Since most of the International TU community plays soccer, AIS planned a sports event that brought the different countries to play against each other. This event, besides being a great chance for the students to get to share the spirit of sports together, was also a good way of fundraising for the association for the upcoming events in the year. The AIS soccer tournament was held on the 22nd and 23rd of September at Harwell field. There were 9 teams participating in it, representing China, Turkey, Iran, Malaysia, Kazakhstan, and two teams each from Saudi Arabia and Oman. The preliminary matches on Saturday ended with Saudi teams 1 and 2 and Omani teams 1 and 2 meeting in the semifinal. Omani Team 1 and Saudi Team 1 played in the final match. Oman 1 was leading with one goal that was scored by Nasser Al–Amri until the last three seconds, when Khalid Al Dabal scored to end the match with the score of 1-1. The penalty kicks were in favor of the Saudi team 3-1. AIS would like to congratulate the Saudi team as Champions of the AIS soccer tournament for 2012 – 2013.

Through this event, AIS was able to raise $450 for the association. We would like to thank all who helped in arranging to make the event happen and go smoothly. Thanks to those who came to support the teams and their TU fellow students and shared the spirit of soccer with us.

**Spotlight: Kazakh Student Association**

*By Dinara Rakhmetova, Kazakh Student Association President*

The University of Tulsa has many organizations based on various student interests. The Kazakh Student Association of Tulsa is one of them. As the president of the association, I feel that our main goal is to let people know more about our country and culture.

Kazakhstan is the 9th largest country in the world, which is located in the heart of Eurasia. We have a very rich nomadic past full of many victories and conquests. In the London Olympic Games, Kazakhstan won 13 medals, taking 12th place in the worldwide rankings of medals won. There are 14 members in the Kazakh Association. The main way to represent our culture is to hold events where students can see our history and traditions with their own eyes. We have a main holiday which is called Nauryz. Nauryz is the Kazakh new year; it marks the beginning of spring, when nature begins to awaken after a long cold winter. However, the next event will be held on November 8th in MayoSAC. We will be showing a movie which will tell you more about us! The members of KazSAT hope that you can join us! Information about the event will be available closer to the date.
Update from the International Student Services (ISS) Office

September has been a busy month in the ISS office. The 20th marked the launch of our ISS Coffee Hour, which will be held every other Thursday upstairs in ACAC. This is an opportunity for students to gather, enjoy coffee and other refreshments, socialize, and discuss a particular topic. The first coffee hour, “A Valuable Tool for Academic Success,” featured the Center for Student Academic Support (CSAS). Dr. Tawny Taylor, CSAS Director, came to speak about the services offered by her office. After Dr. Taylor spoke to our students, Aidar Svyatov and Aliya Svyatova offered a student’s perspective about why students should take advantage of CSAS services. Having both been tutors, they have seen firsthand the benefits that come from seeking academic support. The next ISS Coffee Hour will be held on Thursday, October 4th in Great Hall B of ACAC. The topic of this coffee hour will be announced soon.

If you have not already joined the ISS Facebook page, find us at www.facebook.com/groups/TUISS. We will keep you up to date on important events and notifications.

TU Helps Kazakh Siblings Remember Their Roots

By David Kobel

It’s strange to think that a small private university in the middle of the United States would help Kazakh students maintain their roots. However, this is one of the characteristics of TU that has made siblings Aidar Svyatov and Aliya Svyatova love this university. “Kazakhs at TU don’t forget their roots,” said Aliya. “It’s not like other universities in the U.S.”

Aidar agrees and that’s why he chose to remain at TU to work on his Master’s degree in Petroleum Engineering. After finishing his Bachelor’s here, he was accepted to graduate programs at The University of Texas and Texas A&M University, but he didn’t see the same close-knit Kazakh community in those places. “I’ve visited Kazakh friends in Houston, Austin, College Station, and at Colorado School of Mines,” Aidar said, “But the Kazakhs there don’t spend time with each other like they do here.”

A tightly-knit community feels natural because Aidar and Aliya have remained close siblings all of their lives, attending the same schools from kindergarten all the way through to TU. Their father, a mining engineer, was required to move a great deal for work. Together, they were moved from their home city of Pavlodar to Aqtobe to a private UNESCO school in Almaty. They have kept ties with friends from these schools, some of whom also came to TU. Alibek, Aidar’s friend from Aqtobe followed him here immediately. Other friends from their school Almaty, Anuar and Dias, changed their original plans to attend Penn State after Aidar convinced them to join him at TU. “I looked on the Internet for the best petroleum engineering university in the U.S.,” Aidar said. “I found TU, but I was scared to come alone.” Fortunately, Aidar’s friends were willing to join him, and they all found a family here at TU. The Kazakh community at TU enjoys regular celebrations and dinners together and maintains contact after graduation.

Aidar and Aliya have formed strong family-like bonds not only with their fellow Kazakh students but also with students from other countries. Both began their studies at TU in the English Institute for International Students, and they credit this experience with friendships they have maintained throughout their time here. Both siblings feel that TU has been instrumental in exposing them to this national and cultural diversity and provided numerous experiences to prepare them for the real world. Aidar has been the President of both the Kazakh Student Association and the Association of International Students (AIS) and has held multiple positions with the Society of Petroleum Engineers. Aliya has served as Secretary of AIS and Vice President of the Kazakh Student Association. She is currently working as an Apartment Community Assistant with TU Housing, a position which led to her being awarded a scholarship.

Even with their many extracurricular activities and social events, Aidar and Aliya have stayed on track academically. Both will graduate in December of 2012. Aidar will finish his Master’s degree and begin the process of job-hunting soon. (continued on page 4)
Saudi Student Association Celebrates National Day

By Musleh Al-Najrani, Saudi Student Association President

Up until 1932, the area now known as Saudi Arabia experienced intense conflicts as different groups battled for control of the peninsula. On September 23 of that year, King Abdul Aziz Al Saud united the various tribes and territories under the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. National Day commemorates this unification and gives the people of Saudi Arabia a chance to celebrate their culture, history, and traditions.

This year, the Saudi Student Association will be celebrating National Day on October 5th, 5:30-9:00 pm in The Great Hall of ACAC. Invitees will have a chance to enjoy food, music, and dancing from Saudi Arabia, an informative presentation, pictures with traditional Saudi costumes, Henna tattooing, and other activities.

Great Places to Visit in Oklahoma

Tahlequah, OK (Image source: www.travelok.com)

www.tahlequahchamber.com

As the capital of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah offers an interesting taste of Oklahoma’s American Indian culture. Tahlequah is also noteworthy for its natural beauty, its lively music scene, and its designation as one of the Top 100 small towns in the United States. Visitors come to Tahlequah to camp, float the Illinois River, experience Cherokee heritage, and look for a big win at the casino. From Tulsa, head East on U.S. 412 then South on OK-82. The trip takes approximately one hour each way.

Pete’s Place, Krebs, OK (Image source: www.travelok.com)

www.petes.org

In the 1920s, authentic Italian food was served in the home of Italian immigrant and miner Pietro Piegarì. Piegarì, who later changed his name to Pete Prichard, prepared recipes from his home country to feed other European immigrants who also came to Krebs to work in the coal mines. In the 1960s, Prichard finally opened a restaurant to supply the increasing demand, and this restaurant still exists and is now operated by Prichard’s son, Bill. Pete's Place is located in Krebs, just 90 minutes from Tulsa on U.S. 75-South.

TU English Institute Students Do Their Part for Hunger Action Month

September was Hunger Action Month, and TU’s English Institute did its part to fight this growing and pervasive problem in our state. On a rainy Friday afternoon, 20 students and two instructors finished class, quickly ate lunch, and headed to the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, volunteering their time and effort to make sure food is packed and ready to be distributed to Oklahomans who need it.

Typically, the TU English Institute students volunteer 2-4 times a semester. On this particular outing, students sorted products and packed them up to be delivered to needy families. Devinder Singh and Karen Brakey, English Institute instructors were there to help supervise and, at times, provided necessary language support. “English Institute students always enjoy volunteering at the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma and they respect whatever work they are given, such as packing, boxing, and cleaning,” said Singh, who is also the Student Liaison. “I am very thankful and proud of our students for making a difference.”
TU Celebrates Homecoming with “True Blue Nation” Theme

Homecoming is a fall tradition at schools throughout the United States. It gives an opportunity for the alumni (the people who have graduated from a school) to return to the community and visit their alma mater (the school from which one has graduated), see their old classmates, and meet current students. Homecoming activities typically last all through the week and may involve parades, parties, competitions, concerts, pep rallies (gatherings of students and supporters to show school spirit), a bonfire, and a football game.

This year’s Homecoming theme is “True Blue Nation” and offers a variety of entertainment for both current students and alumni. The week kicks off on Monday, October 15th with competitive chariot races and continues with a street painting and banner contest on Tuesday, the TU Color Run on Wednesday, a concert on Thursday, a pep rally, bonfire, and women’s soccer game on Friday night, and the traditional Saturday tailgate party and football game. This year, the Golden Hurricanes will take on the Rice Owls at 2:30pm in Chapman Stadium. Throughout Homecoming Week, TU alumni will also participate in tours, parties, open houses, and other festivities.

If you would like to read more about the upcoming TU Homecoming events, visit www.TUAlumni.com/Homecoming.

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Aliya is following the business route like their mother, who is an economist working in marketing. At this time, she is contemplating continuing her education and working toward an MBA. Her ultimate dream is to open a family business which would utilize each member of the family’s particular strength.

Raziya, their younger sister, will soon graduate high school and begin college. She has already visited TU and loved the community here. “We had trouble sending her back home,” laughs Aidar. Unfortunately if she attends TU, she may not have a sibling here to provide the support that Aidar and Aliya have enjoyed.

“I haven’t had to worry about homesickness or culture shock with my older brother here. I can always call him,” said Aliya. “It’s like having a third parent here, which can be both positive and negative” she laughs. Aidar also sees primarily the positive side of having a sibling here. “I don’t have to worry about her,” he says, adding with a smile, “I can call her anytime of night to come and cook for me.”

ISS Admissions Director Visits Latin America

Each year the ISS office hits the road in search of talented international students. In September, Travis Taylor, Director of International Undergraduate Admissions, visited 11 countries in South and Central America to meet with high school students, parents, and school counselors. On this trip, he had the chance to visit Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Argentina, Peru, Ecuador, Honduras, Costa Rica, Panama, Dominican Republic, and Guatemala.

While most of his time was spent working with students, he did find a little bit of time to explore. The amazing sights and the variety of cuisine were the most enjoyable aspects of his Latin American adventure.
Ancient International Holiday Remains Very Popular in the U.S.

Linked to numerous different cultures, Halloween has roots that date back to at least the Middle Ages. The closest connection seems to be with a religious Celtic holiday known as Samhain. It was said that beginning on October 31st, the souls of the dead would wander on Earth before passing on to another world. This was an opportunity for souls to haunt their living enemies, and in order to hide from souls or frighten them away, people wore costumes. Samhain was later recognized as a Christian holiday, All Hallow’s Eve (from which came the word Halloween).

Today, Halloween, celebrated on October 31st, is a light-hearted holiday and has no religious significance. Though it is often associated with monsters, ghosts, and other frightening phenomena, it is generally seen as a chance for people to enjoy themselves by dressing in costumes. In particular, children have a great time “Trick or Treating” - going from house to house in costume and collecting candy. Adults may celebrate by watching horror movies, visiting haunted houses, or attending costume parties.

A variety of costumes are worn today, both funny and scary, though the symbols of Halloween—ghosts, witches, and jack o’ lanterns (pumpkins with faces carved on them) show some of the darker origins of the holiday. The colors orange and black are closely associated with this day as well (orange representing the season of autumn, black representing the darkness and mystery that surrounds Halloween).

Whatever the reason for this celebration, it remains extremely popular in the U.S. and offers international students a great opportunity to enjoy one of the major holidays observed in this country. Have a Happy Halloween!

A Taste of China in Tulsa
By Yanyihan “Luna” Lu

Do you want to eat really delicious Chinese food? You might have been to Guang Zhou Restaurant near the TU campus already. But there is another one called Asian Cuisine. This restaurant is located at 4710 East 51st Street, surrounded by a lot of restaurants from other counties. There are more than 100 different desserts including appetizers, soups, meat, seafood, pan-fried noodles, hot pot and vegetarian items. Now let me take you to this fancy place to uncover some classic Chinese food!

All of the dishes are served with unlimited steamed rice. Asian Cuisine is open every day of the week except Tuesday.

**MEAT:**
Special spicy chicken $7.95

If you like duck, **ROASTED DUCK** would be the best choice for you, but if you like beef, **SALTED VEGETABLES WITH BEEF** would be the best!

**VEGETRAIN:**
Sour & Spicy Potato $7.25

If you like Spicy food, this would be your best choice!

**VEGETRAIN:**
Salt & Pepper tofu $7.25

Although this tofu is special, **MAPO TOFU** is the most famous and classic one.
Driving Tip: Always Yield to Emergency Vehicles

In the U.S., it is your legal obligation to yield to emergency vehicles. When a law enforcement vehicle, ambulance, or fire truck is using its siren and/or lights and approaching from any direction, you must do the following (according to www.okc.gov/safety/code_three/index.html):

- **Pull over** to the right side of the road, clear of intersections.
- **Stop** until the emergency vehicle has passed.
- In heavy traffic when traffic is slow or stopped, **pull over to the right** as much as possible.
- If you’re **at a red light** and an emergency vehicle is coming up behind you, **clear a path if possible** — but use common sense. If you can’t safely clear the way, wait for the light to change. Once you’re through the intersection, pull over to the right, stop and wait for the emergency vehicle to pass.
- Fire Department vehicles **stop at all red lights and signs** before proceeding through intersection. Wait for them to pass.
- Remember there may be **more than one emergency vehicle** responding to an incident, and coming from more than one direction. If an emergency vehicle passes you, be sure no others are approaching before moving on.
- On interstate highways, **don’t stop**. Pull over into the right hand lane when it’s safe to do so. Don’t pull over into the median.

Image source: www.en.wikipedia.org

Lingo Lesson of the Month: Idioms About The Brain

By David Kobel

**Brainstorm** = to think about a topic and try to come up with many ideas. I’m brainstorming topics for my next essay.

To pick someone’s **brain** = to ask someone for ideas about something. I’m having trouble deciding what to do about this problem with my roommate. Can I pick your brain for a minute?

To rack your **brain** = To try very hard to think of something. I’ve racked my brain trying to remember where I put my keys, but I can’t find them!

To have something on the **brain** = To be thinking about something. He can’t concentrate. He’s got lunch on the brain.

**Brainiac** = a very intelligent person. She’s a real brainiac.