Rock Chalk Jayhawk!

ISS, AAP, and AEC experience Jayhawk Men's Basketball

Yui “Summer” Saito

I was glad to join the basketball game as an ISS event, because I could learn about KU basketball history and of course free pizza before the game started. If I hadn’t known about the KU basketball team, I couldn’t have enjoyed the game. The thing that really excited me was slapping the basketball players’ hands at the entrance. I could feel their sweat on my hands. Furthermore, I really liked to tear Fort Hays State’s name up in the newspaper because I’ve never tried or seen this before! Of course when the KU basketball players got points, I was so excited. However for me, I was impressed when they played as a team, such as passing the ball and getting a point. Anyway I only can say that the KU basketball team and KU are awesome!

Right: Summer before she tore up her newspaper at the basketball game.
Part 1

One day, Tom was forced by his mother to go clean at his grandparents’ house. Tom was a clever young man, but he hadn’t attended university. At twenty years old, his mother worried he was becoming lazy, and so asked him to clean his grandparents’ house.

While he was cleaning, he stepped on a loose floorboard. It came up and he could see something underneath it. He lifted the floorboard and saw something gold and shiny. It was a key! And under the key, he found a mysterious map.

Tom went and asked his father if he knew anything about the key.

“You weren’t supposed to find that!” shouted his father angrily.

His father grabbed the map and key and put them in the bedroom.

Tom continued cleaning. He hadn’t expected this reaction from his father, but thought little of it. Suddenly, a stranger appeared!

“GIVE ME MY MAP AND KEY!” he shouted.

Tom was scared, but he ran into the bedroom, grabbed the map and key and hid himself in a hole in the wall in the closet. He didn’t know it, but he had stepped into another world.

He sat inside the closet, not knowing what to do. The stranger could come and get him at any time! He studied the map, he hadn’t really had a chance to look at it.

He saw the closet and the hole, and a whole new world beyond that! He realized he was in the new world! He wanted to explore this new world!

He followed the path on the map and as he was walking, his late grandfather appeared.

“There is something valuable in this place,” said his grandfather. “Someone evil is after it. You have to get there first!”

Suddenly, Tom turned around and saw the stranger had followed him. Tom approached the stranger, but then the stranger turned into a three-headed dog and tried to eat him!

To be continued…

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This semester instructors Kay Ornella and Rebecca Boguski taught an elective class called “Connecting with Community.” As part of the class, students volunteered at Penn House. Instructor Kay Ornella described the class this way: “I think the overall focus is to help [students] find ways to make connections -- both on campus and off campus. After given the internet/website tools, for example, they explore on their own to come up with various types of activities to take part in, they interview people as as preliminary to volunteer work, etc. They also find activities to join and report those activities to the class in some form. The Penn House trip is the "culmination" more or less of the volunteering segment.”
Please think about the following events and dates if you plan to leave Lawrence for the break (Winter Break) between Fall and Spring semesters. Please make your travel plans soon so that you can travel on the dates that you want.

**AEC Exit Proficiency Test Date and Results Available Date**

The AEC Exit Proficiency Test will be on the morning of Saturday, December 5. You will receive more information about the exact time and location later. Test results will be available on **TUESDAY, December 15, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.**

**Level 5 students who have earned grades of A or B**

If you are a student with two Level 5 core courses, and you earn grades of A or B in BOTH courses, you do not have to test. However, if you earn a C, D, or F in ANY of your courses or if you have another class at another level (not Level 5), you must take the AEC Exit Proficiency Test.

**All students (other than the Level 5 students mentioned above) must take the AEC Exit Proficiency Test. Do not miss the test.**

If you miss the exit proficiency test, you will be placed according to your course grades. If you received an A or B in a core class and did not test, you will move up one level in the skill area. If you received a C, D, or F and did not test, you will be scheduled to repeat the level in that skill area. **NO TESTS WILL BE GIVEN TO RETURNING STUDENTS IN JANUARY. IF YOU DO NOT TEST IN DECEMBER, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TEST.** (Note: All students, regardless of their previous course grades, have the possibility of moving up to the next level if they perform well enough on the diagnostics given on the first day of class in January.)

**What if I will not be in Lawrence to get my results?**

The AEC cannot give test results to anyone other than the student him or herself. **This means that no one else can pick up your test results for you.** Also, we cannot send results to you by e-mail or over the telephone due to privacy laws. However, we can mail your results to you unless you are currently on AEC Academic Probation (see next). Please see Doris and she can help you with this.

**Pre-KUAAP Students**

Pre-KUAAP students should talk with AAP staff in 578 Watson before making travel plans during the break.

**Students Currently on AEC Academic Probation**

Please review your probation letter for “Terms of Probation.” You are required to pick up your results at the AEC **before you leave Lawrence.** Do not leave Lawrence before you get your results.
**Students Who Leave Lawrence and Who Are Going Onto Academic Probation**

If you are placed on probation at the end of the fall term, and you have left town, and you talked to Doris about mailing your results, you will not receive your test results by mail. Instead, you will receive a letter telling you to talk with a cross-cultural advisor as soon as you return to Lawrence. This is because students going onto probation often have many questions and advisors need to make sure that you understand your probation status.

**WARNING ABOUT ACADEMIC DISHONESTY (cheating) on the AEC Exit Proficiency Test**

Cheating on the AEC Exit Proficiency Test will have very bad results. "Cheating" includes:

- having another student take the exam in your place,
- copying answers off another student's exam,
- using or trying to use notes or other outside materials during the exam,
- removing any copies of the exam from the examination room, or
- taking any photos of the exam.

If another student takes the test in your place or if another student gives you answers to the test, that other student will also be in trouble.

Students who cheat on the AEC Exit Proficiency Test and students who help AEC students cheat on the AEC Exit Proficiency Test (or any other test at the AEC or at KU) can be punished. Punishments can be:

- a grade of F or zero on the test
- a grade of F in the course
- dismissal from KU

Think and think again before you try to cheat on any test at the AEC or at KU. Some AEC students have been dismissed from KU for cheating on the exit proficiency test.

**Start of Spring Semester 2016, Late Enrollment Fee and Diagnostic Tests**

Classes for Spring semester begin on Tuesday, January 19, 2016. You are expected to return so that you can begin classes on the first day. Monday, January 18 is a holiday; the AEC office and all KU offices will be closed on that day. We strongly recommend that you return to Lawrence by January 13th at the latest.

1. The KU Late Enrollment Fee starts on Tuesday, January 19. You must be enrolled BEFORE that day or you will pay this fee.

If you do not return on time and you miss the first day(s) of your AEC class(es), you will not be able to make up diagnostic tests or other work that you miss in Week 1.

**Questions?**

If you have any questions, please see Doris in the AEC Office, 204 Lippincott.
AEC student Meiqi Li joins the KU International Women's Association for Craft Night.

From left: Yui Saito, Rizuki Kudo, conversation leader Puteri Ahmad, former AEC student Faras Ahmad, KU student Tiffany Leu, and Anjali Aloisi and conversation leader Raffa Prevot play trivia for International Education Week.

AEC student Mizuki Kudo at the luncheon for speaker Rania Habiby Anderson for International Education Week.

From left: Conversation leader Jarred Morris, Tachi Takada, conversation leader Raffaella Prevot, and Maki Kishimoto enjoy Late Night in the Phon.

Conversation Leader Sandra Vega-Carrero loses while playing Jenga in Conversation Groups.