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KIMEP Student Constitution to be Reformed next Semester!

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Reportedly, many generations of the KSA Cabinet intended to improve the central legal basis of KIMEP student society, though the Constitution and the whole self-governance system still remains untouched and conservative, not to mention insignificant and unfamiliar to

many students. This year, the new KSA Cabinet with the assistance of an initiative group of students and KIMEP Legal Clinic is going to introduce changes into its outdated self-governance. It is expected that the reformation process will include an expert assessment of the proposed drafts from law faculty members, a number of public discourse events and finally, a transparent and democratic adoption of the new Constitution, which may probably be the first student referendum ever at KU.

The legislative working group will be comprised of eight active KSA deputies and a number of interested students under the leadership of the VP of Adminis-

tration Aidana Bergazdenova and BLLB student Madi Saken. In close cooperation with the administration and faculty members, the group will prepare a draft of the amendments by the Spring semester of 2017.

It is not yet clear what kind of specific changes will be introduced. However, the main reasons for the reformation are the absence of a system of checks and balances, inefficient control over KSA's transparency and student rights' observance, ineffectiveness of some of the KSA Committees, the election system and the Constitution itself. KIMEP Times will cover the details of the reformation process and the analysis of proposed reforms in the next issue.

We, the students of KIMEP in order to advance the education of the students; to promote the general welfare of the students; to preserve within the University an atmosphere of free discussion, inquiry and self-expression; in order to appropriately organize the responsibilities of participatory governance in joint effort among students, faculty, and the administration of KIMEP; do hereby adopt this Constitution of the KIMEP Student Association (hereinafter referred to as the KSA).

Article I. Name, Membership, Purpose and Main Body

I.1 Name

The name of this organization shall be "KIMEP Student Association (hereinafter referred as KSA).

I.2 Membership

All full-time students who are enrolled at KIMEP as part of a degree program are members of the KSA and shall be entitled to participate in the Association's activities and to vote at the KSA Annual Elections.

I.3 Purpose

The purpose of the KSA is to advance the education of the students; to promote the general welfare of the students; to preserve within the University an atmosphere of free discussion, inquiry and self-expression; to appropriately organize the responsibilities of participatory governance in joint effort among students, faculty, and the administration of KIMEP; to seek student input on issues; to act on and provide recommendations on student issues. The KSA directs its efforts to support the KIMEP administration to make KIMEP one of the best universities in the world and in conjunction and co-operation with the KIMEP faculty and administration makes all possible efforts to make KIMEP campus a place of safety and harmony for research, discussion and other academic activities.

I.4 General Body of the Student Association

General Body of the KSA is the full time registered students in degree programs at KIMEP. The Cabinet of the KSA is responsible to this body.

I.4.1 Meetings of the General Body

The "Cabinet" shall call a meeting of the General Body at least once a semester in which the activities of the KSA including financial matters, progress in different fronts, problems and opportunities shall be reported, discussed and debated in general. In particular, the Cabinet shall make the following reports: (a) General state of the KSA (b) Budget, finance and expenditures (c) Activities of the working committees (d) Opportunities in which students can take active part (e) Others

I.4.2 Responsibilities of KSA Cabinet before the General Body

The responsibility of the KSA Cabinet is to take part in the welfare of the student population, ensure progress, integrity and financial stability of the KSA and engage fellow students and administration of KIMEP in creating a thriving environment. Because the Cabinet is elected by the students, the General Body shall have the right to consider and discuss any or all issues of the activities of KSA.

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Information Is Not Knowledge Or How PPTs Ruined Teaching

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When the number of completed courses keeps increasing, and GPA decreasing, students start to notice different styles that professors use to teach at KIMEP and act accordingly. In this article we tried to compare and contrast those styles.

KIMEP is a leading university in Central Asia with North American style of education. At the same time professors have their own methods and approaches to teaching students. While some people enjoy the Western style of education here in Central Asia, others find it inconvenient as it does not comply with national standards.

However the opinion, destructive way of teaching that is practiced at the university hurts in any case. This 'style' can be characterized by the following: professors are late for classes, only read text from the slides which are copied from the Internet, exams are comprised of very simple, often multiple choice questions, which are designed not to test analytical skills but rather students' ability to memorize and fool the system. Such behavior demonstrates professors' indifference to the outcome or reflects students' lack of motivation.

This relationship between students and the professor is mutual. Students adapt to this 'style' as they don't listen, pay attention, stare at their phones and come to classes only if

there are points for attendance and participation. Someone might reply that students are not little kids who should be forced to study. And they should be the ones to prioritize their interests: choose to study during the class, just look at their phones and/or miss the classes.

On the other hand, "If students behave in such a way, it is mainly because the professor is not able to catch their attention. Moreover, the

**"A bad teacher describes,
A good explains,
Excellent shows,
Great - inspires."**

students do not listen to professor, because the same content is available on the Internet", says Irina Kulikova, a 4th year KIMEP student. Another 3th year KIMEP student also claims that "professors teaching in such educational styles do not attract students' attention, and the atmosphere is boring." Albert Einstein once said: "Information is not knowledge". In the age where any information can be retrieved in just a couple of clicks, such lectures seem to be useless. It is an ineffective use of time that could be spent on developing students' critical and analytical thinking, imagination and creativity, and on discussing real life problems.

However many students are quite

happy with such conditions. They do not need to study hard for the exams as all it takes is reading a couple of slides, solving problems from preparation or memorizing answers for previous exams. By doing so, students drive themselves to a standstill. Instructors must cultivate in students a passion for knowledge, interest for new discoveries and sciences. They should make it clear to younger generations that they are the engine of progress and development. The future of the Earth.

Unfortunately, it is impossible in a situation when a professor expresses indifference toward students. This implies ignorance, apathy and disrespect on the part of young people. As was mentioned above, everything is correlated. But, first of all, responsibility and fault in this situation is on Teaching Staff. They could not light the fire in the hearts and minds of the students. And those, in turn pay with the same coin - indifference. However, students mistakenly believe that they are indifferent only toward the instructor, vice versa, they are indifferent to themselves.

Just like any coin has two sides, there are two opposite views in every situation. "Some professors choose another way of sharing their knowledge. Classes are started on time and being late is not allowed, they share their experience and engage students in discussions of controversial issues and give interesting assignments",



explained Shahnoz Jonmamadova, a fourth year KIMEP student.

These professors stand out by not using PowerPoint, preparing interesting lecture materials, relevant case studies and challenging exams. Surprisingly, some students complain that course with these instructors are not as easy to pass and require extra efforts to an "A+". However, these lectures give students knowledge and skills to prepare them for the future. By the way, it helps students to develop their critical thinking, gives a cognition of the subject, and expands

their views and imagination..

Finally, education forms students' mind and knowledge, and impacts their lives. Also, it is the process of helping students realize abilities, talents, skills, and focusing on improving them. By being a leading University in Central Asia, KIMEP follows the same mission and practices as are internationally accepted as academic standards. In order to continue this path and strengthen this position, destructive methods of teaching, such as ones mentioned above, should be eliminated.

Senior Year Anxiety: What Will You Do after Graduation?

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Change is tough. The bigger, the tougher. With college graduation, a new chapter starts in our lives, but this next page is full of doubts and uncertainties. Most of us have to leave our friends, family, four-year-long routines and familiar places behind, and go explore the unknown. "So, what you are going to do with your life?" might get the best prize for "The Most Intimidating Question Ever" for a college senior.

The Freshman year was challenging at times. I've gone through a lot to move to Almaty, and the first months of adjustment weren't exactly easy. The Sophomore year was a lot better, coming back to a familiar place and knowing how things work was nice for a change. I did a lot of what's called extracurricular activities. During my junior year I participated in all sorts of business schools' trainings, took millions of credits at once, completed two internships, and joined a new student organization. A hard year it was, but I would live it all over again just not to go through the hell of being a senior.

People expect us, 21-and-something years olds, to have figured out our lives already, to have at least a detailed 10-year plan on how we will conquer the world and have a work-life balance, to

know exactly how one company is totally different from many others and yes, to have at least one start-up in our pocket. "Ob, you paid out your own tuition? Won a volleyball tournament and a debate one? But why aren't you at the top of your class again?" Or "You have a perfect GPA but life is not about studying, right?"

By the time you get to your third interview for an unpaid internship you feel everything you've been doing for the last three years was wrong. And here it is - Catch-22 with work experience. No entry jobs in Finance without a work experience! *Do I even want to work in Finance? Maybe it would have been better to stick to accounting after all?* And here comes a brilliant escape plan to apply for a Masters degree but then you realize that you don't know what to study. *I know English, I could teach children English around the world! I've to pay \$4000 to do a volunteering project? Are you even serious?*

I realize that this is the time to focus, make that last effort to finish projects and take exams, craft a perfect CV and impress every HR manager, but getting a job is half the problem. After all, we are soon-to-be KIMEP graduates!

The hardest part is leaving the world that you have been carefully building for almost four years behind, waking up and realizing that there won't be any midterm breaks and free Fridays

anymore. Or even waking up in a couple of months in a different city full of strangers or moving back to your town and finding nothing familiar. And friends! With how many of them shall we be in touch apart from Instagram likes?

If you don't know what it feels like, imagine being left in a lifeboat in the middle of the ocean at moonless night.

Sure I'm the one to determine the route of my life: I have choices, freedom to act, but sometimes a great weight of responsibility hurts my shoulders and I want someone to tell me exactly what to do. Making all of these decisions is exhausting. Unfortunately, there is no one to live our lives for us.

Yes, the future is uncertain and scary. But isn't this the way it's always been? When we do something for the first time, approach a stranger, order meal in a new café or go to an unfamiliar place? Looking back, all of us can see many situations like these where we were so scared that it took our breath away, we failed so hard we almost couldn't get back up, and we didn't know how life would turn out to be. We did just fine, didn't we? This time is not going to be an exception.

Hold tight, we have an ocean to cross! **Per aspera ad astra.**

20+ Faculty Members to Join KIMEP University Next Year

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A world-class university starts with intellectually curious students and committed, innovative faculty that support them. That is why attracting and retaining academic talent is a #1 priority for KIMEP University for the next academic year.

In September 2016, KIMEP initiated an ambitious global recruiting effort to fill more than 20 faculty positions. Advertising vacancies in Tier-1 media, such as *The Economist* and *The Guardian*, as well as top recruiting websites for academics, KIMEP University has devoted substantial resources to ensure that students receive the most relevant, thoughtful educational experience.

BCB is searching for three professors in Accounting, two professors in Finance, one professor in Management and two professors in Marketing for a total of eight new faculty



members. CSS is searching for two professors in Media and Communications, and one professor in Public Administration for a total of three new faculty members. Law School is searching for three new faculty members. The Language

Center is searching for seven new faculty members. In addition, KIMEP University is also searching for a Dean to guide its General Education courses.

Deans of the four colleges have established search committees consisting of current faculty to identify the best candidates from a larger set of more than 300 applications. Professors from North America, Europe, Asia, and Africa with degrees from leading universities such as Yale University, George Washington University, HEC Paris, Carleton University, King's College London, and many others have expressed interest in working and teaching at KIMEP.

Search committees have shortlisted applicants whose qualifications and experience most closely match with the needs of KIMEP University, and interviews are currently being held. The search committees are expected to extend offers to outstanding candidates before the end of the Fall semester.



Learning to Help 39 Charity Projects Completed for Operations Management Course

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This semester requirements for Operations Management course taught by Yevgeniya Kim included planning and implementing charity projects. 150 students taking this course formed groups and completed 39 projects to help the community.

If you paid any attention, you would notice extraordinary activities of KIMEP students this past October: selling sweets, shopping bags, bookmarks and notebooks. It was all related to Operations Management, a required three-credit course for Business School students.

This course describes the nature and scope of operations management and how it relates to other parts of an organization. During this class, students learn such essential terms for the world of business like Total Quality Management, Logistics, Supply Chain Management, Project Management, etc.

Besides getting theoretical knowledge, students are required to complete projects in teams throughout the course, like building a bridge, opening own business, or constructing a plane. But this semester, Yevgeniya Kim, a professor teaching this course, asked students for something special. One of the projects included implementing a charity event in groups of 3-4 people. These events could consist of (but not be limited to) entertainment, leisure, fundraising, crowd funding, and other.

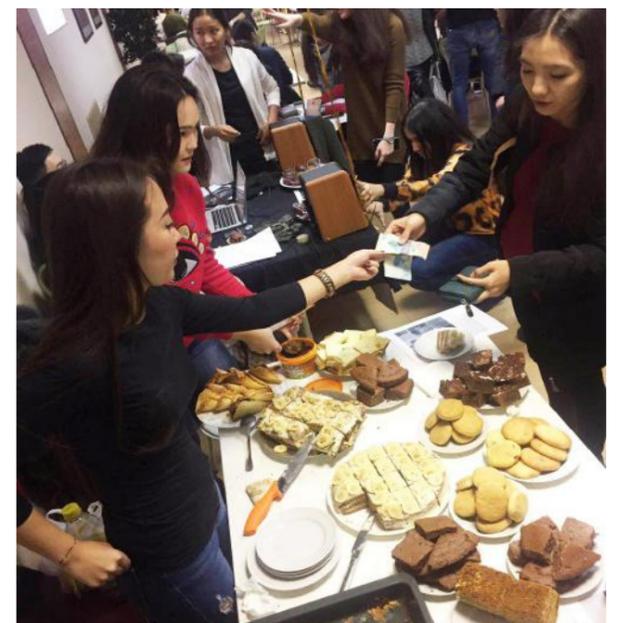
That's how between 8 September and 22 October 150 students organized 39 projects, most of the students did this for the first time. On the one hand, creating a charity project is

fun, but students were getting grades for it, and it should be related to the course. So, the professor set a budget of 10,000 KZT + 20% overhead and included must-have activities:

- Contacting and cooperating with charitable organizations in Kazakhstan
- Seeking sponsorship
- Attracting volunteers
- Holding campaigns
- Photo and video coverage (interviews, mass media, if applicable)

Overall, it is always good when a professor can create an enjoyable learning environment. At the end, you probably will not remember all theoretical stuff from classes, but time and efforts spent on doing something on your own will stay in your memory for a long time. "For many of us it seems impossible to add volunteering to our busy schedules, but what I realized after this project is that if you budget your time well, you will find a plenty of time for it, without compromising your ability to satisfy your other obligations" shares Shahnoz Jonmamadova about her experience helping Training Cafe.

Yevgeniya Kim: "It is a good opportunity to do something good and learn the basics of project management. Students have to plan everything in advance (Gantt chart, budget, events, network, etc.), and after that, to implement their plans"



All raised money were donated to Nail, who has a Pena-Shokeir syndrome



Students raised money in KIMEP University by selling creative stickers and bookmarks

Students earned money by washing cars and donated it to Veterans



Legal Clinic: Is Law That Easy?

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In the Legal Clinic, students from different departments gather for multiple projects in order to reach a higher understanding of the law and its practical application.

Founded in the early 2012, the Legal Clinic is the initiative of Selbi Durdiyeva, KIMEP School of Law alumna. It started out as a program offering legal aid for people who

in which any student is free to join, contribute and participate.

Principles and goals

- 1 Provide people in need with free legal aid.
- 2 A platform for students to apply their theoretical knowledge
- 3 Raise population's legal literacy and legal awareness

As of June, 2012, the initiative was

in which he was willing to win a full custody over his young daughter. Aigerim believes that the man was having anger management issues, which by her moral code isn't the best criterion for a guardian of a child. Suppressed internal struggles didn't affect the success of completed work and willings of the father, yet the feeling of whether it was the right action has still remained.

Although the work is completed by students, every document undergoes a thorough and strict supervision by a resigned judge, Gulnar Kozhakenovna. In case a document lacks certain details, Gulnar and an assigned student work again on the document, in order to make sure that every submitted paper meets the normative requirements of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Legal Clinic as a student organization currently has ten active projects and additional three that are in the process of development. All projects, except Law Theatre, invite students from different majors to unite under a common project and participate in it.

Students who want to understand the ideas of law, government, philosophy, and human rights have two options to choose from, Legal Tea and Reading Club.

During Legal Tea sessions, students majoring in business, law or humanities-related subjects gather around one table to share experiences, opinions. Also, students question

whether certain actions and policies are beneficial and even applicable to the current political, social or economic situations. Among recently discussed topics are euthanasia, the legal aspects of transgenderism, and presidential elections in the United States.

Often underestimated, Reading Club holds a fundamental value for pursuing goals related to law.

Current President of Legal Clinic, Zhasmin Jalkibayeva believes that the project is critical to students of law schools as it provides its members with antique yet absolutely inspirational literary works once written by great authors, such as "Leviathan" by Thomas Hobbes or "The Social Contract" by Jean Jacques Rousseau. Reading Club engages students to build a basis to understand certain fields of life from a completely unique perspective.

Legal Literacy differs from other projects as it targets high school students and aims at improving their legal literacy on human rights issues.

The quality of instruction of the secondary course taught in local high school is often questioned. In order to improve the situation, members of Legal Clinic pushed forward a social initiative to provide high school students with academic lectures on the subject. Recently, students of KIMEP visited Gymnasium #105, named after O. Jandossov, the only school that has accepted the offer to

host lectures.



The only project that exclusively targets members of Legal Clinic is Law Theatre, a mandatory project

for all members who have an opportunity to participate as helpers or actors in performances. Law Theatre is planning to host a performance in collaboration with faculty members, among which are Sergey Sayapin and Arman Shaikenov.

Legal Clinic was initiated as a platform to practice theoretical knowledge for the students of the School of Law. The dean of the School of Law, Joseph Luke and the faculty are proactive in helping to develop and enrich both directions of Legal Clinic with bright ideas and legal projects. Every faculty member dedicates time and expertise to help students acquire legal writing skills, legal reasoning and self-development. Starting as an academic internship program that helps to acquire and practice legal skills, Legal Clinic stretched its roots forward into the student organization. The existence of similar programs in the academic curricula of the College of Social Sciences and the Bang School of Business would ease the processes of earning internship credits, acquiring practical knowledge, developing new ideas and building strong academic relationships between students and the faculty.

Legal Clinic is a small organization that strives to make contributions to the excellence of KIMEP University.



could not afford legal services.

The success of providing free legal aid pushed forward other initiatives to create a student organization, in which students are not limited by their academic background. Currently, the Legal Clinic has two main divisions, one that still serves as a legal practice for law students and another that holds a spectrum of projects

officially established and called Legal Clinic. Later it became a mandatory academic internship for law students. Former President of Legal Clinic, Aigerim Akmaganbetova, who worked on multiple cases, shared a case on the struggle between professional ethics and personal morals. One of the clients of Legal Clinic was in the middle of a custody bat-

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Korean World at KIMEP



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KIMEP University has established partnerships and agreements for student mobility program with more than 160 universities from different parts of the world and the number of Korean partner universities is very substantial compared to other universities that are among those 160.

Korean students constitute a high percentage of entire KIMEP students annually. For the year 2016, there are around 70 Korean students studying at KIMEP, including those who came through exchange programs this year. Currently, KIMEP has partnerships with more than 30 universities in South Korea.

When first coming to KIMEP, students tend to wonder why locals in here, especially girls, are so obsessed with Korean culture, language and students. Usually, it is very hard to raise one's interest in your country or language, but Korean students were able to raise KIMEP students' interest in their country. There is a Korean organization named KOCO (Korean Culture Organization) at KIMEP founded in May of 2016 with 20 starting members and already having 50 members as of today.

"This organization is a club for anyone who is interested in learning more about Korean culture. Its purpose is to help not only the students from KIMEP, but anyone from Almaty to enhance their knowledge in Korean culture and language and to introduce Korean customs and traditions to the Kazakhstani society," says Lee Hyoungjin, the current president of KOCO.

Korean students have created their own little world at KIMEP. They have their own organization where they communicate and hang out mostly with each other. At KIMEP, Korean students are known for their hard-working attitude and being uncommunicative with others. But the interesting question is *Why don't they socialize with other students?*

"They do communicate mainly with each other and I think it is also true for other

students coming from the same countries. In my opinion, it is because hanging out with people who speak the same language and have the same culture that you do makes it easier to adapt to a new place," reflects Suh YeoungHo, who has studied at KIMEP for two semesters in the last academic year.

"I never actually thought about this, but maybe Korean students find it difficult to communicate with foreign students because of culture differences and difficulties with speaking English," expresses his opinion Youn SeungHee.

One of the interesting facts about Korean students, male students in particular, is that usually they study at KIMEP for more than four years to complete their education. The reason behind it is that they all whether have served or still have to serve in the military of their home-country - South Korea. Military service requirements differ from country to country, be it voluntary service, one year service, or exemption from service in case of studying at the university or being a single male child in a family. But none of this requirements apply to Korea. All men have to serve in the military unless they have some health issues.

Every exchange student arriving to Almaty for semester abroad has to be prepared for being asked good old questions on why they chose Kazakhstan, why their preference was KIMEP, and so on. Korean students aren't exceptions, and in many cases regular students from South Korea are swamped with such questions even more often than any other student could imagine.

"I chose to study at KIMEP because I have graduated from the high school in Almaty and lived here for three years. I wanted to expand my knowledge of English and Russian languages by staying here for my future education. In my opinion, it would be way too hard for me to study back in Korea," shares SeungHee, a regular Korean student at KIMEP.

"Back in Korea, I was interested in courses that related to politics and different industries outside of my country. But unfortunately, there were no such courses offered at my university. Now, I am taking Central Asian politics classes at KIMEP and I really like them. Also, I joined KOCO organization, and I am really happy that I found so many new foreign friends at KIMEP", says Hong JungKeun, a third year exchange student from Sogang University, South Korea.

YeoungHo shares that Korean students mostly go to European countries for their exchange year or semester, but that he always wanted to go to a unique place. It turned out to be KIMEP University, because it is the best university in Central Asia and he wanted to study with the best students in Central Asia.

KIMEP has always been a home to diversity and cultural mix, considering number of students with various ethnical background, and especially so after establishing partnerships with universities all over the world. Korean world within the walls of our university is only one example of the different cultural groups represented here, and what a wonderful world that is to discover, to dive in and to embrace.



Uzbekistan after Karimov



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Most students at KIMEP noticed that the long-serving President of our neighbor in the south, Islam Karimov, has passed away. This event triggered not-yet-completed process of succession in the country ruled by Karimov for 27 years. Fortunately enough, the country was able to avoid a serious constitutional crisis. At the beginning of September, the Parliament approved Prime Minister Shavkat Mirziyoyev as interim president - he is expected to become the new President in December.

The main question now is to what extent the country is going to change after the transition of power and what affect it would have on the security and cooperation in the region. So far, in his first speech before the Parliament, Mirziyoyev committed himself to continuing the political course of the previous President Islam Karimov.

Karimov, in the same way as the president of Kazakhstan, began his political career when his country was still part of the Soviet Union, ruling the Soviet republic, and then the country, since it gained its independence in 1991. He was considered to be a "strongman" who managed to keep the country together under difficult circumstances during the times when it was exposed to the effects of the war in neighboring Afghanistan. He fought the Islamic radicals and did not allow Uzbekistan to become a breeding ground for terrorists. No doubt, his anti-terrorism vigilance had of course contributed also to the safer southern borders of Kazakhstan. In his anti-terrorism efforts he was also an effective partner for the major regional stakeholders: Russia, China, and the West. At the same time, he was criticized by Western countries for his authoritarian rule, widespread corruption and nepotism, lack of economic reforms, and human rights violations. Still, he provided relative stability and economic development to Uzbekistan's citizens.

Immediately after Karimov's death, countries and people around the world started to ask what effect the succession in Uzbekistan may have for the world and other countries in the region. Any instability in Uzbekistan can easily affect the core of the region, the densely populated, ethnically mixed, and volatile Fergana Valley, consisting of eastern Uzbekistan, southern Kyrgyzstan and northern Tajikistan.

Under a 'multi-vector' foreign policy (similar to Kazakhstan's one), Karimov's Uzbekistan was able to skillfully balance the influence of major powers, Russia and the US, and later also China. Most observers believe that the next administration of Uzbekistan will opt for more openness, as opposed to its previous partial isolationism (staying away from many international projects) typical for Karimov's rule. By and large, all three big global and regional powers, Russia, the U.S., and China, are interested in a smooth transition in Uzbekistan and would like to see stability and keep or increase their influence there. China in particular, because of its global geopolitical project - the New Silk Road, a project into which the middle kingdom invests much of its financial and political capital. The U.S. might aim at better relations than those under Karimov, as their mutual relations were for years strained by government's measures to quell the unrest in Andijon in 2005. Experts expect that Uzbekistan's foreign policy will in principle continue, perhaps with more emphasis on cooperation with Central Asian countries - with some of them, namely Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, the country has recently had edgy relations, mostly due to problems with water, energy supply and border control. Also, cooperation with Kazakhstan will be of great significance to both countries, as there are many outstanding issues common to the two largest Central Asian neighbors - ranging from rather stalled economic cooperation to control of migration, drug smuggling, and extremism and terrorism. Let's hope that the winner of all changes in the future will be the friendly and beautiful people of Uzbekistan. The truth is that Uzbekistan badly needs economic and political reforms in the direction of liberalization (less control of the state) and improved performance in the economy with less corruption, and strengthening of democratic institutions; the question is whether on these issues the Uzbekistani elites will be able to find a consensus.



One Day in Dr. Bang's Life

Time-management has always been an issue. People tend to learn personal traits from successful people in order to achieve a better day planning, and motivate themselves for a sustainable and regular time-management.

This time we offer our students an opportunity to walk in the shoes of Dr. Chan Young Bang, and to get familiar with his schedule.

Monday

5:30 – 6:00 A.M. – Dr. Bang wakes up. First, he makes a cup of coffee and watches CNN to get the idea of what news drive the day.

6:00 – 8:30 A.M. – Dr. Bang works on his research that focuses on peaceful denuclearization of North Korea. He also spends a lot of time reading in the mornings. One of his favorite subjects is Napoleon. He also has breakfast early in the morning, which he makes himself. It usually consists of a fruit bowl with yogurt, or sometimes an omelet.

9:00 A.M. – Dr. Bang arrives in KIMEP and begins his day.

9:00 – 11:00 A.M. – Dr. Bang meets with the members of the President's Cabinet and vice presidents Dr. Barnett, Dr. Landis, and Yuriy Fidirko to discuss current projects and updates from colleges and departments.

11:00 A.M – 12:00 P.M. – IT'S TIME FOR Ping-Bang-pong! Dr. Bang exercises at the Sports Center. He usually plays ping-pong with his driver Dima, and even sometimes lets him win.

12:00 – 1:00 P.M. – Dr. Bang has lunch with his team. He often holds important meetings with distinguished professors, academics and business people over lunch as well.

1:00 – 2:00 P.M. – Dr. Bang reads his favorite press – *The Financial Times*, *The New York Times*, *TIME magazine*, and *The Economist* – and works on his research in the meantime.

2:00 – 4:00 P.M. – Dr. Bang schedules a majority of his meetings in the afternoon. He meets with the Vice Presidents, Deans, and Directors to discuss the key issues of the University, such as academic recruitment, 25th anniversary celebration, renovation works on

campus, budget issues, and many more.

4:00 – 5:30 P.M. – Dr. Bang's executive assistant brings requests and documents that require his attention, such as cash reserves, memoranda, payment requests for capital expenditures, and many others. If a decision is important, Dr. Bang calls a President's Cabinet meeting. If further follow up on the issue is needed, Dr. Bang assigns a specialist in the area to research and prepare recommendations.

5:30 P.M. – Dr. Bang usually goes home, but his work doesn't end there. He makes many calls, both locally and internationally, sends emails and faxes, and works on strategically important issues.

6:00 – 9:30 P.M. – Dr. Bang gets home and has dinner with his family, exercises outside, and reads some more before going to sleep.

9:30 P.M. – Dr. Bang prefers to go to sleep reasonably early, as he wakes up early as well.

On Sundays and Saturdays, Dr. Bang exercises at the gym, and on weekends he usually has guests over for lunch.

Dr. Bang's Four Keys to Success:

Commitment and Passion

"In any chosen field the road to success is paved with hard work and determination, but if you have a 100% commitment and passion, you are already half way through it. I established KIMEP because I wholeheartedly believe in this university and its unique mission, and that is why it has succeeded. It is my monumental legacy."

Investment in Education

"Analytical skills and critical thinking are second to none when it comes to success. Therefore, you need to be a diligent student to develop and advance those skills and abilities. At the end of the day, the bigger your investment in education is, the larger your reward is going to be."

Physical Well-Being

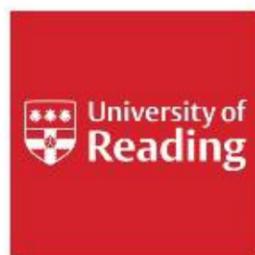
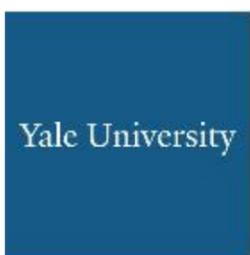
"You also have to be physically fit and exercise on a daily basis. I firmly believe that your intellectual capacity increases dramatically when you exercise. Making physical well-being part of your routine not only helps tremendously with self-discipline, but enables you to think better."

Knowledge-Based Expertise

"When reading, you build your fundamental knowledge base. I have read tens of thousands of books, which allowed me to deepen my expertise in multiple domains and make informed, analytical management decisions."

Virtual Trading: StockTrak

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ey is intact and untouched. Voilà! It's also a perfect idea for students all over the world to practice and nail their skills through such simulations, to check theoretical concepts of financial classes and to try following the bullish and bearish trends of the markets, speculating with price falls and rises, or simply buying as many *Apple Inc.* stocks as you ever wanted to have. *Learning by doing* concept in full force - that's what educational institutions need.

Here at KIMEP, if you are among the lucky ones, StockTrak, the leading provider of virtual trading applications for universities worldwide, is for your access this semester! Yale, Columbia, Berkeley - these universities and many more others have been using StockTrak for a considerable amount of time now, and KIMEP students have joined the vast pool of StockTrak's active traders just a while ago. It gives a wonderful opportunity to click some random buttons and see how your portfolio of stocks, commodities, options and futures is created. No doubt, it is indeed a valuable contribution from StockTrak, which should be gradually utilized by KIMEP Community.

Several BCB faculty members have introduced this application to their students once it was launched, and it

has proved to be an interesting experience so far, captivating for giving a real time picture of the market fluctuations, and intimidating at the same time, as everything may change directions in a split second. The time difference is one thing that might be considered a pitfall of this platform, as the American market is buzzing when we are just about to get ready for bed. Well, it doesn't stop some reckless students that stay wide awake just to see if *Neflix* shares will rise in price and whether Trump's campaign will have a long-lasting effect on US Dollar or not. Caffeinated, eager to play along with the market performance indicators, some might have discovered themselves as natural traders: risky and venturesome, or cautious and watchful.

In KIMEP, we are training a whole new generation of specialists in the financial sector, and all the resources that we can use - **must** and **need** to be used to the fullest extent, be it StockTrak access or potential Bloomberg subscription. Let's hope that our university's partnership with StockTrak will not cease, and many more students will be able to try out the roles of traders in the future. So far, keep track of the market shifts this month, who knows - maybe your lucky moment is soon to arrive?

Apple is a strong "BUY", while Facebook is a strong "SELL" - have you ever cared about such prognosis? Probably not, since it's not like you are a trader with millions of dollars to invest in stocks or other financial instruments. Yet it is still possible for you to feel like one nowadays, all these simulations and softwares at your service, ready to boost your knowledge of the markets.

A phone call from a brokerage company and a simple "We will help you multiply your capital by five, ten, twenty times!" that is so sweet on the ears. Uh-huh, how many of us fall for that trick daily? And even as we do, does any one of us imagine what exactly brokerage companies do,

what kind of trading they invite us to participate in, and what you actually buy or sell on the market? The odds are that we simply concentrate on the magical sound of the words *Profit* and *Return*, not taking into account the terrifying ones like *Risks* and *Exposures*.

What is so wrong about that? Many things, actually. That is when a KIMEP student proudly puffs and smirks, because he can't be tricked, oh no, not by the luring agents that are out in the ocean to catch some fish. One studied this and that in Financial Institutions Markets, another covered that topic in the Investments class, so they know, and Knowledge, as we all agree, is Power. Yet it wouldn't take long to reveal one simple secret: knowledge is worth

nothing when you don't know how to implement it. That's when you start wondering about how to implement knowledge in practice, if brokers ask you to open an account with \$5,000 as a deposit (where'd you get that much?), the demo versions of trading platforms put you on the spotlight of such brokers (calls never stop), and, basically, *you know nothing* about the platforms.

Trading simulations were created as perfect solutions for such situations, basically designed for amateur traders that are not ready or not willing to expose themselves to risks of playing a bigger game, at least not until gaining the necessary experience first. Virtual trading can be as exciting as the real one, and it has one great advantage: your real mon-



MONEY NOT NEEDED: HOW AN UNUSUAL EXPERIMENT INSPIRED AN ORGANIZATION



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Is there any way to own an object without paying a single penny? Sometimes unusual plans work out. KIMEP freshman explains how his idea turned into a real deal within one day.

Damir Suleimenov, a first-year student with a major in International Relations, has become a generator of one unique idea that may seem really obvious for some of us. Yet his story can show you that some activities people consider as plainly stupid or outright weird can become a good reason for creating a new

organization.

"I remembered the man who exchanged paperclip for a two-story house, so I decided to conduct an experiment at KIMEP dormitory," Damir explains. There was no global purpose behind the activity, it was just for fun: he started trading from a single pencil, though didn't expect any response. Then the rest followed: **aspirin - stickers - clothesline - knife - lighter - 2 spoons and a fork - 8Gb USB flash drive...** Surprisingly, the results were positive, just in one evening he went from a pencil to a bottle of perfume. How about that?

Also, Damir is not alone - he has some supporters who are willing to trade with him. The exchange process goes this way: people come to his room, offer something they have and exchange for what they need. That is how KIMEP Trade was founded.

Basically, the organization trades things

which students need only at the university. At the moment such attributes as cutting board, power bank, headphones, vinyl records, iPhone charger with a case, cups, kitchenware (spoons & knives), Manchester United backpack, lighters, KIMEP T-shirts are available for exchanging.

At the time of founding, there were only three supporters in the organization, then the number grew from three to twelve members. Anyone who wants to enter KIMEP Trade organization or simply get an item in exchange for another one, could find him in room #522b, or at the red benches by the dormitory.

Damir Suleimenov is just a freshman, but he managed to establish an organization, which was just a funny experiment at the beginning. Some people react negatively to his trading, others admire the idea itself. At the end of the day the exchange process keeps going on.

Brexit, Trump and the Revolt Against Globalization



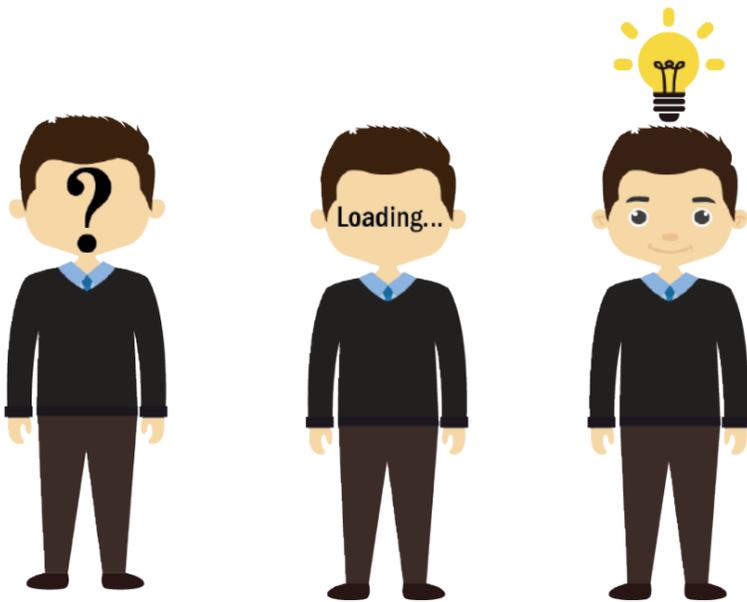
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One of the great things of KIMEP is that you can have lots of *chorni chai* with interesting people from all over the world and that is exactly what I was doing some days ago: having a cup of tea with Prof. Scott Spehr, an expert in terrorism. After the second cup, he confided to me that Islamic terrorism is just another kind of revolt against modernity. There are hundreds of millions of people who just cannot cope with this unbeatable mix of secularized and individualistic values, coupled with "successful" economic liberalism, all of it broadcasted 24/7 by hundreds of film studios, TV channels and probably millions of websites. Religion may offer both an easy explanation and a safe haven to all those whose world is not just changing too much and too fast, it has just turned upside down, overnight. But there is one suitable substitute for religion in today's Godless West: the nation. In fact, race, class, language or *your nation* have been aptly labelled "political religions." The dialectics of right-wing nationalism vs left-wing cosmopolitanism may be a useful - although imperfect - analytical framework to understand a significant part of both the 19th and the 20th centuries, in the West. Well into the second decade of the 21st century, nationalism is back, offering yet again cheap consolation to those who just cannot see any of the promised perks of economic globalization and of the ravaging internet fostered culture of the self. Who's guilty that I lost my job? *They* are, not *us*. Who's guilty that I cannot recognise anymore the neighbourhood where I grew up? *They* are, not *us*. Who's guilty of the apparently sudden ethical mutations I see in my perfect little world? *They* are, not *us*. It is impossible not to notice how the heavily populated, impersonal areas of London or the US East and West Coasts are also the most secularized, liberal and cosmopolitan ones. Brexit was thoroughly beaten in London. Trump would never win in his native New York. A well-educated, non-traditional, young and ambitious banker in the City may easily grasp the benefits - for himself - of free trade with the rest of Europe. A middle-aged, unemployed worker in a small town in Northern England, or a white farmer in Mississippi, may not. There is then only a small step towards discovering a simplistic cause and effect link between free trade and free immigration and then between free trade and liberalism in general. The "good old days" are now lost forever. Of course, the "good old days" never really existed, no matter if you are talking about America in the 50s or about the mighty Caliphate of Córdoba. History always tells us what we want to hear. Still, are US Clintonites or UK's Europe-lovers much different? Is nationalism or, as they now call it, populism, a rightist vice? It is not. On the one hand, Latin American populism has always managed to combine patriotism with a left-wing liberation discourse. On the other hand, were the rioting college students of the 60s, in Paris or Berkeley, NOT populists? Were their angry protests any more supported by rationality and real data, and not with ideology nor with baseless community feelings? The nation is indeed a feeling but so are pacifism, class struggle or gender equality. You can probably fill tons of publishable college papers with statistics "proving" the existence of blatant discrimination against minorities and women but, at the end of the day, equality - or *the nation* - is a first principle, an unproved premise, something you cannot discuss, something you refuse to discuss. For a nationalist, a refusal to acknowledge that *your* country comes first is a sheer betrayal and a conversation stopper. For a liberal, a refusal to accept that men and women are equal is a mental illness. The Brexit and the US elections are good examples of a dialogue between two deaf monkeys. No matter how much effort is put in trying to buttress your position by the sheer force of numbers, neither of the two sides is really trying to understand why the opponent thinks - or feels - the way he does. Equality - racial equality, gender equality - is an ethical value as empirically indemonstrable as the value of human life, or the supremacy of the nation. Someone may contend that equality is the result of an ethical consensus or even the premise for any ethical consensus but so is the nation and so is the community which the nation pretends to represent, at least in the eyes of many. Without consensus this world would be a jungle, someone may add, but that does not really matter if I am willing to be the king of the jungle. Unless we accept that everybody has their own prejudices, Brexit and Trump are just one more milestone in a seemingly endless debate.

How to Achieve Desired Effectiveness?

Tips from P&G's HR Manager

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The word “effectiveness” has already become a cliché. Different books and trainings provide their own understanding and several tips how to develop it. KIMEP Times would like to share with you an expert’s opinion on this issue. Vladislav Kim, HR Manager at Procter and Gamble (P&G), emphasises three steps that will help to achieve it as soon as possible.

When college dropouts become millionaires, and spaceships are built to conquer distant planets, it’s an un-

acceptable luxury to waste time. Doing everything in the most effective way can get us where we want to be. Just getting there is not enough, we should be the first. Vladislav Kim points out three essential steps to improve performance and achieve higher results.

First of all, a person has to answer to all possible “WHAT” question, e.g. “What do I like?”, “What are my strengths?”, “What am I planning to do during this semester/next year/after graduation/?” and so on. There is nothing to talk about unless you

have clear goals and both short and long-term plans how to accomplish them. In P&G every employee has to accomplish five required tasks a year. If he doesn’t succeed in performing them, he is likely to be fired. By the way, if your target is 100%, you are supposed to do at least 110%.

Secondly, in order to be effective, you have to develop your skills. In general, most recruiters pay attention to three most important competences: leadership, result-orientation, and critical thinking. Unfortunately, they are not well developed among students and recent graduates.

Whether a person is a **leader** or not could be seen if he is ready to take the responsibility. Usually only after leaving university graduates realize how student life and membership in organizations are important. However, you should ask yourself whether your participation brings real changes, and what your personal contribution to the community is.

Result-oriented people try to get benefit from every activity that they are involved in. Once I decided to hike in the mountains. So, I’ve reached four summits in 11 hours. For sure I was tired but this experience helped me develop my character as I didn’t allow myself to stop on the midway.

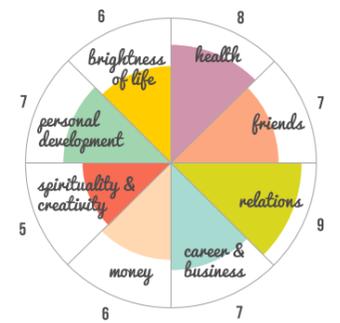
People who possess **critical thinking** skills could be described as pio-

neers in learning and finding new approaches. This skill is correlated with entrepreneurship. In other words, people are not used to be consumers, rather they try to become innovators!

Finally, it is important to remember that scheduling is everything. You should devote time to develop every aspect of your life. While trying to succeed at work, you shouldn’t neglect your family, friends, and hobbies. In order not to focus only on one activity, schedule your week in a way that you will be able to spend at least a couple of hours for everything that is important for you. How you spend just one day can show how your life will be like.

Do It Yourself

Take a paper, draw a circle, and divide it into 8 parts. Each part denotes a certain sphere of life: health, friends, relations, career and business, money, spirituality and creativity, personal development, the brightness of life. Then, evaluate each



segment on the scale of 10 points and paint it up. Try to be honest with yourself.

You may find that some parts of your life’s “pie” are more developed while others fall behind. It is necessary to pull up lagging spheres of life because they all are interdependent. In a manner of speaking, a wheel may not roll if it has an irregular shape. So, it is vital to keep everything in harmony.

This wheel “works” for two months. While drawing it, try to plan how you can develop each sector for this period, i.e. write down which measures you will take and define the result that you expect to get. Now, considering the model of your life, you can plan your week depending on the needs of your lagging spheres.

Finally, after two months, redraw it and see your improvements.

Meditation: Peace in, Peace out

An Underestimated Way to Keep Calm Everyone Knows about

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The world has always been noisy, busy and changeable. It seems like living in a fast lane has become normal, and people are used to tension. Stress has become a normal state of mind that it gets hard to think of an activity that would bring relaxation. For someone it might be music, drawing, singing, others do leisure. It is needed to spend free time in a relaxing way, to have a rest and let thoughts flow in another direction.

The activity that everybody knows about but very few people do is meditation. Although everybody might have an idea of what meditation is, still it is hard to give an intelligible definition of it, and even less people use meditation as a relaxing activity. Why is that we know about all the benefits and still don’t meditate? There are several reasons and one of them is: «It takes a lot of time».

It might, but what doesn’t? Any activity is time consuming, it is just a tiny investment in further wellbeing.

During studies, students are loaded with pressure, especially during important exams. Apart from literal preparation, there are other things that need to be done, moreover procrastination occurs, anger and stress smother. Just before there is no time left, work gets done poorly, or more likely, incompletely. Another situation is when a student collects his thoughts, meditates for a fixed amount of time, prepares for the upcoming exam. Both ways solve the preparation issue.

That’s true. Meditation is time consuming just like postponing, procrastinating. The first

point distracts your mood, makes you frustrated, leaves you empty and miserable for a while, unlike the second, where peace has never left and the problem is solved in an energy saving mode.

Another popular reason to mention is scepticism. How can the lotus posture change anything in physical terms? Actually, brain has neuroplasticity, it is an ability to learn to do an activity, which improves the development of a person. That means brain needs “physical training” just like body.

There was a recent study by neuroscientist Lazar S. which shown the amygdala size decrease, which meant that person felt less stressed after a course of meditation. The change of that part of brain represented not the change of the environment but the change in the reaction to the environment. So, meditation has got scientific proof that it literally “trains” our brain.

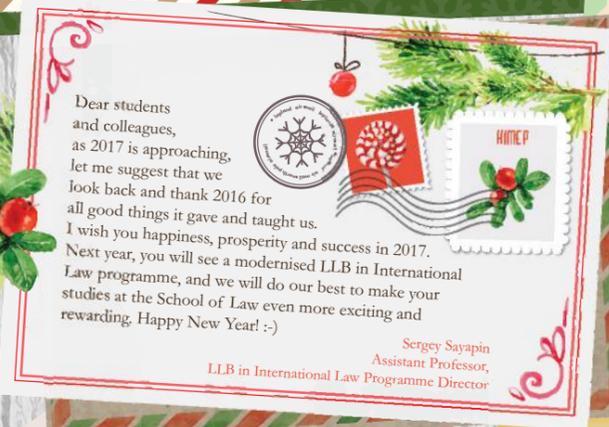
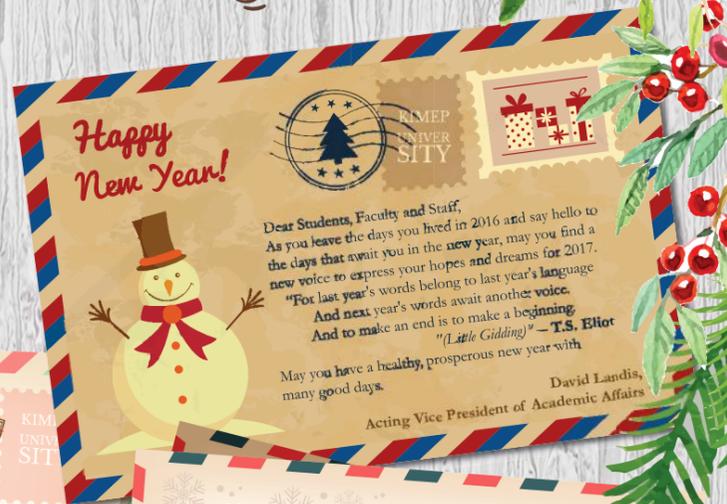
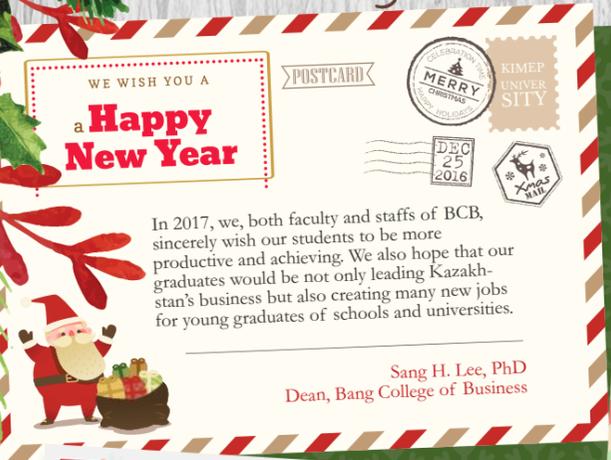
Maybe that’s what makes you love or hate the situation you are in, because the conditions remain the same, what changes is the state of mind, which sometimes makes it feel miserable or wonderful. What state of mind would you choose to be in?

John Lennon practiced meditation and shared his experience once in an interview “Now, when I do meditation, if it’s not good of a day, I could still get the same amount of energy”.

There are lots of sources online, that could help. Also there is a book that provides a step-by-step guidance called “Meditation” by L. Lesnyak. Meditation is an instrument that makes it noticeable: peace is within one’s self. Give it a try and enjoy.



We wish all of you to successfully pass your final exams - and a Happy New Year!



How not to become Scrooge: Tips to get New Year Spirit

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2016 year is coming to an end. Soon all deadlines will be behind, and we will be ready for celebrating the New Year. However, before the celebration we have a few weeks to get prepared. Writing down choices of dishes, dresses, and amusement doesn't guarantee that you will have a great party if you don't have the most important component of feast - mood. If you don't want to turn on the "Scrooge mode", this article is for you!

There is nothing better for New Year's mood than to be outside. Shymbulak ski resort and Medeo mountain skating rink have already opened season. Choose whatever you like and just do it. By the way, even if you aren't fond of skiing and skating, visit any nearby park and have fun: snowball, build a snowman, or just flop in the snow and make an angel.

Decorate as much as possible The forthcoming 2017 is a year of Fiery Red Rooster. Don't forget to buy figurines and decorate your house in fiery tones: yellow, orange,

and red, of course. To maintain the element of fire you can light up the candles.

Eat delicious food

Everyone has a number of dishes that can cheer you up. One prefers tangerines, oranges, cookies and cakes, while another likes olivier (well-known Soviet salad). Just forget about your diets and enjoy.

Watch movies that have already become a New Year (or Christmas) classic

How many of you were fans of Kevin McCallister's adventures at Home Alone? If your parents were

born in the USSR, how many times have you already seen Irony of Fate, or "Enjoy Your Bath"? Why not watch them again? However, if you are waiting for something brand new, films industries foresaw that. As usual, December will be full of film premieres such as "Christmas trees 5" ("Елки 5"), Bad Santa 2, etc.

In order to be full of New Year spirit attend cultural events

Not only films but also astonishing ballet will make you feel magic in the air, especially Nutcracker by Tchaikovsky. And if you are an admirer of art, visit Theater HD and see

this magic performance of Bolshoi theater on the screen (December 18). Otherwise, you can visit our local Abay Opera House and see this ballet live (December 23).

Finally, listen to music that will never become annoying

It is impossible to imagine preparation for New Year without songs that won over people's hearts throughout the world, e.g. ABBA's "Happy New Year", George Michael's "Last Christmas", Frank Sinatra's "Let It Snow", Ella Fitzgerald's "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town".

P.S. Do it with and for people you love.

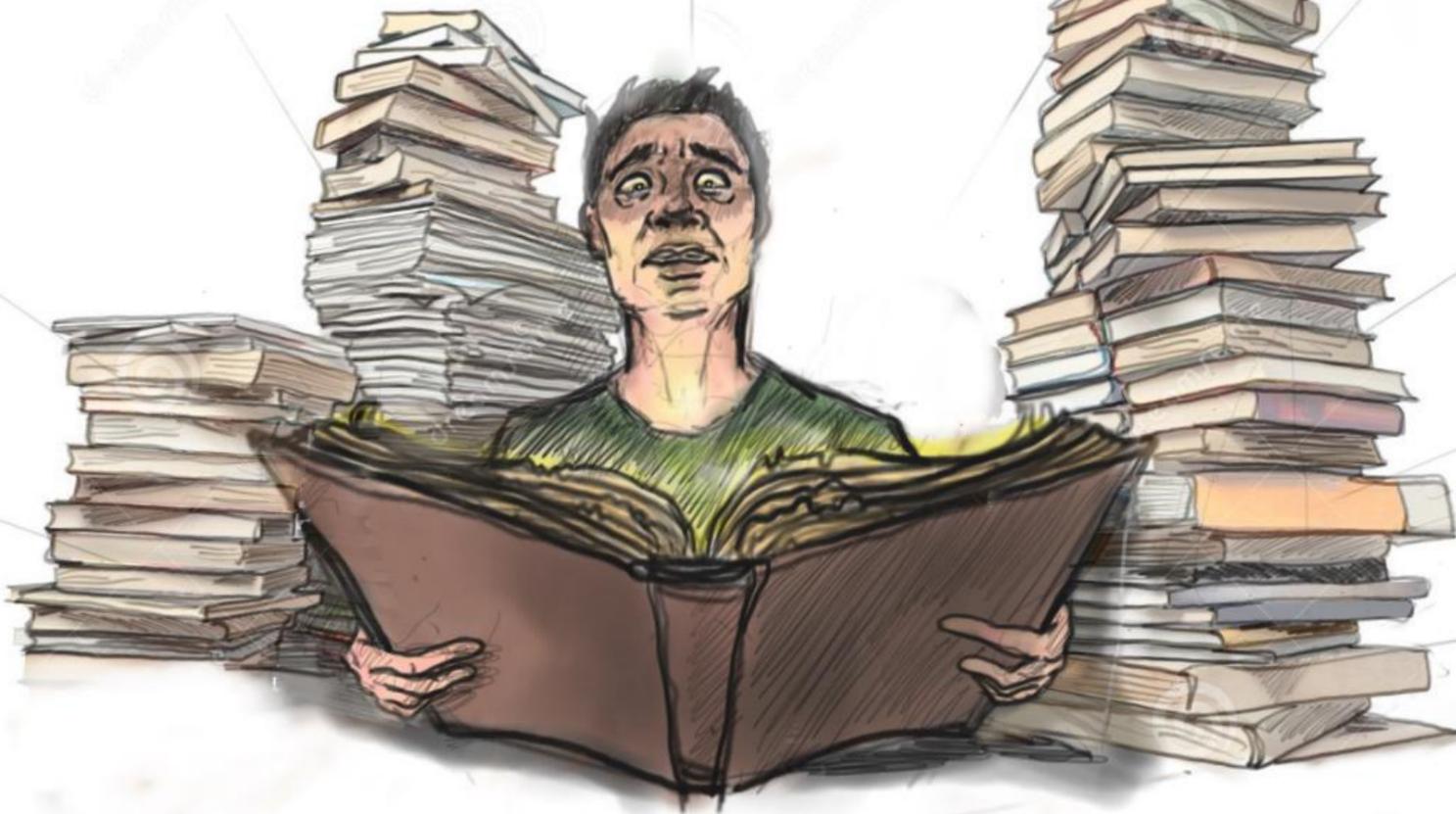


"A Night before Exam"

The Most Interesting Traditions in Different Countries to Pass Exams Successfully

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the center of the campus, for avoiding the fail in exams. Even if it seems to be fiction, one of the statues at Yale University was deprived of the left foot, as students excessively rubbed over it to get better grades on exam.

Norway

Students in Norway usually put a bronze coin in the boot for a successful exam. Moreover, one of the models of classic men's shoes Penny Loafer owes its name to a student superstition. In the tongue of a boot, a special slot is made where a coin is placed. According to one tradition, a penny (or any other coin) hidden in a shoe before the exam should get a student easier exam questions, and make teachers kinder.

South Korea

Korean students have a belief that when faced with a very difficult exam they need to break chopsticks. If the student breaks sticks smoothly, then success is guaranteed in the exam. However, if the student does not break the sticks quite exactly, then he or she can expect a failure. This also applies to all Asian cultures.

Hong Kong

The canteens at the University of Hong Kong serve dishes from apples and different meals of apples during the examination session. In Chinese, the word "ping guo" means both "apple" and "security". "You ate an apple and you secured a successful examination", - says Chong Wong from the Chinese city of Nanjing.

Although, if you had followed all the well-known superstitions, but had failed the exam it means that the next time you should prepare better, and should not just rely on magic tricks again. In addition, you should always remember that methods, which are mentioned above, will not give you necessary knowledge that you can find in a book the night before an exam...

Your success might be an effect of superstitions or just a great amount of luck, and it's up to you what to believe in.

Good luck!

It's not a surprise that university students are best at procrastinating. 40-page long papers are written overnight, a semester worth material is studied in just a few days, or some magic can come handy as well.

What is your night before an exam like? At first optimistically opening the L-Drive and sadly realizing how much there is to go through just in eight hours: dozens of presentations 30 slides each, and each slide with tons of words and unfamiliar graphs. By the time you get to the third Powerpoint, drink three cups of coffee and check your Instagram for 538th time, calculate how much it'll cost you to retake the course, you have no other choice but to hope for a miracle. That night crazy ideas replace your common sense. For moments of desperation such as this, students all of the world have their own remedies.

Here are top interesting and strange omens from different corners of the world.

Vietnam

In Vietnamese culture, there is a food prejudice which can influence on your result of exams' grade. Students never eat bananas before tests and examinations, as bananas are considered very slippery product. In Vietnam, the word "slip" is very in tune with the word "failure". Thus, this fruit should be crossed out from the list of goods to be consumed before your exam. You should accurately choose your meal on breakfast or lunch for avoiding negative consequences.

The UK

In the UK, rabbits are indisputably considered to be lucky charms. Do you remember the Easter Bunny that brings chocolate eggs? Rabbit foot, which, fortunately, isn't a part of real rabbit these days, is thought of as a talisman that brings good luck. It is often presented to students to wish them good luck at exams. Children's poem with the words 'bunny, bunny,

bunny, bunny ...' - that's all that remains of the ancient custom of repeating the word 'rabbit' to call for good fortune, especially before an important exam or event. Moreover, the repetition aloud of the phrase 'white rabbit' can also bring a lot of luck. You can also try repeating the phrase "White Rabbit" loudly for it to draw in some luck!

Russia

At midnight before the exam, students should put the student's record book out the window and shout: "Halyava, come!" For a more effective influence, you can point the finger to the required line, and close your record book, before the exam starts.

It is best to catch "Halyava" on the balcony of the top floor. All efforts will be in vain, if in the process you hear: "Learn it!" A majority of Russian students sprinkle their record books with sugar and put them in refrigerators after the end of the ritual.

China

In China, many believe that the red color brings good luck. This belief is very strong, so on the day of the exam, Chinese students choose underwear with red color. Sitting in them on the exam, the student firmly believes that they have something magical and would not let him down. If in China someone is lucky, people can ask this person, "Are you today in red shorts?" This is one more reason that all of students around the world are sometimes similar, because this proverb is popular not only in China but in other countries too.

The USA

In the USA, students are very careful to statues and monuments, especially before important exams. At MIT, students rub the nose of the statue of the inventor of modern photographic film George Eastman before each exam. At the University of Michigan, students try not to step on the stone letter M lading out in

Glossary



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Every social institution has own specialties like internal culture and language. KIMEP is not an exception. Each year newcomers such as first years and exchange students get confused when they hear local slang. We have prepared a list of vocabulary that will make your life easier, and will help you more quickly become a member of KIMEP community.

PEOPLE

Dark Shadows

TAs of Dr. Michael Conrad. This name originates from the film of the same name. Whether it's coincidence or not but film is about vampires. Dr. Conrad's TAs are always girls (because they are less likely to deceive) and, by the way, all of them have high (in some cases extremely high) GPA.

"Alumnik"

Russian adaptation of a word "alumni" which means university or college graduate.

"Dinosaur"

a person who studies much longer than four years.

"Freshka"

Russian alternative to English "freshmen"; 1st year student.

"Rusalka"

(a "mermaid" in English) - the way Dr. Zhanat Syzdykov calls all his students.

ACADEMICS

Mid
or, more
officially,
Mid-Term -
half-
semester
exam.

Test Bank

a list of possible questions (sometimes with answers) for every chapter at your course's textbook.

Tutor

a person who helps students with poor academic performance. It could be free of charge at the Learning support center and Math Lab, or you can find someone by yourself and pay him or her for studying with you.

What It Takes to Become a Successful Human Being

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Success is the one word that attracts everyone, but how do you reach it? There must be some plan of actions which facilitates the process of making your life outstanding. If you want to learn the science of progress and the difference between people who get what they want and those who cannot succeed, then this article is for you.

At any age, it is very significant to understand that stepping up means changing yourself towards something better and more challenging, because we all want to grow and thrive. Thus, you're about to read that secret recipe for being outstanding, represented in a few pieces of advice learned from Steven D. Cohen - a leading expert on public speaking and effective presentation skills teaching at Harvard Extension School, and Tony Robbins - a businessman, author, philanthropist, and also a personal life-coach for many successful people, e.g. for President Clinton, Serena Williams, etc.

In order to succeed, we need to find out what we are most passionate about, because great leaders are the passionate ones. "When passion is present, success is eminent," says Steven D. Cohen during a Harvard Extension School Lecture.

Ask yourself: *What would you do every moment of your life?*

According to Steven Cohen's experience, finding a true calling and following it brings enormous satisfaction, huge value and meaning, and greater purpose of residing.

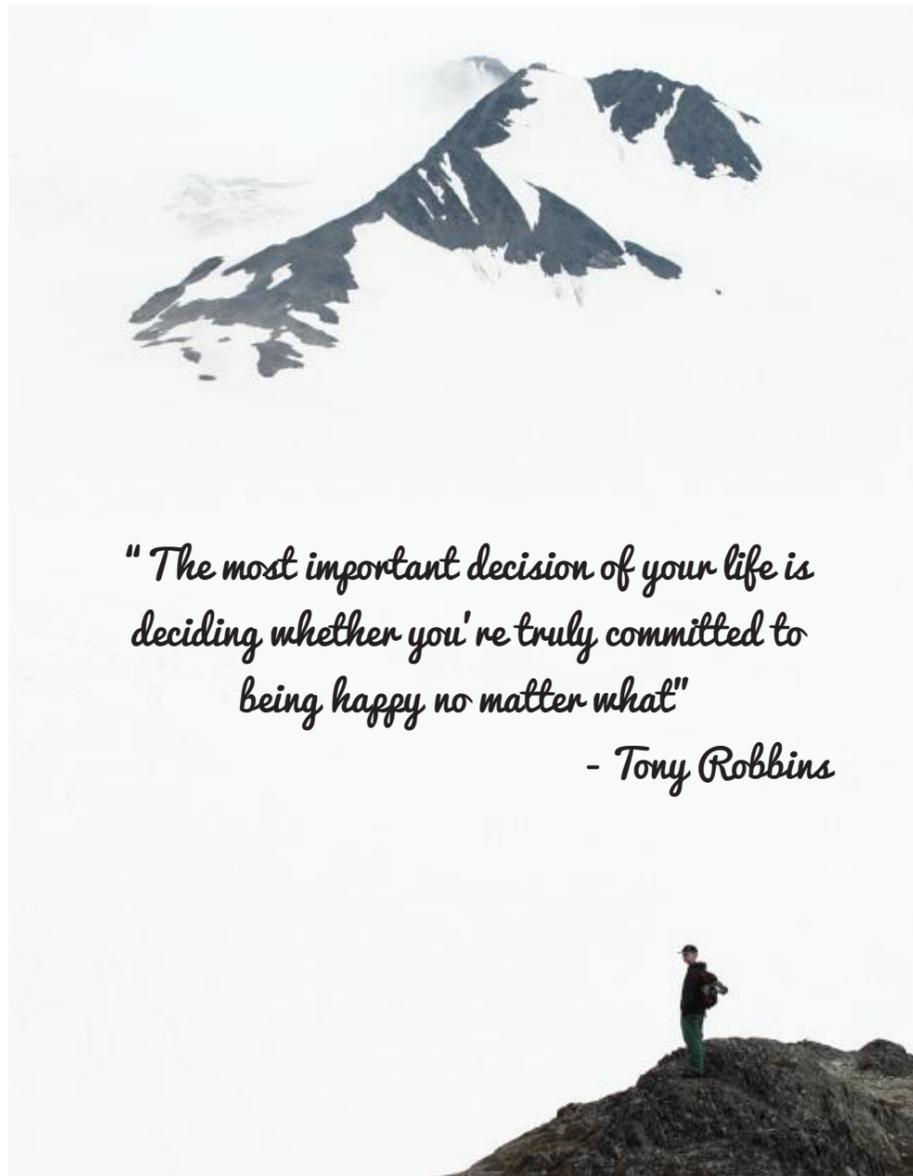
The difference between Drive and Passion is that the former pushes you towards something you have to do (get good grades, show high performance), while the latter pulls you toward something you cannot resist (for example, dancers don't make themselves move, they just can't help it).

Ask yourself: *What are you doing when you're the happiest?*

Find ways to incorporate passion into your job, or move your career to the point that allows you to add passion to your work and establish ways to incorporate your passion into your life, because we have only *one life to live*.

Tony Robbins asserts: "Change your mind to change reality".

For many that happens to be an absolute truth. You have to master your internal world before you master the external one. There're three things you need to keep in mind to get started: where you are right now (*be honest with yourself*), where you want to go (*be a realist*), and how you're going to get there (*be creative*).



"The most important decision of your life is deciding whether you're truly committed to being happy no matter what"

- Tony Robbins

Before getting into Tony's strategy of how "to change your mind", his biography might give a little insight on how it got developed. He was born into an extremely poor family, that's why he decided to make sure his family wouldn't need anything. At the age of 17 he was kicked out of the house by his mother, as she was chasing him with a knife, yet he calls her a powerful woman in his interviews. And now, he owns several companies which generate revenues of \$7 billion annually; according to *Forbes*, his net worth is about \$480 million.

Getting back to his strategy, here are the five keys:

1 Feed your mind for at least an hour daily (it has nothing to do with the Internet - read great people's biographies, books that will help you change yourself for the better, etc.) to get inspired, to get informed.

"It's not about money. It's about growth"

2 Strengthen your body. You need a radical change - feel yourself and break through your limits. Because when your body changes, so does your mind.

3 Get a role model that inspires you. What makes you mentally strong is a belief that there's some way you can get what you want

and where you want. It happens rarely, but some people find a role model inside themselves. For instance, Nick Vujicic, who has no legs or arms, found a hero in himself. He's an author of the bestsellers - *Limitless* and *Unstoppable*.

"Who you spend time with is who you become"

4 Get a plan. Have a big mass of action. Progress equals happiness. And if something isn't working out - try something else, change your approach. Get yourself in an action, because

"Hunger is the ultimate driver"

5 Feed your spirit by:

a. Finding what you're *grateful* for.

"When you're grateful, fear disappears, and abundance appears"

You can never be angry or fearful while you're feeling thankful for something.

"Stop expecting - start appreciating"

Here is Robbins' daily morning routine: the first thing he does every day for the most of his life is spending minimum 10 minutes to remind himself of at least three things he's most grateful for, and he suggests to pick one of three to be simple (e.g. the faces of his kids). In addition he says "If you don't have 10 minutes, you don't have a life".

b. *Giving*.

As John Templeton once said: "The secret of wealth is gratitude". And what is the best way of expressing the gratitude than giving something away? Tony Robbins constantly says that there won't be any right time when you'll be ready for donation. Some of his expressions are: "When you have nothing is when you need to give" and "If you **do** more, **give** more - you'll **receive** more".

Also, Tony Robbins mentions the extraordinary value of the positive thinking: there are two states of mind - beautiful and suffering. You do not have to stay in a suffering state of mind. It is absolutely your choice - your "brain isn't supposed to make you happy, it's your job and decision".

All in all, the essential component of "How to become a successful human being" is to know your passion and find some way of expressing your identity. And don't forget that you need to follow Tony Robbins' straightforward, plain, yet empowering pieces of advice to become who you were meant to be - a winner.



KIMS a.k.a. K-Store

KIMEP Store that is located near the Lounge. They offer printing and photocopying service. Also, you can buy food and drinks there. However, be prepared for lack of change and a huge queue.

"Pregnant" BLD

part of Valikhanov BLD where HALL#1 and #2 are located.

Study Room

a place devoted not just for studying but also for spending your free time. By the way, you can find socket in tables there.

Coffee-in a.k.a. Canteen

place that is located at the recreation area (second floor, New Building) where you can buy some snacks (sandwiches, sweets) and beverages.

Fun Club a.k.a. Student's Center

a hall next to the Great Hall where small parties and events take place.

"KPP" (written in Russian as "КПП")

Russian abbreviation for English "Checkpoint", it is a postern (side entrance) from Valikhanov street.

"Podzemka"

underground on the Abay and Dostyk streets where you can find anything of first necessity (printing, photo shooting, coffee, meals, etc.)

Q&A

Dr. Timothy Barnett
Provost and General Deputy
to the President



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“Why don't we have a security system consisting of machine for student cards like in other universities in Kazakhstan, so outsiders won't be able to enter KIMEP University?”

KIMEP University has “an open door policy” like in Western universities where people are allowed to come and go through our university campus. These people can be members of KIMEP community - alumni or guests - people who want to look at campus or visit friends. We have numerous seminars that are promoted each week, student activities, KSA and variety of events that are organised more than just for students on campus. KIMEP Grill is available for all people to use. KIMEP University is not trying to compete with local businesses but if other people want to come and eat at KIMEP Grill, we are not going to stop them.

However, KIMEP University is in the process of putting together the main security system that includes new camera and new recording systems on campus, and also gate entrance systems that will have key card passes. All the students will have IDs that will be used to pass through the gate just like in subway station. The same thing will be used in the dormitory. Instead of keys students will have key passes

like in hotels. We are in the process of redesigning all entrances on campus - Dostyk, Valikhanov buildings, KIMEP Grill, and the car entrance. The construction of a new system will take place in the beginning of next summer and by the time students return, safety measures will be in place for all buildings.

In addition, the most important part of student's safety is really students looking out for students. For example, if students in the lounge see someone looking suspicious who doesn't belong to KIMEP campus they need to contact campus security right away and it wouldn't hurt if they take a picture of this person as well. The same should happen if they see somebody walking through the cafeteria, acting suspiciously. The most important is that students help with the security process, even when they get key cards and the new camera system to identify who should be and shouldn't be on the campus.

All students are welcome to address their questions to times@kimep.kz

“For twelve years, you have been asking: Who is John Galt? This is John Galt speaking. I am the man who loves his life. I am the man who does not sacrifice his love or his values. I am the man who has deprived you of victims and thus has destroyed your world, and if you wish to know why you are perishing - you who dread knowledge - I am the man who will now tell you.”

- Atlas Shrugged

There are just two types of people in our world: creators and consumers. Creators move our culture forward and improve our life conditions with their will and intelligence, while consumers simply use, steal and don't appreciate anything that is made by creators. Quite relevant to the world we live in, isn't it?

The author of *Atlas Shrugged*, Ayn Rand (Alisa Rosenbaum), is a Russian-American writer, philosopher, creator of a philosophical system called *Objectivism*. She supported rational and ethical egoism, while rejecting altruism. In *Atlas Shrugged*, she illustrates the way that people

lived in the past century: what they worried about, what they valued the most, and how they fought for what they were passionate about... You won't find egoism, kindness and love described that way somewhere else.

When reading this book it's impossible to do so without asking yourself: *Am I this miserable human being, shaking in my boots in front of my own mind scraps?* And a question like “*Who am I to know?*” that a person wonders about, imposes somewhat a death sentence on one's self, with “*Who am I to live?*” as a hidden meaning behind it.

Throughout the book, actions of some characters like Francisco D'Anconia - one of the main heroes - seem to be quite terrifying at first, but then the plot is revealed for the reader and it's suddenly very understandable; the heroes progress through the novel, grow and mature. At the same time the book illustrates the controversial idea of the Northern American continent being considered a cradle of influential and powerful people, while some won't stop doubting whether those people could be indeed as self-assured, intelligent and bright human beings

as the majority portrays them to be.

The life in NYC flourishes well: someone works, someone steals. The drama begins when great minds start to revolt. At once, all those people, who would never give up or stop working, ruin the meaning of their lives without any cause! Amidst the chaos, Dagny Taggart is shocked to see all her billionaire friends one by one destroying their companies and disappearing at once. Who persuades them to do that? Pronouncing his name on a daily basis, every NYC citizen is wondering *Who is John Galt?*, yet no one knows that he actually exists, and that, in fact, he lives among them, not being a city-tale character at all.

This book is highly recommended for all people that are tired of similar altruistic, romantic stories. Angelina Jolie says that *Atlas Shrugged* had a huge impact on her life.

Nevertheless, many people find it difficult to read, since it's like a philosophical lecture, and most of us don't like to be lectured to, but if you do, you are probably going to take a hard look at yourself and never be the same again.

Book Review of Ayn Rand's “Atlas Shrugged”

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