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EDITOR'S NOTE

Another year, another tear... The school is over... One more year is over... I want to thank every journalist who contributed to make this issue... I know this newspaper coincided with hard times for most of you. While making junior projects, when only thing you were thinking of was whether resistance is increasing with the current or not, you were still able to submit articles, and same applies to freshman and sophomore, who in spite of their juries did their best. And of course our seniors, who graduated from GZAAT just few days ago. Thank you all. Now let's move to worse part. Probably because of hard schedule, some journalists didn't submit articles, so we decided not to wait for them and publish the newspaper, because deadline was long time ago. Well, thanks everybody who contributed in making this issue, and I wish you a nice summer and hope you and me and all members of GZAAT Gazette will come with new ideas in September... And one more thing you should keep in mind is free lunch in La Rotonda! If you become winner of our competition you will get a prize, which is a free lunch in Rotonda! (Niko Nikoladze Str.1) Soooooo have a nice summer and a nice lunch...

Faitfully,

Ani Lortkipanidze

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DEAR GZAAT JOURNALISTS,

You know the article writing drill. Research, plan, write. Easy enough, right? I'm going to ask you, as one of your editors, to do us a small favour and reread your article before sending it in.

I can't tell you how many articles come in with small, silly errors that could easily be spotted if the



article had been read over. Each editor has their load of articles to check, and it would make our lives a lot easier if these easily avoidable mistakes were corrected by their respective authors.

For a heads up, here are a few things you should look out for. These are common errors in articles I edit, and even if you don't speak flawless English, you can correct these:

1. Are there any extra spaces between words? If you use Microsoft Word, it will underline it in green.
2. Are you using paragraphs? You probably are, but use the gridlines above to create indentations. This makes the structure of your writing match the professionalism of its content.
3. Is your entire article the same font, size, and paragraph structure? If not, it makes it look like parts of your article are copied off the net.

4. This one was in one of the articles I graded just today, and it is just plain ridiculous. Are there HYPERLINKS still in your article? Give yourself a pat on the back. You are retarded. No but really, if you're going to plagiarize, at least be a little more discrete about it!

5.

Make sure your name is written right under your article. You want to get the credit for writing your article, don't you?

6.

Are all the words in your title capitalized? Because they should

be, unless they are an article, conjunction, or a preposition with less than 5 letters.

I would really appreciate a little bit of added effort with this, and I'm sure I speak for all the other editors as well.

Thank you!

Keti Kiladze

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN !!!

Writing is difficult, especially when whole school is about to read your work. Usually- no: most of the time- we all procrastinate and it is really uncomfortable for GZAAT Gazette to set up deadlines, but it is extremely important to submit the articles **on time**, so that we can finish the issue **on time**! Just Pplease please, dear journalists, try to send your articles as soon as possible. Also, we need many journalists, so if you come up with idea for a good article, do not hesitate- just write and send to gzaat@yahoo.com!!! We are waiting!

Nini Dvali

THE NIGHTMARE CALLED... SAT

Every year in May the students have to observe a peculiar scene: Juniors with gloomy and tired faces and clear traces of insomnia walking around the school with huge books and preparing vigorously for something very important. Many may wonder: what is this? This is the SAT.

SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) is a standardized test that all the students of GZAAT have to take at the end of their junior year, either in the beginning of May or in the beginning of June.

Teachers

of English

and Math

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that point the students do not quite realize what SAT really is and how important it is. The revelation comes already by the end of the year, when the test date is coming steadily closer and closer. What happens then? Days and nights spent on lessons and on reading the books that help you write the test. Phrases like: "How am I supposed to pass this test?" are heard from almost every student, finally culminating in May (or in June) when the students take the actual test.

This year this terrible and vile event took place on 5th May, in Goethe institute. Nervous and anxious, students were checking if they had all the necessary things to perform well on the test. Some discovered that they had forgotten calculators, pens or other stuff, but, fortunately, all went well. The test took six hours (yes, six!) including all the necessary procedures, 10-minute brakes and the SAT itself.

Almost all of the juniors were pessimistic about their grades, even though some of them claimed the test to be easier than the sample ones they did in class. In the agitated expectation of their scores the students of GZAAT had to spend two weeks. And on the 20th of May the results are finally here.

Now, whether the juniors are happy with the scores or not (and most of them are certainly not happy), overall the results are quite good. While the range is from 1500 to 2220, the greatest percentage is closer to 1800-1900, which is quite good for the first time. Actually, most of the teachers

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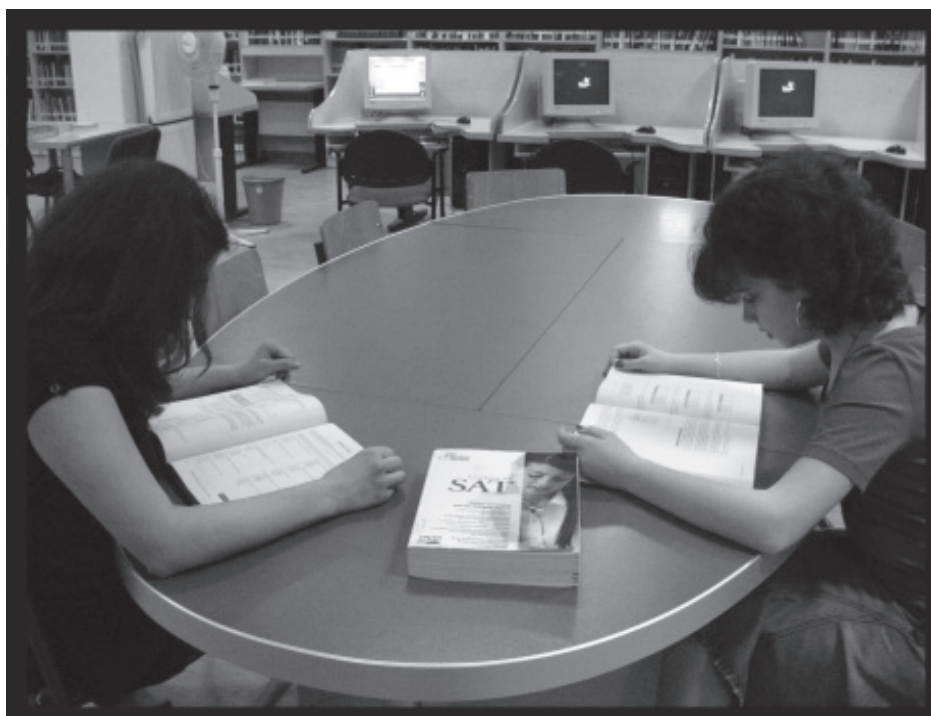
less close to

it. Three

students scored higher than 2000, which is a real achievement for the first time. These were: George Gureshidze, Ketil Kiladze and Sandro Rochikashvili.

Probably all of the students will take the test again in the fall of their Senior year. Some juniors still have to take it on 5th June. Hopefully everybody will get the scores that will satisfy them.

by Sandro Rochikashvili



VISAS...VISAS....

A lot of GZAAR students decided to visit USA this year. Whether you seek knowledge, adventure or just are going to have amazing shopping and fun, you are not able to do it without the Visa. So GZAAT Gazette decided that it would be useful to provide you with essential steps of how to succeed in getting the Visa:

Step One: If you are going to visit the Summer school, make sure that you are provided with I-20 Document, which is **United States Department of Homeland Security** document issued by **colleges, universities, and vocational schools** that provides supporting information for the issuance of a student **visa**.

Step Two: Do not forget to pay your Sevis fee. Sevis is abbreviation for **Student and Exchange Visitor Information System**, a web-accessible database used by the **Department of Homeland Security** to collect, track and monitor information regarding exchange visitors, international students and scholars who enter the **United States** on F, M or J **visas**. To pay this fee, you should go to the webpage <https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/>. The amount of payment is 200 \$. It is important to keep in mind that the SEVIS Identification Number that you will be asked, is provided on your I-20 document.

Step Three: Of course you need to fill an application for the interview. **As of April 30, 2010, the new on-line, nonimmigrant visa application DS-160 is now obligatory for all visa applicants, regardless of nationality. In the application you will be asked One 5 x 5cm, white background, and full face photograph, so do not forget to take one and put it on the CD so that you will be able to simply upload it. It is really important to keep in mind, that the time required for filling the DS-160 form is really limited, so I will recommend you to keep all the necessary documents (I-20, Passport, National Identification card...) near you. This will enable you to fill everything in time. After finishing this procedure you will be given the Barcode number, this code is essential to schedule the visa appointment. Do not forget to bring the DS-160 Confirmation Page to the interview.**

Step Four: **You need to bring passport to the interview, which is valid at least another 6 months. You might also provide any previous passports**

Step Five: **Pay the application fee TBC-Bank \$131 equivalent in Gels, and bring the receipt to the interview**

Step Six: Bring any supporting documents to the interview, such as the positions of your parents, Bank accounts, and School's confirmation that you really are attending GZAAT...

Step Seven: DO NOT BE LATE; otherwise you will have to go around the whole procedure over again

Step Eight: Stay confident and self assured.

And of course, Good Luck!

<http://georgia.usembassy.gov/> This is the official site of American Embassy in Tbilisi, which will provide you with

all the information and of course you will be able to find the application forms on this web-page.

by Nata Nakaidze



TALENTED MUSICIANS VISIT GZAAT

On the 21st of May, students from Ude Village visited GZAAT and wonderfully performed with their musical instruments. The most of GZAAT students got interested in a small boy who was playing on the flute

“He was so cute and so serious at the same time. I like him very much!” Said one of the sophomores. As it turned out his name is George Lortkipanidze and he is 10 years old. He started playing when he was seven. Although he plays only three years, he already has plans to become a famous musician.

- Tell me George, how did you start playing?
- It was my own will. I took my mother on the examination for young musicians and I got accepted. I also play on a piano and had some concerts as well.
- You do not seem to joke at all, but are not you lazy sometimes?
- Well, I was lazy at the first tie, because I had some problems with notes, because I did not know the well. But after some time and even now, it pleases me and I work hard.
 - How many hours do you exercise playing?
 - One hour or more. But it is not as hard, when you love what you are doing.
 - OK, then tell me about your plans? Do you want to become a musician?
 - Yes, I plan to become a musician and play at least ten years. I want to go to the US and study there afterwards.
 - Thank you very much!
 - Thank you!

I also talked with Samel Perikhaniani, who admitted that he also had problems at the beginning, but now when he performs, he knows his flaws and tries to improve them. Samel plays on the violin, which requires minimum 3 hours in day exercise. “Although it takes a lot of time, my work is always appreciated and I always HEAR the results.” – said Samel.

By Anna Astakhishvili



A WORLD DIVIDED

“A World Divided” – this short but controversial statement brought two dozens of people together and became the reason of countless arguments and debates. The reason was World Scholar’s Cup – an international tournament held every year and that provokes hundreds of students through whole the world to leave their houses and to go to country that would host the championship that year. From 7th to 8th of May the Tbilisi Round of the World Scholar’s Cup was held. It consisted from the 4 parts: Writing, Scholar’s Bowl, Scholar’s Challenge, and Team Debate and included such fields of education as: **The Arts, Literature, Economics, Science, Psychology of War, History** with each part tightly connected to the main topic of the tournament “A World Divided”. Ketevan Tsereteli – a student of our Academy was able to organize this competition and to bring Daniel Berdichevsky, Bunnie Hadsall and Ross Otto to Georgia. Daniel Berdichevsky finished Stanford University and got masters degree in Harvard. He is the head of the tournament and the person who was able to establish the competition that spread to more than 30 countries.

But to come back to the event that happened in our school, on Friday, 7th of May, after school ended, the students were able to become the part of the Tbilisi Round of the Caucasus Regional Tournament. Twenty kids united into the six teams and fought for the possibility to go to Shanghai, China, on a world scale tournament. There were students not only from our school, but also from other Tbilisi schools and even few guys from Rustavi. The first competition was in writing where we were given six themes, one per subject. The contestants had to express their ideas about the statement and prove their points of view with the examples from the official materials and their own experience. The task was similar to SAT essays but instead of thirty minutes they were given on SAT, here the participants had 90 minutes.

Three times more time to think and write. The students were free to choose the topic they liked and write about it. After a short break began the Scholar’s Bowl, the event where one should answer questions very quickly because there is a



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By Anna Astakhishvili

time limit of 15 seconds per question. On the next day there was Scholar’s Challenge, test in all of the six subjects, followed by Team Debates event.

The participants had a truly wonderful experience. It was extraordinary and fascinating. What was best about the tournament was not the possibility to get the medals; it was the fact that the World Scholar’s Cup brought all of these quite different students together. Not as rivals, but as friends. How is that? Because Scholar’s Cup made everyone victorious. Because everybody was able to fill that joy and that happiness that was in the air that day.

“A World Divided” – this was the topic of the game, but in the end, “passing” all the types of social, religious or political divisions, we got united. And even rivals became friends. It was a truly great experience, and hopefully next year instead of twenty participants there will be two hundred or more, as it was in other countries.

Lelashvili

by Nick

NEWS

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WHO IS GOING WHERE?

STUDENT	UNIVERSITY	LOCATION
Lika Antadze	King's College	Great Britain
David Aronia	University of Pennsylvania	USA
Guram Sakvarelidze	Denison University	USA
Tamuna Bobokhidze	Hult International School of Business	Great Britain
Otar Burkiashvili	Bucknell University	USA
Peter Chkheidze	Franklin College	SwitzerlandSwitzerland
Shako Davitashvili	Pace University	USA
David Dzidziguri	Lake Forest CollegeLake Forest College	USA
Giorgi Fremer	Vassar College	USA
Nini Frolova	Cottey College	USA
Masho Godziashvili	Cottey College	USA
Tamta Gogitidze	American University in Bulgaria	Bulgaria
Mishka Jinjikhashvili	Boston University	USA
Aka Khipashvili	Grinnell College	USA
Erekle Kokaia	Boston University	USA
Salome Kokoladze	Cottey College	USA
Ana Kurtanidze	Franklin College	Swtizerland
Saba Kvesitadze	Northeastern College	USA
Tamuna Lobzhanidze	New York University	USA
Anna Lomtadze	Wellesley College	USA
Salome Meladze	Cottey College	USA
Tamta Mikhelashvili	Hult International School of Business	Great Britain
Gogi Phutkaradze	Elmira College	USA
Keti Tsereteli	Princeton University	USA
Nini Tsintsadze	Skidmore College	USA
Gega Tsurtsunia	U.S. Naval Academy	USA
STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT LISTED ABOVE	ARE YET UNDECIDED....	BY KETEVAN TSERETELI

FENG SHUI

Feng Shui is an ancient Chinese art and science based on Taoist understanding of *Chi*, or energy. *Feng* means “wind” and *Shui* means “water”. In Chinese



culture, these two are associated with good health. So, Feng Shui centers on fortune and good health by channeling *Chi* the right way, in the right direction.

Interested in how to apply Feng Shui to your own life? Start by using these ten simple tips for your bedroom!

1. Ideally, your bed should be as far away as possible from the front door.
2. *Chi* travels between doors and windows, so avoid positioning your bed between these two.
3. To give yourself an added sense of security, position your bed so that you can see your bedroom door.
4. Avoid sleeping with your head near a window, as your *Chi* could dissipate through it, making you feel more tired when you wake up.
5. If you have a bathroom conjoined to your bedroom, make sure the door is closed at night.
6. Make sure your bedside table has round edges, not sharp ones. This avoids having the *Chi* focused towards the occupants.
7. Don't have a mirror in the room, especially where you can see it as soon as you wake up.
8. Soft lighting is ideal for a healthy bedroom environment.
9. If you have an electric alarm clock, place it at least two meters away from your bed. The electromagnetic field created by these disturbs sleep.
10. Remove any water images from your bedroom. Water creates an energy field of excess emotion. This can create concentration problems for students.

By Ketil Kiladze

THE FIELD TRIP

Usually, when we are going to the field trip, we expect the weather to be decent and enjoyable. That was exactly what we expected the weather to be like on the 23rd of April. But, life likes to make surprises and what it gave to us was cold

weather and a light rain.

Well, at least at the beginning.

The sophomore class was sure that they could endure it. So

we did not give up on the field trip when from out of nowhere the idea to postpone the excursion appeared. Some of the teachers seemed to support this idea, but none of the students did. So the idea was suspended and everybody got into the bus for the long, but not as boring as some may suggest it was, trip. The general situation in the bus was like this: everybody walking around the bus, everybody listening to music and dancing. And where did they get so much energy from at eight o'clock in the morning? Generally saying, the sophomore bus was rather active, well

as probably any of the others were. The traditional “bathroom” stops, which meant a chance for students to walk around, were present too. The traders at the places we stopped

got rich in a single half hour. So, we got to Tsinandali without any surprises, but the biggest surprise was expecting us there. The Juniors were standing in line to enter the Chavchavadze museum. Because of them we had to stand in the line for longer than we had expected. But accusing them of anything would be pointless,



since it was the weather's fault that they couldn't go to Davit Gareji. So we just peacefully accepted that they would be in the same place as us, since most of us are friends. As soon as the Museum was entered the students separated. Everybody went to the place that intrigued them the most. But everybody took

the excursion into the house and everybody had a glimpse of Salvador Dali's paintings and sculptures, even though not all of us fell in love with them. The exploration took a toll on the student's bodies, and since 50 hungry teenagers is a dangerous thing, we were immediately taken to the nearest restaurant. The junior class followed us there too.

The room given to us was a bit overcrowded, but no complaining about it. The food was awesome! The rain could have ruined the field trip, but it wasn't given the chance to. Playing football with a bottle and taking a walk in the rain was a very popular thing. There was a piano standing in the room, and since the whole sophomore class is bent on music, we used its potential to the fullest. Special thanks to David Nishnianidze. And at last we received the long awaited dream: *mwvadi* ! For those who missed it: I am very sorry for you, for those who got to eat it, it

was great wasn't it?

After the *mwvadi* , the students started wasting their energy unimaginably quickly. The cold and the wet weather helped them in that. So soon enough we got into the bus and went for the “home sweet home” travel. As

if by some miracle, all the students got another charge of energy, so the road to school wasn't in the least boring. Tbilisi was reached, and everybody left for their own business. The excursion did not turn out as horrible as it was expected to, even on the contrary. But the weather still could have been better...

By Kote Beridze

JURY TIPS FOR FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORES

Almost every freshmen and sophomore is nervous about juries. “But what to worry about? “

This is the least of all the possible thoughts one can have at the beginning of the juries. Some sophomores shared their ideas with us. “I am not worried about juries at all. I was not nervous about them in previous year either and I got “Excellent” in all of them.”- Commented Ana Gvalia. But Ana is an exception, when other sophomores were asked the same question they replied: “To be nervous is inevitable during juries.”

We asked some of the teachers for jury tips, so that freshman and sophomores know teachers’ opinions. Sooo, what should you do at the jury?

Nana Gogiberidze: “Get to the point at once-that’s the main point!”

Sian Davies: “Think of your jury text, as of an essay. Formulate a thesis and present three supportive arguments.”

Ketka Topadze: “Answer questions precisely and do not be nervous.”

Good luck all!!!!

By Nini Dvali and Ana Astakhishvili

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By
Ana Astakhishvili



Elene Saakashvili in Dubai

SUMMER TIME!!!

Summer, by huge majority of votes is declared as the best season of the year!!! First of all, because we are totally, completely free! Vacations start and party-time starts too! You don’t have to study (except if you fail your jury. It spoils whole summer), all you do is lie and relax. What can be better than a sandy beach in the hot summer day!!! Some

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students of AAT describe summer and what they plan to do. I did a small questionnaire asking just two questions:

- a) what is summer for you?
- b) And what you plan for summer?

I got some great answers, esp. on first question. For one of my respondents summer is paradise (how minor stuff is sufficient to make person feel in heaven). For another student “summer is time when we don’t have school!!!” and there’s one word that I totally liked and won’t even try to translate into English, summer is – netareba. (She said it with such emotion that I understood, we need summer!)

Our students plan really active summer. For example most of juniors go to summer schools, while sophomores (soon juniorsssss woowww) plan to teach in summer school in AAT. Here are some of answers:

Tazi: if I don’t fail jury (that we all hope) I’ll go to Spain and Canary islands. (let’s wish him good luck!)
Balu: if everything goes all right I’ll go to cruise! (ain’t it great?)

Sun, waves, and ship, (only if u don’t get sea disease)
Kote for example is kind enough to sacrifice two weeks of his vacations to teach summer program kids.

Well, what concerns me I and Mary and Anna if we get by some wild chance financing will go to Shanghai. We all look forward to fabulous summer, excellents and I wanna wish u good luck. So, summer is coming!!!!

By Valida Panculaia

WORST NIGHTMARE OF ILIA MESTVIRISHVILI

Zhama: Hello, Ilia Mas. I am from GZAAT Gazette and I would love to take an interview from you. Just

Ilia Mas: I don't remember the first lesson but I do remember the one which all the teachers have before coming to AAT. It is sort of a test lesson. Mr. Donald was attending my test lesson and he fell asleep during it. Can you imagine how boring it was? (laughing)



a couple of interesting questions about your personal life, if you don't mind.
Ilia Mas: Hi, Zhama. No, of course I don't mind. We can start.

Zhama: Could you please describe your brightest memory from childhood?

Ilia Mas: The most vivid memory... (thinking) When I was a child I lived in a house with a garden. In our garden we had a lot of different plants and vegetables growing. When it was time for strawberries, we always had strawberries. I was a small boy and the only thing I knew about strawberries was that they are red and very tasty. So, one day I went out to the garden to check if strawberries were good enough to eat. What I saw was something small and red. My conclusion was that it was a strawberry, so I delightedly took it and put it in my mouth. You know in Georgia we have this very strong type of pepper? Well, I have checked it on my own experience. Pepper is nothing like a strawberry. Since then I always kept in mind that the outside cover is not always true and nobody should completely rely upon it.

Zhama: A very cognitive memory. So, next comes a very obvious question: why physics? Did you choose it because you liked it or just because you were good at it?

Ilia Mas: I liked it from the very beginning. It applies to everything. It gives many reasonable answers to the logical questions people ask. We all try to understand who we are; where we come from and where do we go. Physics, more or less, gives answers to these questions.

Zhama: How did you come across AAT? Did you intend to teach here or it just happened?

Ilia Mas: At that time it was the only opportunity for me, so I decided to take and try it.

Zhama: Do you remember your first lesson at AAT? Were you nervous?

Zhama: And how were the kids?

Ilia Mas: They knew I was a new teacher. They also saw how nervous and boring I was, so they were very supportive and tried their best to not to fall sleep too.



Zhama: What kind of a student were you?

Ilia Mas: (thinking) Probably a calm student.

Zhama: Do you keep in contact with someone from your school?

Ilia Mas: Oh yes, I do. I have my two best friends whom I know since first grade of school. When we graduated it was already eleven years since we became friends and such time has definitely a great value. So, after graduating from school, we were still friends and remain the same till today.

Zhama: That is amazing. What can you tell us about your family?

Ilia Mas: Wife and two children.

Zhama: Do you help your kids with their homework?

Ilia Mas: Sometimes I help my son (elder of the two children) with his homework. Mostly it is math. But that happens rarely. They know that they need to do homework and when they need to do it, so it is not a problem. Also, I believe my wife takes a great care of it.

Zhama: What do you usually do on your spare time?

Ilia Mas: I like reading books, listening to music...

Zhama: What kind of music?

Ilia Mas: Mainly classical and hard rock.

Zhama: Do you like modern rock?

Ilia Mas: It depends on what you consider modern rock. If Nirvana, then yes.

Zhama: Mas, can you describe what happiness means to you?

Ilia Mas: It is not something one can easily describe. It is a state of waking up in the morning, looking around, and for some minutes or even seconds realizing that whatever you have makes you truly happy.

Zhama: Can you say your happiest days were when you were studying in university or the ones you are having now?

Ilia Mas: Well, I think one has to always think his happiest days are in front because it will serve as a motivation for that individual. If you think you have already lived your happiest days, then it means you have nothing to look forward to and to live for.

Zhama: Mas, can you loudly say "I am a Happy Person"?

Ilia Mas: I AM A HAPPY PERSON!

Zhama: Thank you, Mas, a lot! Good-bye!

Ilia Mas: You are welcome, Zhama. Good-bye!

WHAT IS DAVID SHAPAKIDZE'S MAIN GOAL IN LIFE?

David Shapakidze, one of our school teachers is our next correspondent. Dato mas is the teacher of math, so logically what students hear from him the most is: rise over run, sine, cosine, tangent, cotangent... But what are other interests of David Shapakidze apart from math? What is his favorite type of fiction? What is his main goal in life? To learn this one of our Journalist decided to talk to him and find out.

- How did GZAAT change your life?
- My life changed thoroughly. I became more organized, mobilized and I learnt more about student's life. Before my work at GZAAT, I had to deal with more abstract businesses but after I came to this school giving the best education to student became my goal.
- In your opinion, what are the qualities of ideal teacher?



*Paata Ramishvili and David Shapakidze on
Graduation of 2009*

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- The ideal teacher should have good sense of humor, he/she should be patient and ideal teacher should be able to forgive.
- How do you spend free time?
- In the winter, I love to ski and in the rest of the seasons I prefer to spend free time with my friends.
- Which is your favorite literature?
- I love to read historical novels and political philosophy. Recently I read a book “All Men are Enemies” by Richard Aldington, I liked it a lot.
- What was the main reason you came to GZAAT?
- When Donald Thomas visited Georgia, I met him and liked his ideas. I knew that GZAAT was a good school. After I had to go abroad and when I came back, George Mchedlishvili asked me to replace him for some time. At first, I thought I would spend 2-3 month at school but I stayed here and like it very much.
- How would you describe your childhood?
- My childhood was very different from yours. I thought I would fulfill my goals very easily and everything would await me already done. I was a carefree child.
- What angers you most?
- Injustice, it really angers me.
- What is the main goal of your life?
- HMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM.
It's a hard question. My main goal in life is to give a student a good knowledge. If someday I see one of our students successful in Georgia, I will be very happy.
- According to which criteria you choose the best student?
- The best student should be persistent, systematically ready for lesson and talented in math. As well as strong and good person.
- Is there a some way to suborn you?
- You can suborn me if you will solve math problems well and get an excellent on Jury.

By Victoria Khavtasi



LETTER FROM A GRADUATE

While trying to describe our school only one phrase comes to my mind: “The sun is the Academy”. This phrase is the last and most memorable part of G.Z.A.A.T’s anthem as when it is pronounced in just a second a new phase of life begins where the years spent in the sun (American Academy) truly become one of the shiniest and warmest memories in our graduates lives.

The four years spent in G.Z.A.A.T not only gave me an unforgettable knowledge in the field of education but in the relationships that exist between people, because I as a student learned that everyone has his/her own unique personality and we all must appreciate and respect others ideas and points of view, no matter how silly or complicated they may seem.

Right now, I am a student of the American University of Paris (A.U.P), majoring in International Business Administration. Though, I have been in Paris for only one year, I've already experienced what it feels like to be in a university. In A.U.P, finding your own place in the society is not very hard as there are friendly and amicable students of 90 nationalities. As for the professors, they try to treat each pupil individually and teach them the material that will be interesting, challenging and usable in real life.

Being a student of the American University in Paris is very different from being a pupil of G.Z.A.A.T. You start to live an independent life where you decide how, when and what to do. Even though the idea of being completely free sounds to be exciting, it is very hard at the same time, because a student must be able to organize his/ her timetable effectively in order not to encounter any kind of problems in the future that will be concerned with his/her academic performance.

For the students of G.Z.A.A.T I have several advices. First of all, try to love every subject that is included in your curriculum, because once you have a positive attitude towards the study material, it becomes more interesting and involving. Then, work on your writing skills as hard as you can, because essays are one of the hardest and most important parts of homework in any university. Read as many books as possible as the knowledge that you will gain by different type of books will become handy in college.

Best Wishes,
Salome Silagadze

Dato Tabagari

Cruel Reality

Parties were not his favorite place to be. Mathew sometimes hated parties with many people. This time he felt very uncomfortable, as if someone was



Photo By George Turabelidze

stabbing him. To forget the party he imagined a beautiful scene where he would be very happy at that moment. Mathew remembered his previous sweet dream, his nirvana. The outlook was lovely; chocolate rivers coming from Chocolate Mountain and pond filled with many sweets to eat. Ground filled with many different foods: Chinese, Mexican and Japanese, and many more. He felt the smell of spices and imagined their taste. The sky was wine colored, there was a wine rain which enriched the soil with its' different, but enjoyable flavor. At the end of the valley, there was a girl of his dreams, waiting for him to arrive. He was excited by her presence, he didn't even notice the tempting food that is all around him and sees only her beautiful eyes, filled with love and joy. Mathew drifted into the eyes of the girl as if he saw her pure soul.

Girl was in love with him, she got into euphoria, her body temperature increased, and her heart beat rapidly when she saw him. She tried to kiss Mathew, but he was a little bit shy, because he had never kissed a girl before, but he found confidence and decided to

kiss her. He was in the process of making a kiss and suddenly “ w r a h ! w r a h ! wrah!” his

beautiful imaginary world was shattered by crazy laughter of the party, particularly because of one girl. He thought: “close your mouth for some time, all your mouth cavity is seen from here, even that little distorted tooth of yours.” Than he smelt terrible scent of vodka, which was nothing compared to the raining wine. He ate the chip food from the market next door and missed the taste of

Chinese and Mexican delicacies. And the worst of all there was no dream girl. He became sad, nothing was here to make him happy, but he knew that he had to live with this reality, the cruel reality of the party.

Mariko Kopadze

WHATEVER

Sometimes, when you really want to live, and when you fight with all the strength you have . . . when you realize that it's all you've got, it's all you need, and think that you don't deserve it . . . When you think that you should hold your feelings back, and really you should not . . . Sometimes when you just can't express yourself with stupid words that exist and want to say even more than they mean. . . When you don't get anything but say you do not to upset anyone. . . When you say you care, when you don't, coz you really don't care anything anymore . . . When you feel like future will be better than past and present, but you can't go on and bare everything . . . When you fell alone, between all the friends, and can't trust any one of them . . . When you just want to stay alive, while dieing inside . . . When you wanna fly, even though you can't even walk straightly . . . whatever

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Konstantine Cheishvili
HOPE
Hope is a thing devoted,

never tries to leave you,
While you are offended, always tries to fix you
Hope is like a bird, cheerful bird, singing in your soul
Which makes you feel like happy, when you are not so.
And we believe in hopes, hope, they'll come true
But after returning in realism, we see it won't be so.



SMAGI LIKLIKADZE AND HIS BAND!

Shmagi Liklikadze is not only a wonderful president and active participant in school activities; he has recently showed his broader talents in Music. So, as there is really nothing one can hide from GZAAT Gazette , we would like to provide you the interview about the hidden talent of our Freshman President:

- So how did the idea of forming the band emerge?
The idea came from my friend, who’s in the band also and plays drums, first we just wanted to have some fun but then the idea of the Band and its succession became more serious.
 - Tell us more about the other Band members
Other band members are Shota who plays drums and who has as I mentioned, formed the band and another is Ilia who I would say is a guitar genius, we are currently seeking a vocalist.
 - What kind of music do you play?
Even though we are big fans of Metallica and veteran bands, we still chose to continue playing punk music.
 - Now the most practical question, where do you find funds?
Well... at this moment we use our funds that we get from either parents or other sources
 - Where do you find Inspiration?
Inspiration comes from anything and mostly from the things that happen around us. We even find inspiration in listening to favorite punk bands.
 - What did you call the Band?
TomCats
 - Interesting, what does that name mean?
Let’s keep that a secret :D
 - How many song have you written this far and are they all written by the band members?
From the fact that the band was formed 3 weeks ago and we only had 3 rehearsals/ repetitions we’re currently working on our first song and yes, it’s written by the band members.
 - Looking forward to that song and I hope the mystery of your Band name will be revealed soon.
- Thank you and good luck with the article.

By Nata Nakaidze

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GZAAT TEAM OF THE SEASON

Football authorities have heard the news that our school ends at the end of this month and decided that the football season should come to an end as well. So they arranged the Uefa Champions League final to be played on May 22nd on the previous day and informed the teams right away, so that they could get to Madrid just in time.

Eventually, Inter were crowned champions of Europe after defeating Bayern Munich 2-0 thanks to a Diego Milito brace. The Italian side (even though Inter did not feature a single Italian player in the starting lineup) started more dangerously and created several dangerous moments, but in form Arjen Robben led several threatening counter-attacks on the other half of the pitch. Weasly Sneidjer was the architect to every single Inter attack, but Diego Milito made the difference. He scored twice either side of half time. The first one was a result of good combination and a defensive error. Julio Caesar’s long ball was brought down by Milito to Sneijder and Sneidjer played it back to the Inter hitman who raced into the penalty area and emphatically clipped the ball over advancing Butt. Bayern had several chances to equalize, but Julio Caesar was just too good between the posts. The

second goal came from a typical Inter counter-attack. Samuel Eto’o picked out Milito at the center of the pitch and the Argentine swept past the defenders with beautiful dribbling before curling his shot into the far corner. Bayern piled forward in the dying minutes of the match, but they couldn’t get anything from the game and the referee blew the final whistle after three minutes of stoppage time, which marked the beginning of endless celebrations for Inter.

This was the final important game of the season and now it is reasonable to evaluate players according to this season. So I decided to make create a GZAAT Gazette Team of The Season rubric, where every year, our sports’ panel will pick the best eleven from the season.

First of all, I want to assure you that this was no easy decision. Lots of videos, data and diagrams were involved, but in the end it comes down to my opinion and this team is by no means “official” or something like that. There were so many players to pick out from, that it seemed almost impossible to leave out players like Buffon, Lampard, Iniesta, Rooney, Villa, Torres and so on. There were so many great rejects, that I even gave up on making a “honorable mentions” list, because it would be alarmingly long.

Formation: 4-3-3

Goalkeeper: Hugo Lloris - Lyon

Lorris had a brilliant campaign this season, both domestically and in Europe. It can be concluded that he successfully continued his quest to become the N1 in the World after Gigi Buffon. Lorris was the key point why Lyon progressed to the semifinals in the Champions League. He was performing wonderful



saves throughout the season on a regular basis. Lloris is the first goalkeeper in the French League after 1980s to get the most man of the match awards in the French League.

Right Back: Maicon – Inter

Maicon has had a marvelous season, continuously marauding down the right flank. He proved to Brazil coach, Dunga, that he deserves his place in the squad ahead of brilliant Barcelona man Dani Alves. Quite Simply, Inter would not be Inter without Maicon. The Brazilian right-back, who has been accused of drinking lately, made countless runs into the opposition half and took his part in almost every

Inter attack from the right side. Maicon even notched up 7 goals and 15 assists this season, which is a shocking statistics for a defender. Immense work rate and stamina are his trademark attributes, and he possesses a killer pass as well. To put it simply, he is the dream side-back of any coach in the world.

Central Defender: Lucio – Inter

The treble-winning Brazilian made a slow start to the campaign but from then on he has established himself as one of the world’s best centre-backs on form. Although Inter didn’t keep quite as many clean sheets as they might have done, Lucio was a rock in the heart of defense. His man of the match performances helped Inter to win the Seria a, as well as Champions League. Above all, Inter won the prestigious tournaments mostly due to the big-game few represented that more than Lucio. They do not call him “the Monster” for nothing.

Central Defender: Michael Ciani - Girondins de Bordeaux

Bordeaux started the campaign better than anyone else. They did not lose a single game in the Champions League until mid-March and dominated in the French League as well. Coming into the knockout round, Girondins had the best

defensive record in the competition and Ciani was the sole leader of defense. But Ciani not only excelled in defense, but he scored 3(!) goals in 6 matches in the Champions League and added some more to his tally in the French division.

Left Back: Javier Zanetti – Inter

Javier Zanetti completed yet another excellent campaign in Inter and finally got his hands on some silverware. He has been surprisingly versatile at the age of 36 and played equally well in every position the team needed him. He could even have made this line-up in midfield, but he played most of the games

as a left-back, so I

decided to put him here. I think Maradonna made a huge mistake that he didn't call up Zanetti at the World Cup. His experience is a huge asset for any team in the world.

Midfield:

Xavi – Barcelona

Xavi is so influential player that they say Barcelona's strongest advantage is the "Xavi factor". Xavi runs the centre of

the pitch like his own private fiefdom and never wastes a ball. It is hard to imagine Barca without Xavi, or vice versa. Xavi is such a class act that he has no competitor in his position nowadays. Incidentally, in the second leg of the Champions League clash between Inter and Barca, Xavi completed more passes than the whole Inter squad did together.

Amazing, huh?

Arjen Robben – Bayern Munich

It is safe to say that Robben has had the biggest influence in the Champions League this season. He helped Bayern a lot to advance from the Group Stage and then singlehandedly dragged his team against Fiorentina (along with the referee in this case), and Manchester United. His beautiful volley against Manchester is a nominee for the goal of the session award. Robben also played a key role in his team to overcome a poor start to romp to the Bundesliga title.

Cristiano Ronaldo – Even though Real Madrid failed to win anything this season and even got eliminated from the Champions League in the last sixteen, the world's most expansive player played wonderful football and showed everyone that he is worth every Tetri Real Madrid paid for him. He scored 26 goals

in 29 appearances in the Spanish La Liga and topped the Champions League scorers' list, scoring 7 goals in 6 appearances. Only Messi scored more than him in Europe, but it has to be taken in consideration that Messi

played twice as many minutes as Ronaldo did.

Attack:

Lionel Messi – Barcelona

No one can deny that Messi is among the best players in the world. Even though he did not win Champions League this season, he still has a good chance to win the FIFA best player award, because of his breathtaking performances this year. Messi scored 34 goals in 30 appearances in La Liga and 8 goals in 11 matches in the UCL. His goal per minutes ration

is the highest among top leagues in Europe: a goal in every 83 minutes. Add 19 assists and some inspiring dribbles to that and you'll see that Messi does know some magic.

Diego Milito – Inter

There is no way Diego Milito can be excluded from any team of the season this year – he played a fundamental role in winning the treble for Inter. Maybe he is even the Europe's best player on current form. Even though we do not see all those stopovers and trickery from him, Diego Milito just cannot stop scoring. He has a great knack of positioning and always finds himself one on one with the keeper. Plus, he has one of the most deadly finishes nowadays and as a result he keeps scoring important goals for his team. Inter precisely needed a player of his kind to boost their confidence. Inter forwards used to miss sitters in important games and failed to win in Big Matches because of lack of confidence and Diego Milito repaired the damaged mentality in less than a year after arriving at Inter.

Didier Drogba – Chelsea

It was a hell of a job to chose one from Rooney, Torres, Villa, Drogba, Ronaldinho, Dzeko and Di Natale. But I think that Drogba's sensational run of form cannot be ignored this term. Drogba collected the most man of the match performances in the English Premier League this season. Anchelotti has turned him into a scoring machine; Drogba scored 37 goals in all official competitions this season. Only messi scored more goals that him. On 9 May, Drogba helped Chelsea to win the Premier League by scoring a hat-trick in an 8–0 win over poor Wigan Athletic. In doing so, he not only won the Premier League for the third time in his life, but also won the Golden Boot for the season, topping the chart in the last fixture of the league with 29 goals, beating Wayne Rooney to the title who remained on 26 goals.

By Giorgi Gureshidze





TIME TO PARTY - IT'S PROM NIGHT!!!

At last this exciting day came into Senior's lives. Day began with the graduation ceremony - a little bit sad, but at the same time joyful moment. High School was over, yet it is still hard to realize it even now. Yet, we finally got the biggest reward for the years of hard work and learning – diploma. It was hard to find free space in beauty saloons that day – our girls occupied most of them, so even though all of them are beautiful, at prom night everyone was absolutely gorgeous and magnificent. From 7 p.m. the doors of Tbilisi Sea Club was open for the teachers and graduates. If you had never been to this place, you defiantly should – stunning view on the sea and perfect partying place. The evening started with a few toasts and Georgian singing. It was around 9 o'clock when everyone was asked to go outdoors near the sea. Suddenly the night sky lighted with lots of different fireworks. It was really an amazing sight. Evening continued and time came for the teachers' awards. Everyone had a lot of fun on this part. Irina Chkheidze was awarded with wings (because she is an angel) and sugar – to become more sweet. Tamar Gvaramadze our tireless fighter for silence in library was given George Fremer's photo which by the way you can see at her desk in Library. George Mchedlishvili was awarded with microphone – did you know about his love for singing? :) All of the teachers got some sort of prize, which we hope will always remind them of the class of 2010. The evening went on and everyone had lots of fun – toasts, dancing, and singing. The Prom went on till about 5 – 6 a.m. I want to tell you one secret here – nearly every teacher admitted that it was the best Prom AAT ever had. . It is hard to describe with words what a great time we had. So at this point I have only one suggestion for you: see the pictures below, hope they will be able to describe better than any words. Ex-Seniors felt a little bit sad on that day – but again, everything has its end and we are glad that ours was so breathtaking.

By Tamta Gogitidze

ROTONDA!



Café Rotonda already in Tbilisi!



La Rotonda is one of the most famous and prestige cafes in France, Paris. When in 20th Century, many Georgians migrated to Paris, La Rotonda became their favorite place for assembling. Here they were not only having lunch or a dinner, but were also discussing problematic issues of Georgia. La Rotonda was and is favorite place for painters. Such prominent painter as Pablo Picasso used to visit this café very often and even draw there. Today La Rotonda owns some of the originals of Pablo Picasso. Georgian painters were also impressed by this Cafe, such prominent painters as Elene Akhvlediani also visited this place quite often. In 2002, in Georgia, Tbilisi Branch of La Rotonda was established. It is located on Niko Nikoladze Street #1. And the winner of our competition can go there and have a free lunch!

Be the first to answer all questions correctly and win free lunch in Café-Bar Rotonda!!! (Some of the questions are from the articles in this issue!)

- Which year was Guivy Zaldastanishvili Born?
a. 1912 b. 1928 c. 1920 d. 1919
- Which year's calendar is hanging on Anthony Schierman's desk?
a. 2003 b. 2010 c. 2008 d. 2012
- When is David Shapakidze's Birthday?
a. 23rd of May b. 24th of March c. 10th of January d. 29th of November
- Until which year was Donald Thomas the principal of American Academy in Tbilisi?
a. 2006 b. 2004 c. 2005 d. 2007
- From School Trustees, who is the country managing partner? (Hint: See the Portraits in the hallway)
a. Mamuka Khazaradze b. Giorgi Bazgadze c. David Tavadze d. David Khurodze
- What was Richard Lussen's major?
a. Physics b. History c. Linguistics d. Engineering
- How many lockers are in GZAAT?
a. 198 b. 189 c. 199 d. 200
- What did Ilia Mestvirishvili eat instead of strawberry?
a. Pine b. Apple c. Pepper d. Peach
- When was the second meeting with Hampton College?
a. 20th May b. 21st May c. 22nd May d. 23rd May
- In which team does Didier Drogba Play?
a. Madrid b. Barcelona c. Manchester d. Chelsea

Be the first to sent correct answers to gzaat@yahoo.com and receive the price!



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