погибших и пострадавших во время исторических событий апреля 2010 года. Мы надеемся, что жизни людей были оборваны не зря, и не зря была пролита невинная кровь.

Сообщество студентов, сотрудников и преподавателей АУЦА бурно обсуждает политические события, происходящие сейчас в Кыргызстане. Каждый человек имеет свою точку зрения.

Однако мы не хотим навязывать вам мнения наших журналистов, и тем более оправдывать или обвинять, кого бы то ни было.

Мы лишь хотим попросить вас проявить понимание, терпимость и толерантность к окружающим вас людям. И несмотря ни на что, сохранить, не потерять чувство патриотизма, в такое нелегкое для всех нас время.

Страна должна жить и страна будет жить. Вечная память тем, кто погиб за Родину. Мы в ответе за то, чтобы она стала доброй Матерью для всех своих сыновей и дочерей.

С верой в светлое будущее Кыргызстана.

Главный редактор, Лазарина Кучменова

Dear AUCA community,

I want to thank the students of AUCA who did not stay indifferent and walked to the Ala Too square to lay down the flowers in memory of the April events victims. Personally, I was surprised to see so many young generation of AUCA (I mean freshmen and sophomores) and also I was glad to see that international students also came to support the Kyrgyzstani people during these tragic days. Thank you very much! We all will pray for Kyrgyzstan's bright future and stability.

Despite the unrest in Kyrgyzstan, AUCA life is moving on. The new elections were held last Friday and new senators were elected. I hope when they start their term in August 2010, their work will be effective and interesting. Every time, when the news senators come, we put many hopes on them. However, we usually forget about the previous senators, who also contributed to our AUCA community.

I want to thank the Student Senate 2009-2010 for the great job they did during their term. I personally, as their advisor, enjoyed working with this group of creative and responsible students. Sagynbek Dzhumashov, the only freshmen in this Senate, very quickly learned about the fundamental AUCA values and never forgot about them during his work. Hotaka Yama, the student from Afghanistan, once again proved that international students play an important role in AUCA development. He was always ready to defend the students' rights and responsibilities. Uluk Kadyraliyev did his best to combine the work and Senate's responsibilities, and kept us up on the latest football updates. Akylbek Baltabayev, the journalism student, carried out his duties in the true journalistic way - very careful, passionate and as objective as possible. Atai Muratbekov, the very active and creative student since the freshman year, introduced new contest - Poem's Competition and kept being active up until the end of his term. Oybek Aitbayev, the golden voice of AUCA, was never afraid to voice the very productive and effective decisions during the AUCA committee's sessions. Tengelbes Musaev, the AUCA sportsman, launched the new event - AUCA Cup, which was enthusiastically supported by our students and was held during Spring break. He is also one of the most responsible students of AUCA, who is always ready to help. And finally, Esen Rysbekov, one of the best chairmen for the last 4 years, was outstanding this year! He never missed the meetings and sessions, held by AUCA administration and is always ready to help students, whether they have academic or non-academic problems. His sense of social responsibility and time management is fantastic.

All this qualities of senators resulted in a productive work. Firstly, this was the first Student Senate, which did not miss any meetings with the AUCA administration. Second, two new events were added - Poem's Competition and AUCA Cup. Third - they were good at finding the sponsors (for Miss AUCA contest, etc). Fourth - they kept the good tradition of charity (Student Senate allocated 2000 soms and food and medical supplies to a guy, who was injured during April events, etc.) Fifth, and most important - this Student Senate was able to build teamwork, and once again, I want to say that it was a huge pleasure for me to work with them.

I wish the new Student Senate good luck, and wish the "retiring" Student Senate to finally start studying and stop worrying about Senate responsibilities anymore!

Good luck on the final exams!

Sincerely,

Dilnura Khalilova  
Student Coordinator



Биз апрель айынын бардык курмандыктарына көңүл айтабыз!

Our condolences to all victims of April 2010

Мы приносим свои соболезнования всем жертвам Апрельских событий



# BURNING PASSION OF MISS AUCA CONTEST

So last time I've read our newspaper I found a lot of responses for IMHO column. It was suggested for "critics" (Dina) and others (us, people, who share her opinion) I'll try to represent those (others) but saying that it's not just my opinion, because bunch of people share it.

IMHO is always my favorite column. Personally I don't know the girl who is writing it, but I know that everything she says is close to my view. I want to say thanks to the author, because despite everything she is able to write truth, even though someone may not like it. I found that refutation a bit aggressive, so I decided to reply.

About beauty contest: I never have been there. And I guess I never will. The reason is that last year contest almost consisted of people we got to see too, much. I am not talking about classes and hallways. I mean Extra cur activities: don't you agree, every time you come to events there you always see the same people. Jealousy? – Hah-no-o-o, something like tedium.

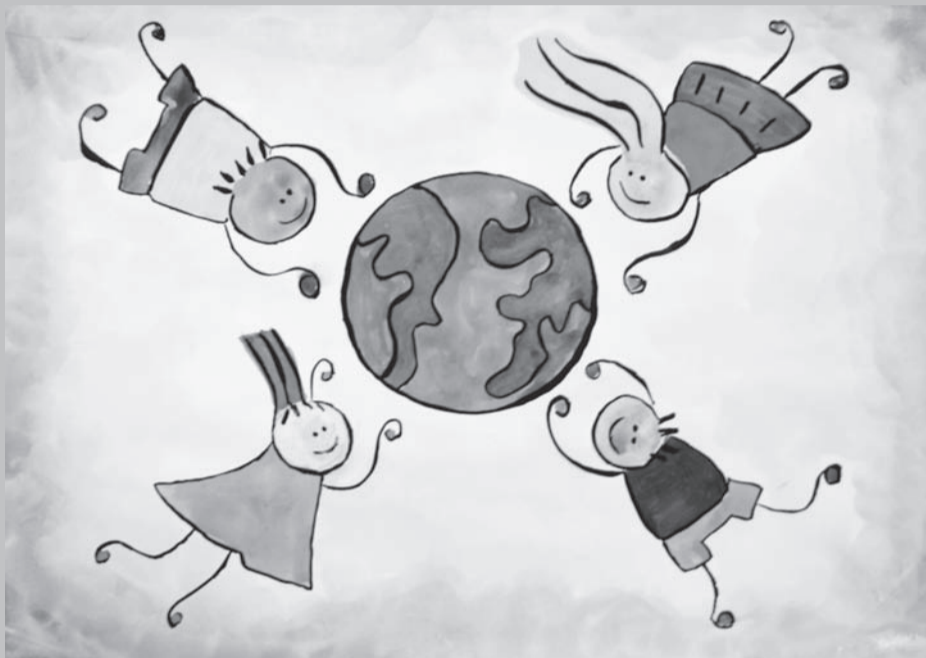
We will not argue about the most beautiful girl, just wasting of time. At the same time judging has no place here. You think you are beautiful? – Obviously, it's OK. Usually more friends you have at AUCA more 'success' you get, no matter how 'beautiful', popular or smart you are.

Students respect your writing, Dina. You always have huge support behind you. Keep, writing the truth is not always sweet.

**P.S.** Dina it's predictable what you can write in next News Paper, probably revolution. But it is too boring. Can we ask to write PR and Self PR, there have been too much people. Also, about the same newspaper. Only friends of friends are there and photos, too. WE are sick of IT!

Roman Kim

## Earth Day Posters Contest Winners



The most caring poster, made by Alina Ni



The most original poster, made by Molchanova Natalia & Goigova Nina



The most educating poster, made by Samatova Dinara

## In my non-humble opinion



For three years I have been studying here I have never seen such an interesting, scandalous and funny issue as the last one was. Five hot reactions, five responding articles for only one "humble" column! Dina Karabekova, my congratulations! I am proud of you so much, because you were the real star of the last New Star issue. All eyes on you, my friend!

Usually I don't a return article for somebody's one, but this time is an exception. Some of the girls' articles really shocked and made me laughing out loud.

Column that Dina writes is called "IMHO" ("In my humble opinion"), which means no facts just her subjective opinion. And I'd like to remind you about this fact. For the participants of AUCA beauty contest the last Dina's column was not just her attitude, it was a provocation, moreover, some of them treated it as personal offence. In spite of all subjectivity if her point of view, she wrote the article very ethically as I think. She didn't point out on doubtful beauty and abilities

of some of participants', she even didn't call them by their names, and she just said that most of them (not all of them!) are "not a fountain"! The fact that for some of them Dina's opinion became as a "personal humiliation" shows us their infantilism and problems with self-estimation. Adult and self-confident lady never let herself be provoked. Such expressive reaction for somebody's subjective opinion presents these girls as clowns, doesn't it?

Kindly, I absolutely agree with Dina's opinion about this contest and their participants (not about all!). They may ask me: "Who are you, Julia, to criticize and judge us? And if you are so self-confident why didn't you participate in AUCA beauty contest?" Ok, I will answer people, who don't know me: I am Kudaibergenova Julia, model, participant and witness of many fashion shows, photo shoots, promo actions and beauty contests. My best-known works are Ethnic Calendars of Dinara Makesheva, photo shoots for Inexim Bank, participating in "Miss Spring 2008" and being invited to the "New Face 2008" city beauty contests. In addition, since August 2008 I am an official face of medical product "Yarina" of Bayer Schering Pharma. I know about such competitions a lot more than all of you together, dear participants. Do you still doubt in my rights to criticize you???

You are wondering, I suppose: Why didn't I participate in AUCA's beauty contest after have been invited by Kseniya Minkova, AUCA art manager? Because I have something else to do; I already have an experience in such events and I don't need any challenge to feel myself beautiful, fascinating and bright because I always feel like this. And if you don't like me, you know what? I don't give a damn! (Dear participants, it is the right reaction for any provocation).

**P.S.** Dear ladies, your self-confidence should not be dependent on some contests or somebody's opinion. Just believe in yourselves.

Sincerely,

Julia Kudaibergenova

Current time: 1.27 AM  
Current mood: Lounged  
Current track: Kanye West – Addiction

## Urgent! The 'New Star' is becoming a yellow press!



April 5, 2010 Issue 10: I bet everybody was interested in refutations to IMHO column which was written by Dina Karabekova, critical and analytical writer from my own perspective, demonstrating ordinary AUCA students' everyday life and students themselves.

Actually, I found it like a 'battle' on the paper or 'girl messing' consisting of two sides: 'prosecutor' and 'defendants' represented by the most 'popular' part of AUCA students

Shortly about New Star's FAVORITS, who fill the huge part of newspaper, every issue, the same faces and comments from the same students, moreover, these students are EVERYWHERE during the all university's events. Tanya R., Diana T., Svetlana Verchenko and others, you, know whom I am talking about?!

So, these guys got a unique chance to show off one more time, in case if someone forgot about them, and defamed inoffensive girl and her humble opinion with mass and pressure. Or maybe, girls, your prestige and pride were threatened by the paragraph on paper? You failed! It looked ridiculous to read how aggressively you tried to save your faces. 'NStarGirls', please, stop to annoy the audience; don't forget that first of all you are AUCA students!

Anyway, we have got a lot of fun while reading your words, however, my huge request is to stop soiling the newspaper and battling for nothing. IMHO, keep it up! For our 'NStarGirls': ya-Ya-ya we know, you are the BEST => => => We'r watching you!

Note of editor:

Dina Karabekova is full time columnist in New Star, unlike others. And the newspaper provides an opportunity to express themselves for everyone, who has something to say.

Hotak Yama



## Image Building: A New AUCA Service

Showcase your learning, skills, and achievements with Electronic Portfolio!

**NB!** The first thing you need to know before reading: The ePortfolio is a systematic and organized web-based collection of users' works and assessments that documents their efforts, progresses and achievements of intended outcomes – for education, career, and personal goals; the collection, stored in an electronic format.

Do you like spending your time in internet? Do you appreciate this modern service? AUCA IT working group has taken care of making your virtual life more interesting and, what is more important, – useful. They created a lifelong data base of all the AUCA (and maybe, even AUK) students. By means of this service, you may be in touch with all your groupmates and university friends even after 20 years you have graduated! Using this reference <http://eportfolio.auca.kg/>, you can create your personal Electronic Portfolio that is defined as a “highly personalized, customizable, web-based information management system, which allows learners to demonstrate individual and collaborative growth, achievement, and learning over time.” It is a good stimulus for gaining new achievements – all your commanders and professors will know about your attainments as soon as you let know them through corrections in your personal portfolio. Everyone wants to be appreciated, you know, and from now you have an ability to add new information about yourself as far as you need, to download and store your examples of achievements: honour documents, diplomas, awards and etc., simply by scanning them.

“A survey of 12 leading universities in Kyrgyzstan revealed that no universities in the country use ePortfolios as a complete solution, and most of them had never heard about this electronic tool,” Sania Battalova, Director of IRT said. Moreover, AUCA is one of the first universities of whole Central Asia which has launched

such a type of program as Electronic Portfolio. “So, AUCA is the first University which started its work in the area of implementing ePortfolio, basing on modern technologies adopted at the US and European leading Universities,” explained Sania Battalova. On her glance, one of the main profits of this service for students is to “inform employers about their [students'] creative and professional potential.”

Ekaterina Kombarova, Head of Academic Computing and Classroom Technologies, adds, “AUCA, as a leader in implementation of many innovations, cannot pass over this opportunity and suggests AUCA e-portfolio service based on open source platform.” This service is oriented to the “tasks connected to professional growth,” she thinks.

Maya Sharesheeva, Senior Specialist for E-learning, commented the ePortfolio in such a way: “It is a tool for continuing professional development, encouraging individuals to take responsibility for and demonstrate the results of their own learning. It provides a link between individual and organizational learning.”

“Students' community is very dynamic and fast responsive,” Ekaterina Kombarova told. Thus, it will appreciate this “new technological flow,” she believes. Really, her assumption has been practically confirmed by one of the students, Ekaterina Chicherina (SOC-108): “It is a very interesting idea. These portfolios will be very useful for students, and they will help for finding a good job. I will create such a portfolio for sure because I'm going to build a good career in future; and it will make me distinguished from other employees, I think.”

Moreover, ePortfolio system is a chance to build a full and solid database of all the AUCA students and alumni. Everyone will be able to associate with others and share ones

achievements. “It’s an outstanding idea and should definitely be used among the faculty, staff, students, and alumni of AUCA,” concluded Aigul Kasymova, Director of the Annual Fund and Alumni Relations.

EPortfolio is a chance to have your personal “I” and professional “self” in the internet space. You are able to show yourself in the best advantage to your future employers, having chance to provide them with your full electronic Curriculum Vita. In ePortfolio, everyone announces not only personal information, but also information concerning ones filed of work and study. It is some kind of mix of different internet services: blogs, resumes, pictures, and photos are found at the same place – the fullest “kit” of all the desirable means to identify you in the best possible ways. This service is for well-targeted people who think about their future, who know how to position themselves and want to achieve their place under the sun.

You don't yet pursue the aim to get a job, being a freshman? All the members of AUCA community (including faculty and staff) can make different portfolios in order to suit different purposes. And, nevertheless,

it will be helpful. Moreover, you will accumulate a lot of necessary personal information by the time you'll need to get job, for example. Your CV will be already prepared!

Additionally, faculty members are planning to request ePortfolio tools for their classes. For instance, Chair of International and Business Law Department, Elida Nogoibaeva, said, “Right now our faculty is working on its own E-portfolio; and we see a lot of possibilities to use this option, one of them is to communicate with students. So, we are open for any suggestions and proposals from students.” Get ready, followers-lawyers (and students from other departments, too – you'll be next, just wait for your turn)!

Staff of IRT Department will conduct a work with faculty and students to customize these portfolios. Follow all the announcements and mailings concerning it.

And, at the end, my own wishes: Dear AUCA faculty, staff, AUCA students and alumni, demonstrate key moments of your life – register at ePortfolio system!

Welcome to AUCA social network!

By Svetlana Verchenko

### «Для самых умных»

15 Апреля в центре Сейтек прошел ежегодный интеллектуальный конкурс Brain Ring

В командном первенстве приняли участие 8 школ: 67, 61, 70, 64, 24, 37, 12, а также женский Турецкий лицей. Первое место второй год подряд заняла команда 24 школы.

В личном первенстве соревновались 12 человек.

Имена победителей:

I место - Юрченко Иван,

45 школа

II место - Клычев Нурсултан,

24 школа

III место - Иманалиев Данияр,

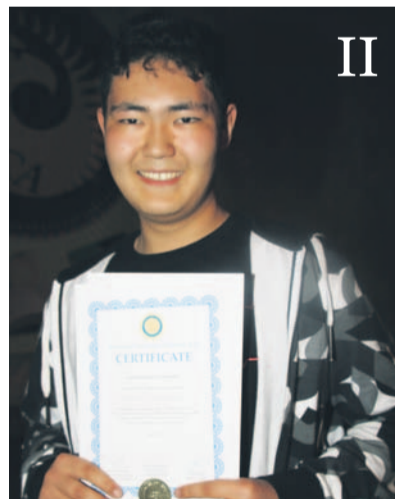
2 школа

Поговорка «Талантливый человек талантлив во всем» отлично подходит

победителю личного первенства Юрченко Ивану. Этот молодой человек также

стал победителем музыкального конкурса для абитуриентов АУЦА Stream.

Не смотря на то, что Иван, уже «имея в кармане» 85% скидку на обучение в АУЦА (в случае поступления), получил еще одну скидку в 85%, и их суммарный размер составил 170%. Господину Юрченко придется выбрать одну из своих стипендий.





# Greening My Career

## Where did Earth Day come from?

"On April 22, 1970, more than 20 million people gathered on campuses and in city squares, holding teach-ins and giving speeches to protest the pollution and destruction of the environment. Forty years later, it is still as important as ever to be promoting environmental education and advocacy in our schools and communities."

This is how a recent e-newsletter to educators around the world begins. Today, the Earth Day Network (EDN) is an international coalition of grassroots organizations and educational institutions that informs and campaigns for a just and clean world. Core topics include: waste reduction & recycling, climate change, food & agriculture, water, energy, green schools. EDN has an international board of advisers, which contains businessmen, researchers, educators, environmental NGOs, ambassadors, actor/singers and a king!

The EDN website provides links to each of the core issues mentioned above, as well as materials for educators and campaigners. Interested people can sign up for the EDN newsletter, and share information and ideas.

## WANTED: A Green Generation

The world needs sustainable development, which is a type of development that meets the needs of the people who live now without compromising the possibilities of future generations to meet their needs. It specifically refers to a usage of the Earth's resources, which does not destroy them for future use by our children and grandchildren.

This year's Earth Day theme is Green Generation. The EDN website contains a statement, which anybody is invited to sign. Essentially, it contains the following 3 elements:

- I pledge to learn what sustainable development means in my community & country
  - I pledge to lead the way to a clean, just and prosperous society by my own example
  - I pledge to use my influence within my family, community and organisation for positive change
- Make a difference, sign the statement and put it into practice!  
Go to: [www.earthday.net/greengeneration](http://www.earthday.net/greengeneration)

## Sign of Hope

Kyrgyzstan is going through very difficult times that understandably cause us all to worry a lot. The question was asked whether we should postpone Earth Day to the Fall Semester. After much deliberation we did not, because the Earth Day Working Group experienced our cooperation and message as a sign of hope and peace. We wanted the AUCA Community to feel the same.

So, who are the Earth Day Working Group? This year we are a coalition of 4 teachers, over 20 committed students, and 3 AUCA Clubs, who got marvellous assistance from the Student Affairs Office and from local environmental NGOs. Thank you all for your commitment and hard work! Thank you also to the editing board of New Star for allowing us to widely inform the AUCA Community about Earth Day 2010 events. Last but not least, thank you to Bahtiar Kurambaev for advising, collecting and editing the Earth Day contributions!

We from Earth Day Working Group want to wish you all a fruitful & sustainable year!

On behalf of Debating, Earth & World Clubs and everyone else,

Martin J. Ossewaarde

Our website: <http://e-course.auca.kg>  
click Earth Day Working Group

## Greening My Career

My awareness of environmental issues goes back to my student days at Rotterdam University in the Netherlands. The 1980s were a time of economic crisis and international political tension. Many developing countries, especially in Latin America, were heavily indebted and could hardly see a way out. It was also the time of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, which caused governments in Western Europe to order cows, sheep and horses to be kept in the stables.

It was probably in 1987, when the World Commission on Environment and Development under the leadership of Ms Brundtland published its landmark report 'Our Common Future', that I first took an elective in environmental issues. I became deeply concerned about the quality of life on Earth when I had grown to appreciate the beauty of Earth through cycling, mountain hikes, and photography.

## Growing Green

What did I do with my concern? General environmental awareness in my country was still relatively low, as people had many other concerns, such as security, energy costs and working our way out of the recession. I could have left the issue to others, who were perhaps more passionate about nature or more skilled in presenting or solving problems. Realising how little I actually knew, I decided to study human - environment interactions more in-depth. At that time, however, my university did not have a complete environmental studies programme, so I had to resort to improvisation. In particular, being a student of economics, I wanted to know what my own major had to do with the natural environment, both in positive and negative ways.

I learned that economic thinking could be both an obstacle and an incentive to reducing humanity's negative impact on the natural environment. It is an obstacle when the economic theories in use do not take environmental considerations into account, yet present themselves as the highest form of rationality available. On the other hand, it can be a help when it leads people to calculate costs and benefits, and conclude that pollution prevention actually pays in the long term!

A guest lecturer from the Netherlands' Environment Ministry offered me an opportunity to do an internship in his Environmental Technology Department. The research I did there into ways of promoting the development and application of technologies that reduce the human impact on the Earth's environment resulted in my Master's thesis. With my strong grounding in economics and my self-made green dimension I managed to obtain a job through a university research institute in an environmental policy-making setting.

## Green Job Satisfaction

Those were the days that climate change was making its way into the international policy arena in the run-up to the 1992 World Conference on Environment and Development. The Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (which was to get a joint Nobel Peace Prize in 2007) had only just begun its work, and there was a lot of scepticism around about the reality of human influence on the Earth's climate. The media were eager to pay ample attention to the dissenting voices, thereby making it harder for ordinary citizens to make sense of it all. My work consisted in advising our division about the ways in which climate change could affect our national economy, as well as about the economic instruments that governments could use to steer their nations' behaviour in more sustainable directions.

At some point, I was also asked to co-write speeches for my senior colleagues, aimed at explaining and motivating our government's policies. Our 1989 National Environmental Policy Plan was internationally recognised as one of the first good examples of integrated policy planning, both in content and procedure. In those days I learned to present environmental issues to a variety of audiences from relatively uneducated to specialists. Under the motto 'A Better Environment Starts with You!' the Ministry

was campaigning to make people aware that modern citizens need to know how their choices impact the natural environment and act upon that awareness. We actively worked with civil society groups in order to help them 'translate' the message for their members and figure out how their choices might support overall government policy.

Part of my job was also to co-ordinate a capacity-building project with the Environment Ministry of Latvia. This enabled me to travel there in the early 1990s and experience the former socialist world firsthand in a work setting. As a student, I had been privileged to make study tours to Warsaw and Moscow, when the socialist system still existed. Apparently, there was a lot of work to be done, and our Western European experience proved useful. If anything, I knew that no single person, generalist or specialist, could understand or direct the whole environmental area without consulting with a variety of people from other disciplines - health, energy, agriculture etc. In other words, the need to care for the Earth draws people together to work for a better world.

## Education for Sustainable Development

My desire to contribute something to the transition world eventually led me to Central Asia, where I first worked for a few years in general educational projects. I gained insight into the practical side of development processes, and the possible role of foreign organisations in particular. Where would you begin, if you want to help a society adjust to the environmental responsibilities of modern life? Education was a logical choice for a person without technical or business education. Secondary schools play a vital role in educating environmentally aware and responsible citizens, but the effects will take a long time to become visible.

How about a university where future leaders are prepared for careers in managing and changing the systems that cause society to be sustainable or unsustainable? Indeed, AUCA with its culture of critical inquiry, innovation and cross-cultural exchange seemed an ideal place to start. I was welcomed to develop and teach my introductory course in this 'new' field, which I called Clean Development Policy & Practice. Why Clean Development? This term, which is actually used in the United Nations' Clean Development Mechanism (CDM under the Climate Change Convention), communicates better than the word 'sustainable' that humanity needs to meet its needs more in step with the natural cycles and rhythms of our amazing planet. Moreover, it signals that the subject of the course is not a luxury item for those who happen to like it, but a fundamentally different way of thinking about development. A matter of surviving in a full world where soon almost 7 billion people are trying to meet their needs and wants... We need to become a whole lot better at doing this well in technological, organisational and behavioural ways.

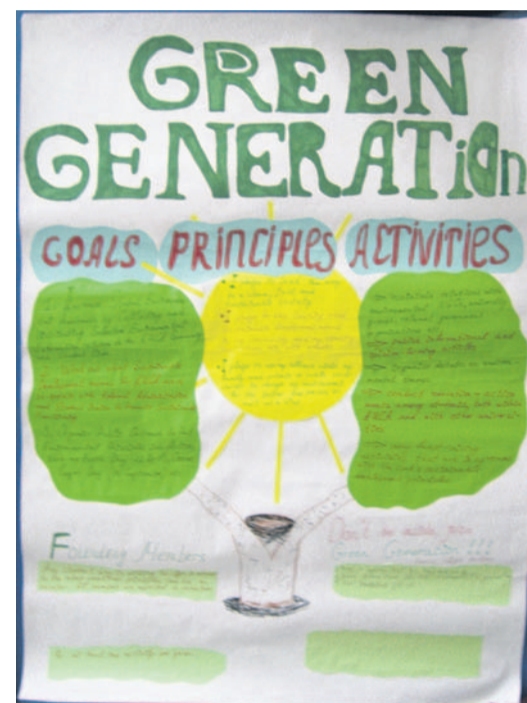
## Inspiring Personalities

There have already been a lot of inspiring personalities on all continents, who did not wait for others to take the lead or tell them what to do. They did what they knew well, they mobilised communities, they got organisations to work together

with passion and commitment. We intend to show some in a short film on Earth Day, 21 April.

So what does this all mean for today's students at AUCA? Asia's dynamic developing countries need leaders, managers and other professionals, who are not only good at their field of speciality, but who also understand and respect the social and environmental realities of the modern world. In other words, 21st century university graduates should all be literate in matters of sustainable development, while some would do well to specialise in these matters. Finally, all of us, should take environmental considerations into account in all our choices and try to do better as far as it depends on us. In other words, all of us should become part of the GREEN GENERATION!

Martin J. Ossewaarde



## Why Us and Why Now?

Central Asia catapulted into the world economy with its mass consumer orientation and corresponding waste problems, while being left with an environmentally hazardous inheritance from the Soviet Union. People have hardly begun adjusting to this reality. A glance in one of the many international reports written about the region since 1991, shows that numerous environmental issues threaten development to the core: water regime alterations under the influence of climate change, waste management problems, energy scarcity under conditions of low efficiency, rapidly degrading soils, etc.

The challenges for industrialised and developing countries are very different ones, although of course they are linked. After all, we have only one planet for ourselves, our children and our children's children. While a lot of useful products, technologies and ideas can be shared between the two worlds, essentially developing countries are doing themselves a service if they devise a balanced development strategy, which includes income-generating, social equity, and resource conservation aspects. Countries that neglected this balanced are greatly suffering from that today. Also, there is a lot of developing countries can share between them as their conditions are more similar.



**Community News:****Recycle Plastic – Earn Income and Keep Villages Clean**

Recently, the “Clean Issyk-Kul Action” brought together over 35 villages of Issyk-Kul and Naryn oblasts and they collected over 7,600 kilos of recyclable plastic wastes in the villages and surrounding beaches. Over 7000 people participated in the Action to clean-up their villages as part of Kompanion’s and Mercy Corps Kyrgyzstan’s efforts to improve natural resources management. Collected plastic is currently being prepared by the communities for further sale to recycling companies and will provide an estimated income of over \$1,000.

Mercy Corps and Kompanion, as part of their Horticultural Development Initiatives, seek to strengthen communities, through sustainable development focusing on natural resources management issues that can improve livelihoods.

Kompanion is a community development financial institution established by Mercy Corps Kyrgyzstan in 2004.

By New Star reporter



Bottle Recycling

**Forum on Campus**

The New Star newspaper and Earth Day organizers have questioned the AUCA community members regarding their thoughts and opinions about the Green Generations. Here are some of the responses The New Star has received.

1. Do you what does Green Generation mean? (if people don't know, I explained them and then they answered on second question)

2. Do you consider yourself as a part of Green Generation?

3. What do you think can ordinary people do in everyday life to prevent environment form destruction?

**Shahnoza ISAKOVA, BA-109**

“I think green generation is about planting trees, picking up garbage and organizing those kinds of activities”

**Asipbek PYSHALIEV, security**

“I think that everybody can make their contribution to protecting environment. As for me and people the same age as me, I think, we should bring up children in love to the Earth, try to teach them how to make environment cleaner. Also each person needs to care about his own health, hygiene, because he is part of environment.”

**Elmira MUSURALIEVA, Professor of Natural Sciences Department**

“We are planting flower-beds to make our court more beautiful and green. Men are planting trees; I am, for example, responsible for fertilizers. We also try to always make subbotniks to clean territory. Of course, I could not to drive a car, because it does also pollute air, but it's so comfortable.”

**Umai SULTANBEK KYZY, SOC 108**

“Maybe people need to throw trash to the bins, people should not smoke, don't crack seeds, don't drink alcohol, because all this things causes dirtying of environment.”

I think that members of Green Generation, who are aware of people's responsibility for protecting environment, should always tell about whenever they are inside the group of people. All the time! Of course, some may be annoyed, but finally after repeating this information will sink in surrounding people's subconsciousness.

I think that we are using too much paper. For example, in offices, people are printing everything, always, even little things. They need to write everything down! But we could the same using mail! It's very important, because paper is made from the trees and if we used less paper or at least recycle them, we could save some trees!

**Kasym RAKHMANKULOV, JMC-107**

I think that each person should be a part of the environment. Then he will understand what is needed to do to protect environment, because he will understand that he is protecting himself, his life also. That is my ideology, so I think I'm part of Green Generation.

There should be some educational activities to explain people that as it's said in Russian “Чисто не там, где убирают, а там где не сорят”. You know that civil society based on three principles. First is to admit responsibility, then to take initiative and third is to do some actions. So people need to admit that they are responsible for what is happening in the nature.

**Tulegenov Tursunaly Asekeevich., Assistant Professor from IBL department**

- Do you know, what is Green Generation?

- Yes, I know. It is new generation, conscious which understands problems of environment and wishes to live in the non-polluting environment. For today it is the big problem as people do not worry at all about nature which surrounds them.

- Do you consider yourself as part Green Generation?

- Certainly. I am from Issyk-Kul and so I really worry about a problem of ecology of our lake. Every year its condition all worsens and worsens. These numerous rest houses do not watch at all that they litter both water, and the nature round lake. Not for a long time I have learnt that the tank farm in Balykchi has broken through and oil was soaked up in soil. Together with underground waters it comes nearer to lake. Even in mass media it has been told much about it, but nobody undertakes anything. We can do only revolutions, and really work wants nobody.

- How do you consider, what each usual person can do in everyday life to bring the mite in nature preservation?

- Each person, I think, should plant at least two trees in a year. It is not difficult, but even this we do not do. I have planted 100 saplings and I consider that it is not enough. Also I think that is necessary to specialize country on manufacture of non-polluting products. Thus, we will not be polluting our nature, at the same time we will occupy a certain niche in the market which is very popular recently. Besides at all of us possibility for this purpose: both resources, and non-polluting air.

As part of Earth day celebration, the Earth Club organized a series of environment movies on campus for the guests, students and staff. Here is a brief review of one of the movies called ‘Tale of Two Cities.’

The movie report examines the green credentials of both London and Beijing – two cities that will host the Olympics partly on green promises of future sustainability. Earth Report looks at five key criteria: power, transport, food, waste and water. The question examined is how well both cities will be able to sustain themselves in the future without draining the earth's resources ahead of delivering on their long-prepared Olympic promises.

The Earth Report identifies that both cities still heavily rely on fossil fuels for energy. It reports that London has improved its transport problems, with fewer cars on the road, but Beijing is seeing more and more cars being driven onto already crowded roads. On the other hand, Beijingers still buy most of their food locally, whilst Londoners meals come from across the



Alina Jetigenova

**AUCA watches ‘A Tale of Two Cities’**

world. The major air pollution in London thus stems from the transport of food, the Earth Report finds.

The Earth Report also notes that London recycles just twenty per cent of its waste, whereas Beijing recycles 30%. Moreover, a third of London's water is still wasted whilst Beijing is having to bring it in from the South to avoid a major crisis.

The Earth Report concludes that while both cities are determined to make improvements, there is still a long way to go before they meet their ambitious targets for sustainability.

A Tale of Two Cities was produced with the support of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for Broadcast on BBC World.

**Debate Club Promotes ‘Earth Day’ On Campus and Beyond**

Most students figure out that they need to get ready for a debate tournament a day or two before the competition, but the thought to extensively study for came, well, early to him. A freshman of Business Administration Sagynbek Djumashov says he was ready to debate.

He was ready for the competition held by Debate Club on April 21 to celebrate and promote Earth Day on campus. The club aimed to raise an interest to environmental issues of Central Asia among students and guests of AUCA.

“We wanted to develop and improve skills of our [tournament] participants so that they work and debate in future on developing policies toward greener environment,” says President of Debate Club Kasym Rakhmankulov.

“It's true that debating is a tool to enlarge knowledge in various spheres of peoples' activities,” he added.

Founded in 2007, Debate Club aims to enhance skills in research, critical analyze and abilities to better and effectively debate. The club aspires to bring up intelligent and highly motivated youngsters.

Debate tournament participants were tasked to do an extensive research and collect information on already existing “green centers”, environmental NGOs and their activities. Participants had to understand of about “green job”, because they made speeches in front of an audience. Divided into two groups, each debated supporting one side of the issue.

“Earth day 2010 at AUCA was a great opportunity to show that we are not indifferent and there is a need to work on environmental issues,” says another member of Debate Club.

“We can consider possible consequences of being indifferent and taking non-action; we can try to find solutions of the problem,” said Sagynbek Djumashov.

Club members speak highly of joining the Debate club and they say the experience helps them a lot.

“Participation in Debate Club helped me to develop my personality and feel confidence, improved my public speaking skills and enlarged my knowledge,” says freshman from BA program Sagynbek Djumashov.

Club president says the club experience makes students become better.

“In order to become a good debater a person needs to overcome a fear of audience, he needs to practice much on wit and improve personal qualities. We believe that leaders are not only born, but made. Debaters mobilize all their best qualities, and put much effort to improve day by day. Thus they become leaders and give a positive example for others to follow,” said second year student of Journalism Kasym Rakhmankulov.

Recently, Debate club and Kyrgyz Language Program have initiated Central Asian Cup – an international debate tournament and the current club member say they plan to continue promoting environmental issues on and beyond AUCA campus.

Nazik MURADOVA, ICP108

**Earth Club is For Sustainable Development**

Most people devote their leisure time in pursuit of entertainment but the decision to spread safer world for future came, well, earlier to them. Some AUCA fellow students thought it was “misuse” of time, though.

The Earth Club was originated in 2009 among students inspired and motivated by Clean Development Policy and Practice course taught by Assistant Professor Martin Ossewaarde. The group of students became interested in promoting environmentally friendly activities in local community and inside of AUCA. They are the ones who insist that most of people become involved in spreading and learning more about environment and issues concerning for working together toward changes that will benefit environment.

Recently, the club members worked with students from the Agricultural University and the medical clinic's personnel to tree planting ahead of Earth Day. The Earth club members cleared the ground of stones, dug a trench, planted a hedge-row, and watered the new saplings.

“This greenery operation is one of several activities leading up to the 40th international anniversary of the Earth Day,” emphasized AUCA professor Martin Ossewaarde.

The club activists recognize how human actions impact the Earth that human beings share with other living beings. Student club members assert that human actions that negatively impact environment are not just factories and cars but the basic needs and desires.

“I want to live in a better environment,” says Aigokul Arziyeva

“I believe everybody deserves it, but often people do not

realize that better environment starts from them personally, from their lifestyle starting from eating to having holidays and etc. It is interesting to be a part of the club, where young generation sees environment's importance in our life today and tomorrow (for our better future),” she added.

The basic principle of the club is Sustainable Development: “Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”

“I like and respect nature of my country. I would like to protect it,” says another committed member of the club Eldar Kubanichbekov.

The club under the university financial support organizes various mountain hikes, picnics, conduct movies about nature aimed to increase the awareness and highly lobbies the understanding of “future generation should meet their needs as well”

Jarkyn AIAZOVA





# Poetry



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## Я в луже вверх тормашками

Я в луже вверх тормашками  
С дурачками замашками.

С улыбкою корявою  
И памятью дырявою.

Я в луже отражаюсь  
И матом выражаюсь.

Как чучело двухмерное  
Немытое и скверное

И никому не нужное,  
Поскольку внутрилужное.

Бенька

Usually we can observe happy faces hanging all over the university, but have we ever noticed it as a background or surface? Of course it is different and depends on personality, especially in variety of students at AUCA. We all share similar day schedule here – classes, studying, visiting different extra curriculum activities. All the time you hear different opinions towards University life. I want to trace here is that student life is very different.

I feel that I have to share mine, even though some would find it ridiculous, but others may consider it close. So 23:52 and I am just done with paper and presentation for tomorrow. Sending away thoughts about hunger I am dealing with errors in PC. Dealing with such problems can really drive you mind crazy: what to eat, where to live, how to find money for AUCA contract.

By some point you will find yourself bored with conversations about GPA or Work and Travel, looking with emptiness at student waiting in line or running in order to register for classes. By the way talking in English doesn't signify that you know it. What do I think about? How to survive the next day? Can you find anybody to help, or just to understand? As you sit in lab all you can see – everybody is busy with own problems.

Another interesting thing just for fact – recently I heard 5-6 people saying that love is dead. Well, for those who share this opinion, one question what do you understand by love? Some one left you? Or no sympathy back? Are we mature enough to understand it? Or just stereotypes for girls want money and status, for boys need beauty and sex? May be someone should stop flying in the skies and return to real life.

The real world is closer than it seems. Just try not to forget about it behind all papers. We better pay close attention about those who around us. At least we should try to treat others as family members here at AUCA. No matter how we act, we all belong to one big family, here at AUCA, and I wish someday it to be so.

Waiting for anyone response,

Sincerely yours Dzanibek

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## Student Senate Elections Results

Department	Total number of students	Voted
American Studies	55	29
Business Administration	168	63
Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology	76	37
Economics	141	61
European Studies	61	17
International and Comparative Politics	119	41
International and Business Law	96	43
Journalism and Mass Communications	56	22
Psychology	58	22
Sociology	61	22
Software Engineering	73	27

1. Maksatbek Sharabidinov, IBL – 108, 125 votes
2. Nurdin Arzyiev, ECO – 108, 122 votes
3. Perziat Dzhusubaliyeva, PSY – 109, 99 votes
4. Renat Galinurov, ANTH – 108, 64 votes
5. Chubak Temirov, AS – 109, 52 votes
6. Anatolii Pak, AS – 107, 47 votes
7. Izat Osmonov, BA – 109, 42 votes
8. Tilek Sulaimanov, AS – 109, 40 votes
9. Adilet Kanymet. BA – 109, 38 votes
10. Faruh Abayev, BA – 109, 38 votes

11. Sagynbek Dzhumashov – 35 votes
12. Sagymbayev Aibek – 20
13. Emilgazyiev Kubanych – 12 votes



Perizat Dzhusubaliyeva



Izat Osmonov



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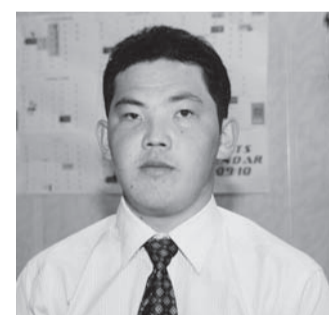
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Adilet Kanymet



Nurdin Arzyiev



Chubak Temirov

## BOXES

КВН, который у нас проводится - ФИГНЯ!!! Отмените его!!! И отрубите игрокам руки и ноги! А Ернуру и голову отрубите!!

К черту Сенат!!! Давайте анархию!!!

Поздравляем Малику (из Браво) с рождением дочурки!!!

Препо на лекции выдал: «Иванов, замолчите улыбаться!»

Давайте оторвемся на Final Party!!!

Зачем синиоров допустили к голосованию?!  
Им же пофигу!!!

у нас все лысые, кроме журналистов!!!

Спасибо поворам из Кичинета за окрошку! При похмелье ТРУБА помогает!!! P.S. Слава Богу канализацию починили :)

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# Farewell Kiss :

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## Почему ваш выбор пал на АУЦА?

**Ильхом:** Некоторые из нас просто жили рядом с «ауком», некоторые не смогли поступить в Национальный и Политех.

**Медер:** Эркин думал, что в универе есть бассейн.

**Эркин:** А медики (Медет и Медер) думали, что для близнецов тут скидки предусмотрены.

**Чингиз Б.:** Эмиля не взяли в спорт-интернат.

**Диаз:** Чингиз в 2005 году приехал из Оша 25 марта и выбрал самый престижный вуз столицы.

## Что вас объединило?

**Диаз:** Все началось с внутреннего дворика. Тогда и выяснилось, что один из нас, Медет, был смутно знаком со вторым, Медером, через соседа дядькиной жены сестры мужа однокурсника, племянник которого жил напротив школы, где училась одна его дальняя знакомая.

**Чингиз Б.:** Медер, Медет, я нас сейчас сдам! Мы познакомимся в Кашка-Суу на ориентационной неделе для «флексов»... И да, мы – «флексы»!

## Чем ваша компания занимается в свободное от учебы время?

**Медет:** Профессионально «увлажняем» асфальт.

**Эмиль:** Помогаем бабушкам переходить дороги, готовим комплексные обеды, проводим встречи и мероприятия.

**Чингиз Ч.:** Конструктивно критикуем друг друга.

**Медер:** Раньше играли в КВН...

## Трудно было учебу совмещать с КВНом?

**Чингиз Б.:** Да.

**Медет:** Нет.

**Медер:** Наверное.

**Диаз:** Не знаю, не пробовал...

**Эркин:** Нет, особенно когда не учишься толком.

**Диаз:** И когда в КВН не играешь.

## Что дал вам АУЦА?

**Диаз:** В первую очередь – диплом.

**Медер:** Куудай буюрса.

**Диаз:** Кому-то дал девушку, кому-то две девушки.

**Эркин:** Кому-то три.

**Медер:** Куудай буюрса.

**Чингиз Б.:** В общем, мы стали умнее, чем были. Ну, кто как, конечно.

**Ильхом:** Умеем критически «мышлять».

**Чингиз Ч.:** Скажу вам по секрету: среди нас есть человек, который собирается до конца жизни учиться в «ауке», если ему разрешат. Нет, это не Эркин!

## Есть ли у вас планы продолжить учебу?

**Медет:** Да, мы с Медером подавали свои applications в ОШГУ, но в свете последних событий мы поменяли свое решение и отдали предпочтение Таласскому университету при Таразском училище современных методов вычисления нанотехнологических-ядерных-биолого-химических потенциалов психики человеческой природы имени Перис Хилтон.

**Эмиль:** А когда «дедлайн» для магистратуры был?

## Кому вы хотите сказать «Спасибо»?

**Эркин:** Спасибо Малике за то, что давала нам в долг и забывала об этом.

**Диаз:** Спасибо доблестным «СБшникам» за то, что пропускали без ID.

Спасибо сенату за то, что не вмешивается в жизнь студентов.

**Ильхом:** Спасибо первой революции, благодаря которой Чика попал в Бишкек.

**Эмиль:** Спасибо товарищу Сталину за наше счастливое детство.

## Одна минута, проведенная в Браво, удлинит срок обучения на две минуты!

## Наверняка есть и те, кому вы хотели бы сказать «Прости»?

**Эркин:** Малика, прости за то, что не всегда возвращали долг.

**Чингиз Ч.:** Прости, сенат, за то, что не помогли вмешиваться в жизнь студентов.

**Диаз:** Простите нас, «СБшники», за то, что мы не показывали свои ID.

**Медер:** Простите эже, что не смогли спасти ваш комок возле памятника.

## О чем помимо этого сожалеете?

**Аноним:** О двух неумышленно сломанных стульях в Браво.

## Жениться в ближайшем будущем кто-то планирует?

**Медет:** Диаз женился бы хоть сейчас, даже знает на ком.

**Эркин:** Ильхома судьба уже давно решена.

**Медер:** Чика «Ош» пока копит на билет до Москвы - решил москвичку своровать.

**Диаз:** А остальные не отчаиваются – ведь скоро ориентационная неделя, а вместе с ней и TOP 10.

## Расскажите тем, кто не знает, что такое TOP 10?

**Диаз:** Вообще, идея Ильхому принадлежит, но сейчас у него все TOP 10 сводятся к одной единственной и неповторимой.

**Медер:** А если хотите узнать наш TOP 10, отправьте смс с текстом: «Who is Who?» на номер 4747, и вы получите архивы TOP 10 каждой ориентационной недели!

## Книжки читаете?

**Эмиль:** Ну, смотря, что можно назвать книгой.

**Эркин:** Вот медики (Медер и Медет) читают какие-то не понятные буклеты на арабском языке.

**Диаз:** Чика «Ош» читает по глазам людей, делает приворот, отворот, снимает порчу, гадает на картах ТАРО.

## Какие будут пожелания нашим студентам и университету в целом?

**Эмиль:** Цените каждую минуту, проведенную в университете!

**Чингиз Ч.:** Поверьте, одна минута, проведенная в Браво, удлинит срок обучения на две минуты!

**Диаз:** С помощью несложной калькуляции можно посчитать, сколько лет Эркин «жил» в Браво.

**Чингиз Б.:** «Пэйперы» желательнее делать раньше, чем за час до «дедлайна»!

**Медер:** Хотя бы за два.

**Медет:** Дня. Два дня он хотел сказать.

## Чем вы были полезны для университета?

**Чингиз Б.:** В основном обеспечивали безопасность студентам, точнее студенткам.

**Медер:** Девушкам от тебя как можно дальше держаться надо. Какая безопасность?!

**Ильхом:** А если честно, университет дал нам больше чем мы ему, но мы обещаем вернуть все долги.

## Ваше кредо?

**Чингиз Ч.:** Не хочешь – не хочи.

**Эркин:** Рыба гниет с головы!

**Ильхом:** Любовь, как футбол - после первого тайма меняй ворота!

**Медер:** Не брейся, не сбреют...

**Медет:** Небритого бритва бережет!

**Диаз:** Не откладывай на завтра то, что можешь сделать послезавтра или вообще не делай!

**Чингиз Б.:** Лондон - не Париж, Ош - не Бишкек!

**Эмиль:** Ухи - не компьютер - ломаешь - не починишь!

И напоследок...

ВСЕХ СПАСИБО!!! (Смеются)



Чинара Султаналиева