This school is like a small town, where each and every member of the community should put some effort in making progress. It has been a hard work of many predecessors, but it should be carried on with plenty of creativity. We would like to see this school as there was always room for improvement.

There are a lot of people with unique, great, valuable and even crazy ideas which quite often do not reach the “right” powerful people. Probably they just don’t want to take on the full responsibility associated with the bringing the idea to public or implementing it in the real life. It takes lot of effort, consciousness, and courage. From “all or nothing” staying behind is often chosen. Do you agree? Do you see yourself? Maybe you think that if someone really wants to do, organize or create, he will. However, how often does that happen?

We mean that here is not always offered a choice to be somewhere between all or nothing. We believe there are a lot of bright people whose ideas are not asked or not taken under consideration. What we want is to get these things above the water.

What we offer?

Presidential team is more about duties, responsibilities and understanding. There has to be seen a leadership, not an authority.

We want to ensure very close cooperation of SA and students. Involve them. Let them perform. Provide opportunities. Let them be heard. We strongly believe that the key of success is communication.

Agnese and Andris, truly one of you.

Ask not what SSER can do for us, but what we can do for SSER. Give it a serious thought. We have…

The day we have learnt about the Student Association here in Stockholm School of Economics in Riga, we have understood that we should belong there. It was the activity, creativeness and dedication of the Association Board member’s which caught our attention, and we saw that it is the activity which would allow us to express ourselves the most and in that way contribute to the school.

We have decided to run for presidents because we are driven by the idea of organising the work of a team consisting of active, initiative and intelligent people. We have some experience in this area and are eager to gain even more of it. Also we are active – we already participate in various school activities which require us to be creative and innovative – Days of Opportunities 2004 Organising team, Drama Club, Yearbook Publishing team. We find it important to relax mind and body after a hard day at school by doing sports. Of course, we realize that if elected, we will have to reschedule our day, but we find it flexible enough and we are willing to do that.

We plan to maintain the successful work of the Student Association and proceed with running the current projects. We will be open to your reasonable suggestions and try to implement them in school-life if it is possible. We hope to introduce some innovations of our own if approved by the board.

We will follow the Student Association regulations, thus continuing to work for your wellbeing, moderating between you and the administration and representing your opinion.

Yours truly,
Audrius and Ignas

Different actions, which yet do not infringe upon freedom of other persons, can be undertaken by the candidates in order to get the attention and persuade the electorate. However, all these actions have to be suspended not later than December 7, 2003, 24:00.

The order of the articles, the size of the photos, as well as their disposition do not reflect the opinion of the Insider’s team - they are subject for the pages to have an appropriate layout. The Insider’s team also does not bear any responsibility for the content of the articles.

The Insider team wishes good luck to all the candidates.
Janis Unbedahts & Elina Kondrate

In the end of this summer another study semester started, another subjects started, another Year 1 came to study in this place where we all are today. And then another Student Association elections came with a wonderful opportunity for the Year 1 students. Information committee, business committee, education committee, party committee, sports committee, public relations committee and finally presidential team… wheeee, our heads start to spin around from all the choices we can make!!! But: how to make the optimal choice?

We are two young people, but we already know each other for several years. Together we have gone through hell and high water. We have gained experience but we still have room for improvement. We came to this school, which we considered to be providing the best education for success in long-run, to expand our knowledge, skills, and experience. To achieve all this most effectively, we need teamwork. With strong teamwork we can work wonders, and the two of us is THE TEAM.

Looking at the list of all the posts which the SA gives us the opportunity to apply for, we asked ourselves questions: “In which position can we contribute to our school the most? Which is the position where we would perform the best? And after all: what do we want the most?” Every position is enticing and we could gain and give a lot in each. However, we chose to apply for the presidential team because we trust in our strength, knowledge and skills. These would enable us to achieve the improvements in the SA work that we see as necessary for better performance.

You might ask us: “What is this better performance and how do you plan to reach it?” And here is our answer: we want the SA to be one unit that strives for a common goal of cooperation. Cooperation among students, administration, and everyone else who is a part of SSE Riga. We want the SA to become your friend that would make you want to return to school not only to write reports and meet the deadlines but also because it would feel like a pleasant place to be. This can be reached through transparency and involvement of each individual in this school. We want you all to know what is happening and to be a part of it. With the help of the SA we would like you to realize your ambitions and innovations.

The SA is not a closed community that is open only to “the chosen”. The SA is there for you and you are there for SA. As the presidential team we would like to ensure a fruitful interaction among us all.

YOUR TEAM
Janis Unbedahts and Elina Kondrate

Kristaps Lukasinskis & Gunta Jurca

Our dear Voters,

We are pleased to inform you that the great opportunity to select us as the SSE president and vice-president posts has appeared. We, Kristaps Lukasinskis (candidate for president) and Gunta Jurca (candidate for vice-president), are ready to solve all the future problems and difficulties we will face with (and we know that there are lots of them!), to make yours as well as ours life in SSE more comfortable and cozy. As many of us have already experienced, SSE is the second home for all of us as we have spent here many sleepless nights studying, partying, and getting together. Not only our school offers the best education in Baltic, but also provides us with many other opportunities apart from that. We believe that it is our task to maintain and develop our home. Therefore, our unique “selling” (do not get wrong) points are:

- continue all the traditions of our school, like Summer Symposium, Baptizing, Home Coming, Days of Opportunities, Debate tournaments and other activities,
- we will negotiate with the administration about the students’ concerns, e.g. the good old computer and poor Cola machine problem,
- advance the communication and corporation with other higher education institutions in Baltic,
- and finally, to coordinate the work of SA effectively.

And if we still haven’t convinced you to vote for us, you should always remember, that we:

- have gained experience in participating in organizations like LU Students’ Association and Student Corporation
- are cheerful and creative team ready to represent SSE
- remember, we are always on your (our-students) side and open to all your suggestions

So, if we will win, and we hope we will, as Mortan says, you can squeeaaaaaaaaaeeeee eeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeze everything possible from us! ☺

Truly yours, Kristaps and Gunta.
Dear schoolmates,

The time to make the choice who will be the new SA board members is coming soon. We all realize the importance of this choice because elections are not roulette where one can be taken at random. We are those who are affected by the work of SA. The ones who are going to be elected have to possess relevant qualities to get on with the work which is in process and come up with new ideas. The decision to apply was really well-considered and we believe that we are the team which can be the one.

The first that occurs in the mind of voters is how to differentiate candidates and find out who is the best. We, Julija & Egon, have different backgrounds. We were brought up in different countries with dissimilar traditions; our gender and age, language and habits are different. Also our interests and hobbies are not the same. However, we have much in common. One of us served in the army (guess who…) and the other is a member of Latvian Youth Track and Field team; strict self-discipline helped one to survive and the other to achieve high-level results. Although we have different experiences, as a team we share the same values and believes based on willingness to be useful and provide the effective work of SA combining our skills.

We came to the point that as The School gives us a lot for our future life we are determined to do as much as possible in return. Joining the SA means being useful for the school, not only gain benefits yourselves. We do wish to contribute our time, energy, and ideas to the school. We are eager to organize the work of committees by expanding duties and involving more students in it. We are going to maintain all the existing events and parties organized by the SA. In the same manner we would be honored to develop the projects which have already been started by the former board and work the known high principles of SA also in the future.

Lots of love, Julija & Egon

Hello fellows!

We are Ilze Tolpeznikova and Janis Lazdins — the ones who will appreciate your vote when the time comes. This is our opportunity to introduce us to you, give some information about our plans and finally reveal our secret weapon which will help us to prove that we are able to lead the Student Association (and no, we do not mean gossips about other candidates). The weapon — natural instinct to hit the jackpot.

And do not worry you will not see the same promises here as you have heard for years!

Sorry for those who expected another story about the Little Prince. We can tell you for sure — the Prince has left the building! Another important thing — we are not blond. The thing about the size… Let’s be honest — it depends on your preferences.

What is the thing about “We promise…”, “We might…”, “We hope…”? Those are daydreamers — come on!

Everyone knows that we will and that is what we have to prove — if you still haven’t noticed that. This is what distinguishes us from our competitors. We are not saying that we are bad and helpless. We all have our ideas how to work efficiently. The pint is that our team has not failed (that also differs us from others — if you know what we mean). As we can see there is a big problem with arrogance in our school, because some students who have not passed all the exams

think that they are the best candidates for responsible posts in SA. But are they really that ready as they assure us?

We are eager to get the opportunity which is provided to us and get the experience. We will continue the work started on different projects and develop new ones like better communication with students and involving our school in activities connected with other schools. To make you feel more comfortable at school is also an idea we will fulfill. We will bring new ideas in the SA. What about the coldness in classrooms? We bet everyone has experienced how disturbing and annoying that is. We will do our best to improve our study environment.

We can bet
That you will get,
So do your best
And vote for us!
If we will fail
Then you won’t gain,
So don’t be lame
It’s not a game!
Think twice before you vote for someone else!

Yours,
Janis Lazdins & Ilze Tolpeznikova

P.S. B also goes for boast
“Mighty Duet!”

We, Edgars Gleizdans and Rainers Vilans, have decided to take part in the Student Association elections as a team. The purpose of this is to become the President and Vice-president of this marvellous organization. First, we would like to introduce ourselves.

Edgars Gleizdans, the candidate for the post of President, is an SSE Riga student, who has experienced studies in the University of Latvia, the Economics and Business Administration faculty, for one year. While studying in LU, Edgars also took active part in the social part of the university’s life: he was elected as a member of that faculty’s student association and also was asked to join the student corporation “Beveronija”. As a member of these organizations Edgars has established a wide network in the Latvian student community, which might also be helpful, if he was to become the President of Student Association here in SSE Riga. Therefore, it might be only correct to characterise him as a bright, socially active, and joyful youngster, which he has proven himself to be during past three months in SSE Riga. The name of the candidate for the post of the Vice-president is Rainers Vilans. Last year Rainers graduated Riga State Gymnasium N°1. During his graduation year, Rainers was an active member of the student council in Riga State Gymnasium N°1. He also participated in the Council’s elections to the post of president, but unfortunately finished a little bit behind the new president’s back. Here in SSE Riga Rainers has proved himself to be a person who is easy to communicate with. Rainers has the significant quality of not hesitating to express his opinion and ideas to other students or in front of the audience. Both of us hope that we will be able to keep up our energetic participation in the social life of students here in SSE Riga as well. Let us move on to the part where we explain why we want to take these important seats and the responsibility that comes with them. As it was already mentioned above, one of the reasons is that we are willing to continue our successful participation in different student organizations. Another reason why we would like to take part in these elections is that we would like to organize the life of the student community that we are ourselves a part of. We candidate exactly for these posts for the reason that we believe that in these positions we will be able to influence the life of SSE Riga the most. We want to express ourselves not just as bright minds in the academic process, but in a wider range as well. And wider range is meant not just by ensuring that SSE Riga students vote for our team, but by doing real works that give benefit to the whole SSE Riga community. Why “Mighty Duet!”:
- We know what we want cause we are worth that
- Most important, we have proven that we know how…
- More with us than with who ever they are
- If you want the best, you have to vote for the best
- ENERGY ENTHUSIASM EXCELLENCE - our main characteristics…

Aleksandrs Ralovecs

I am proud of studying at THIS SCHOOL. It is honor for me to study with all THESE PEOPLE. It will be honor for me to work as THE REPRESENTATIVE for the School.

Aleksandrs Ralovecs (SA-2004 elections, PR committee)
October 20th, 2003

Dear schoolmates,

Everything has started already long before us – good reputation, clever and nice people, heavy workload, but at the same time interesting parties. Not a lot has changed also today – sometimes being quite arrogant, but all in all very smart, friendly and responsive students, nice study environment and intelligent teaching staff. That’s what I have learned about SSER and that is what I would like to tell also the others. Having experience in PR already at the secondary school level, I would be really proud and challenged to represent our school outside its nice building, as I believe the others should get to know us better. Being self-confident we still have to learn from the others, work together with them as in the future we won’t be only enclosed society of SSER.

I believe that we learn by trying and gain by doing, so I will be happy if you give me the chance!

Best regards,
Aija Spirge
Dear students,

As we know, Business Committee Chairman’s primary objective is fundraising. In my opinion, this duty is a challenging fusion of teamwork and individual skills. What encouraged me to apply for this position are the high standards set by previous Business Committee chairmen. Life is a ladder. The higher you climb, the broader the perspective.

I am persistent, communicative, and fluent in both Latvian and Russian. Relevant background? Two years of a speaker’s experience, namely, carrying out meetings of students’ council back at secondary school. Together, we would spent hours looking for efficient ways to allocate more than scarce financial resources, plan upcoming events, or try to make sense out of never-ending debates around school issues. The position was often tough and seldom rewarding, but I came to loving it. Now that those times are over, there is a new environment around. Still, such personal qualities as sense of responsibility and responsiveness are here to stay once they are exposed and developed. A freshman like me won’t start pretending he is a know-it-all candidate. Instead, I’ll tell you I am a fast learner, fast enough to make up for missing skills.

Well, yes, the one must be a
Very dedicated, honest person.
Be friendly, awfully polite and, above all,
Be highly motivated; trusted.

Well, are ye qualified or aren’t ye?

Some say, “Well, it depends…”, another
Will try to beat the latter and say “Yes”.
But ain’t these answers primitive? Or else –
Who’d be a bit conservative (or wiser)
And simply say, “I’ll try and do my best”.

Uncertainty.

There is a ghost at SSE.
That we all know, but dare not name
Because we think we cannot tame
The creature named uncertainty.

A mole it is, it wanders blindly
From one to other; it may halt
And asks us questions. One of those
Well, are ye qualified or aren’t ye?

As a member of the Days of Opportunities 2004 team, I deem is essential to promote and develop the Students’ Database – when completed, it will heavily contribute to the event.

I will strive for closer cooperation with Alumni Association. With such an extensive and influential network deeply rooted in our school much can be achieved.

I don’t expect smooth sailing, of course. It’s not a safe bet that all of our yearnings will be fulfilled. I realize that every serious intention is bound to comply perfectly with such adjectives as ‘feasible’ and ‘viable’. I am asking for a chance to prove that your hopes are justified. If you trust me, there is an easy way to show it with your vote.

Give it a go. Give a chance to the fast learner.

Yours,

Aleksejs

What is the role of the Finance Committee at SSE Riga? We all, here at SSE Riga, are used to enjoy many benefits that students at other schools cannot. We are delighted with good quality parties for symbolic fee, use special discounts, participate in famous events, like Summer Symposium and Days of Opportunities, and have serious scholarships for high performance in particular courses. The main purpose of the Finance Committee is to fill Student Association’s pockets with money and help it with other support, like contacts, advice, to make these and some more benefits available to students and turn their study time at SSE Riga more interesting and cheerful. In order to fulfill its purpose Finance Committee has to maintain network and cooperation with current partners and sponsors as well as establish new ones. It can be done through several ways, like negotiating, organizing particular events, and taking part in different activities. Finance Committee Chairman is responsible for that, so he needs a number of capabilities to get his job done. The most important are negotiating and networking skills as well as leadership and confidence about him and the business he deals with.

The elections of new the Student Association Board are coming soon. All the committees including Finance Committee will change their chairmen/ladies. Mecislavs will convey his knowledge and experience to one first year student who will have to be able to keep on the best existent traditions of Financial Committee as well as introduce new ones. As I believe I am having a willingness to learn this business, and have all the necessary capabilities to be successful in the position of Finance Committee Chairman in SA Board, I would like to propose myself as an appropriate candidate for it.

Yours,

Agris Evertovskis
Dear schoolmates!

No doubt, each of us wants to lead a happy life, make a wonderful career and have a good position in the society. I think you will agree that if a person wants to achieve good results, he must first of all receive a good education, as it is forming our personality and mind, making our intellectual and cultural horizons wider, teaching us what we call values and preparing for the future life we cannot predict.

We have chosen SSE Riga, because we believe in its power and the high quality of education it provides. In order to make the studying process more efficient, the chairman of Education Committee of different years have put a lot of effort in it, cooperating educational programs, preparing feedbacks and communicating information between the administration and the students. Now it is your turn to decide. The last thing, I know that the question about how already helped edu.com will be asked in Q&As. Well, I can say that the only promise I can make. Because it is time for actions. Now it is your turn to decide.

Kristina Maria Muskina

Diana Vejina

I won’t lie to you – I haven’t dreamed about becoming edu.com from the day I entered SSER. Nevertheless, the answer to the question why do I want to get into SA and to be edu.com is simple. I believe I can make difference and can improve education quality here. I saw the opportunity and I am trying to use it. Also I believe that I can make it better than anyone else. Again why? I left Kaunas Technological University in Lithuania and entered this school because I was seeking for good education: the wish to learn things that are interesting and useful with help of good lecturers and understanding administration. I have gained experience that will certainly help me in this post.

I see the Chairman of Education Committee as an intermediary between the administration and students. As a responsible, reliable, and understanding person (it is me) who not only communicates information to you, but also comes up with her own ideas and suggestions for improvements. The most important goal of the chairman is to find the best way of co-operation between the staff and students, and I am going to search for it. It is the only promise I can make.

Why?

Because it is not time for promises, it is time for actions.

Yours,

Kristina.

Arnas Laurynas

I won’t lie to you – I haven’t dreamed about becoming edu.com from the day I entered SSER. Nevertheless, the answer to the question why do I want to get into SA and to be edu.com is simple. I believe I can make difference and can improve education quality here. I saw the opportunity and I am trying to use it. Also I believe that I can make it better than anyone else. Again why? I left Kaunas Technological University in Lithuania and entered this school because I was seeking for good education: the wish to learn things that are interesting and useful with help of good lecturers and understanding administration have left my mind not for a single day. Now I am in SSER; and still I want not only to use its resources but also to strive to improve it. Of course, one can argue that I want to get good line in CV or just don’t have what to do but I believe that people who know me ken how much I value education I get.

I don’t think I am able to say that I will contribute as much as I can to it. I am really willing to be beneficial for my fellow students and ready to act as a conduit for information regarding education resources. I do realize that this work is not easy and rather time-consuming, but I am not afraid of hardships and always ready to gain knowledge and obtain information I need to feel equipped for everything I do. I think all the committees must perform together so as to be more efficient and we can do it. I am ready to try to do all I can to perform well and justify all your expectations.

Just remember, true education is the most important commodity we receive in life, as it is a tool of making our life more productive, successful and perhaps happier. Let’s make the most of ourselves and don’t even doubt, our efforts will not be in vain!

Yours,

Kristina.
Renate Kalvele

Here I am – the person, who will bring YOU to the fantastic sports world. You would ask; why do I want to do it? The answer is very simple – because I just love any kind of sports. To argue this, I can name some of the sports events I fancy to take part in - tennis, table tennis, swimming, go-carts, rally, golf, bowling – and… I repeat, these are just some of all! Therefore, I also wish to give an opportunity to practice different kind of sports to all of you who would like to. Moreover, I am eager to bring out the name of SSE Riga to society as an active university in any kind of sports tournaments. And finally… I want to develop and prove you my organization skills. Do you want to see, how will I manage all this? Vote for me & you will see!

Yours,
Renate Kalvele

Zanda Indriksone

Come on...

This is going to be some fun
And sports are going to be done
Don’t forget to take a ball
And let’s go to the hall.
- What kind of ball?
Doesn’t matter, let’s play it all.

Up and down
Come around
And you will see
That there is me!

You can join if you want,
This will always be some fun!

Dmitrijs Dikanskis

Mens sana in corpore sano

Dear maters,
The motto above means a sound mind in a sound body. This implies the notion that a healthy mind is a function of a healthy body. The reason for this is that in the process of identification with their body, people derive the notion of who they are, how much they can perform. I try to emphasize how sporting activities, physical fitness and body culture are important. It became a corporate part of our own life. Sometimes we are tired of school, home or even life; and it is important to rest. In general, tiredness is a conditioned response from the mind to the body. To get rid of it doing some sport is a right choice. We have our customs in SSER: football, basketball and etc. I am a person who will help you to follow these traditions having fun and opportunity to develop and relax. Try to defeat me on the playground!

Sincerely yours,
Dmitrijs
They say that Anete Abelniece stands for Information Committee of Student Association. Like it always happens, when something familiar is being replaced with something new, they are dreadfully skeptical. At the same time, they are confident – she wouldn’t apply if she wasn’t sure that it makes sense. Therefore, after talking things over cautiously, they decide to give her an opportunity to persuade them. Shortly, in 5 sentences… She starts:

“Ever since I came to this school, I have been taking part in various activities, such as writing articles for The Insider, Year Book making, organizing Days of Opportunities, and arranging Baltic Youth Media Conference. Earlier I graduated an art school and wrote articles for a local newspaper. Nevertheless, I don’t regard this experience as the most important quality an info.com person must have. I believe that the key values are creativity and eagerness, which I apparently have. The Information Committee is all about generating things and illustrating them to everybody, and I am about implementing my ideas in the most attractive way.”

Even though she has finished speaking, there are no comments from them. Still silence… Though, if listen carefully, it is possible to hear whispering to each other that her speech was winning, that’s why they want Anete to be in the board of Student Association. That concerns them. What about you?

Breaking news: some of our sharp-eyed students have already noticed an unidentified object coming closer and closer to Earth. "SSE Planet"... It is hard to name this extraordinary event. But there is still time left for more detailed research. Predictable time when it will reach the atmosphere is 1st of December. So don’t panic, yet you will soon be able to acquire all the necessary information what is this all about and what is going to happen.

Now we will try to contact our expert on the field in order to figure out more in details:

“Watch out! There is an Unknown Flying Object targeted on Students Association. Didn’t have enough time to explore, just this is she. What we know so far that she looks rather small and innocent. The speed she is approaching… (Oops, the radar went out of the order!). Still we managed to take a picture of it.

Results of the analysis shortly are as follows:

- Something unusual
- Rather small but sharp and accurate
- Too expressive to be quiet
- Too active to be caught
- Clearly targeted
- Willing to let you know
- Noticed in drama club and yearbook team
- Asking for giving the chance

Warning! Warning! Information is coming!”

This was a brief description from one of our journalists about approaching UFO. It is targeted at SSER SA Information committee. You still have time to decide how to deal with the situation. Most experts advise that UFO should be let in. Make your choice.

Dear SSER students,

All alive creatures move in this world, and we can’t imagine anything otherwise. Sport is an activity that lots of people can call their hobby, and this is the reason why sport is important. As for me, I have been involved in different kinds of sport since 5 years old or even earlier. I do believe that I am a suitable candidate for sport committee because lots of energy and enthusiasm will let me create something new in this field. What is more, I am not a newcomer in such kind of work: for 5 months I had been the chairlady of a dancing group. Here I was responsible for the group’s participating in two competitions and for organizing one performance by myself. It is really pleasant to see when the audience is delighted with an event you’ve arranged; that’s why I always try to do my best when organizing something. In fact, it’s not important what you are, important who you are and how you are going to work.

Truly yours,
-Natasha-
Inga Berzina

Application for party .com…

…I have capitulated in front of one of the greatest motivators in the world – challenge…

I can’t and won’t promise that in a miraculous way SSE Riga parties would become the best in the whole world if I were elected… I’m a bit more realistic. The thing I can and do offer you is a corporation between us in order to find out the wishes we have and fulfill them as much as possible.

I’m not a professional party organizer (at least not yet :)) but I have an idea that with my willingness to meet the challenge as good as possible and your involvement (and I mean collaboration also after elections through feedbacks, mails etc.) we could spend some pretty good time partying… in the way you want…

C U in OUR PARTY…?!

Vladims Dumess

Can I kick it?

…

This whole article idea is the most outrageous piece of stupidity I have ever encountered in my entire life. What can you possibly write about partying in 2000 characters with spaces? It is like trying to climb up the Everest wearing panties— your balls will freeze before you even think about it.

They rightly tell you it takes more than a proper organizer for a party to be kicking. But an organizer who sucks usually spoils the thing even before it has started. Fortunately enough, there is the savior who can fix it up.

If you make the right choice, you will be entertained all year long with filthy big-boob mammas from the Bahamas, shaking their things like the dance queens; teased

and pleased at the after-party by hot-chocolate daddies, as they deliver

plenty of loving in the shake-down river; sweetened by honey-bunnies; fed with caviar, Crystal, booze for those who let it loose, and…

beware, people, cos it’s just the beginning. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Get ready for the ultimate celebration experience. Don’t be afraid to open up. Reveal your need for genuine filth. Bring your inner party beasts out. And put the right tick to make it the ticket to the longest, strongest, and thongest festivities of your lifetime.

Don’t pick the host whose name sounds like a ghost. If you want to party, don’t just grab somebody; grab me, silly.

…

Let me entertain you.

…

Cheers.

Donata Radziunaite

😊 (It is instead of greeting) 😊

BECAUSE I like smiling and making others happy. Maybe it is the main reason why I want to be a party com.

What is more, I believe that I am energetic and creative enough to make interesting parties. I feel that at the moment I have too much energy and I would like to create something. Also, I have some useful experience from my secondary school where I have helped to organize several events like the hundred days party or baptizing. And the most important thing – I really want to do it!

To be a NEW PARTY COM!
In order to examine the intellectual capacity of the candidates, a short questionnaire was prepared. Yes, it was biased, as well as the presentation of the results; however, the layout is still neutral! The Insider team is sorry for any inconveniences it might have caused. (Comments of the authors of the questionnaire are in italics. They do not reflect the opinion of the whole Insider team.

Yeah, as always...). The questions were as follows:

1. How many member states are there in the European Union? 15
2. Which is higher: Mount Jomolungma or Mount Everest? It is the same mountain.
3. When SSE Riga was established? 1994

Some special questions for each position in the Board:

Presidential team: Name the presidents of the three Baltic States. Latvia – Vaira Vike-Freiberga, Lithuania – Rolandas Pakasas, Estonia – Arnold Ruutel.

PR.com: Which committee has resigned last year and was reelected afterwards? Education committee.

Edu.com: What is Y3 studying now? Y3 is writing their bachelor thesis.

Sports.com: How high is the basketball basket? 3.05 meters.

Business.com: Who is depicted on 100 LVL note? Krisjanis Baranis.

Party.com: What are the main ingredients of Margarita cocktail? Tequila, lime juice, triple sec (there may be other additional components)

Info.com: How much does it cost to issue one Insider? Approximately 150 – 200 LVL (it depends on the number of pages).

And here come the answers...

**Residential Teams**

Kristaps Lukasinskis & Gunta Jurca

1. K.: 13 (very meandering voice. Looks very meandering)

2. G.: Everest! no wait wait... It’s the same (Joy and delightment in her voice. The male side meanwhile keeps silent and only nods the head)

3. G.: 1993 (again - silence from male side)

4. G.: Vaira Vike-Freiberga for Latvia (we would be surprised if you wouldn't know that...) For Lithuania... The one who is involved currently in scandal! I don’t remember his name... (And for Estonia) I don’t know.

(And we thought that it is president who should communicate most... It appears that all you need is Girl Power in vice-president post!)

Julija Dzigsule & Egon Rand


2. J.: It’s the same mound, actually.


4. E.: aahh. In Lithuania Pakasas, in Estonia Arnold Ruutel, and in Latvia... J: Vaira Vike-Freiberga

(Diagnosis – strong feminine leadership in the team can be observed. The male side of the team – the symbol of stability and calmness)

Agneze Lubgane & Andris Keziks

1. A.L.: Jesus, I don’t remember... A.K.: And the answers? (And the answer is...?) A.K.: No, a, b, c, I mean... (No no, there are no answers... Do you think we are so stupid to make it THAT easy?) A.L.: mh. 16 (Approximately. Or you can calculate...) A.K.: Oh no no! 16, ok (does not try to calculate, seems to be impatient) (Do you agree with your partner?) A.L.: Yea.

2. (A.K. is trying to say something) A.L.: No no no no! Everest is the highest! (Can you tell approximately by how much?) (discussing that if Everest is higher than Jomolungma, then by how many meters is Jomolungma higher than Everest... Minus?) Strong analytical skills or weak knowledge in geography?) A.L.: Could you repeat the question? How Jomolungma can be higher than Everest? Ah, ok. In case Jomolungma is higher... Oh, it’s shitbull! (did you want to say bullshit?) (after a short pause) Jomolungma is Everest.. Is it? Is! A.K: the modulus is approximately 2500 (is it derived from the fact that Everest is higher...?) (A.L. explains the thing to A.K. in Latvian) A.K.: aah. A.L.: It’s a tricky one!


4. A.L.: In Latvia Vaira Vyke-Freiberga, ooh, Lithuania... A.K.: Lithuania – Adamikus (yeah, we would like it to be so...) L.) A.L.: And Estonia... don’t remember (It’s Estonian name – surprise surprise) I know it is... No, we don’t know.

(Diagnosis – hyperactive feminine side casting a shade on the male. Girl Power!)

Janis Lazdins & Ilze Tolpeznikova


2. Everest (Sure?) yes.

3. before 9 years (choir of voices. In the groove)

4. I: Pax is in Lithuania, In Latvia – Freiberga, and in Estonia... Come on, guy! (referred to Janis. hopefully...) J.: hm. I can add that Everest and Jomolungma are the same. (slow motion creates... and what can you add about Estonian president?) He’s a cool guy! (are you sure it’s a guy?) J: Yes, definitely (what about Girl Power then...?).

**Residential Teams**

Edgars Gleizes & Rainiers Vilans

1. E: Countries? (Countries! What other members do they have?) 15 R: ok, 25

2. R: Everest E: It’s the same R: ok (do you always agree with him?) R: OK.


4. E.: Vaira Vike-Freiberga, R.:Rolandas Pakasas, and... E.: aaaa... Arnes Taurynas vajkos ten bija... (Is Estonian president running for SSE board? Wow!) I don’t remember.

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Aleksandrs Ralovecs

1. about 30 (well well well... It’s good that we didn’t ask him how many countries in total there are in Europe?)

2. The same. (Why do you think so?) Because it’s the same mountain.

3. 9 years ago.

4. Business committee (the only one?) No. And education committee. (Lousy association, we must say... Was...)

(Diagnosis - not girl, not blond, not curly... No chances)

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Diana Vejina

1. 15

2. It’s the same mountain

3. 1993

4. I guess...They are writing their bachelor thesis.

(Diagnosis – straight to the point. No bullshit in the feedbacks expected.)

Arnas Laurynas

1. what? With candidates? (no) 15

2. Jomolungma (sure?) yes (laughing –)

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4. Year 3 is studying nothing! (Nothing at all?) They don’t study at all!!! (Good for them!) Doing their thesis statement… Not stating, their thesis! (Well, mind the difference!)

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Agris Evertovskis
1. I’m not pretty sure, 18, I guess.
2. It’s all the same
3. 1993
4. Krisjanis Baronis
(Diagnosis – perfect. Almost…)

Aleksjs Prokopjevs
1. 15 right now
2. This is the same name, it is actually one mountain.
3. 1993, a year after – officially.
4. If I’m not mistaken, there is no such note (You are mistaken… Blame Bank of Latvia!). Either there is no, or there is some kind of girl, with Latvian hat and so on (So on means… Clothes?).
(Diagnosis – if not for $88, then for drawing money. You can leave your hat on!)

Deniss Kiselovs
1. oh… ahh… I’d say something more than 20. Can’t say the correct number. (Is that number with newly admitted?) Ah, the newly admitted are the Baltic countries and plus the Southern Europe, it’s about 6 or 7 I think.
2. The same one.
3. ooooh… 19… ah, let me just count: 2003, 7 year period, minus, that’s 1995, 1996, something like that. (Sophisticated calculations, we would say. Good potential for money laundering)
4. Oh. I don’t know. (Have you ever seen a 100 LVL note?) Yes, I guess it must be some… either a prime minister or a president of Latvia (current or an old one?) old one, definitely old one.

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Dmitrijs Dikanskis
1. Do you have an intellectual question-naire? (is the sports.com supposed to be dumb? ) I can’t say the precise number. Once again the question, please. 16.
2. Jomolunga. (are you sure?) it’s the same actually. (if we would specify one more time, would Everest become higher?)
3. 1201 (SSER????) thought it’s city Riga… 1993. (SSER = city of Riga… And so the world goes round…)
4. 3,14

Renate Kalvele
1. It’s a tough one! (Is it?) Well, approximately some 20… I don’t know.
2. I think Everest (Sure?) I think so. Almost sure. (just to be on the safe side, since from the voice it seems she’s really sure)
4. Approximately 3 meters.

Natalija Cekalina
1. 15
2. The same.
3. 1994
4. Approximately 3 m²?
(Diagnosis – nuts and balls. Oops, bolts)

Zanda Indriksone
1. 15 now
2. It’s the same
3. 1993
4. Something like 3.14 (Fond of mathematics? PI?)
(Diagnosis – KISS. Keep it short and simple – what do you think?)

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Ieva Darvina
1. before some time it was 15 (it still is… soon it will be not)
2. It’s the same.
3. 1995 (sure?) no no, not sure (be informed – it’s 1994)
4. Some hundreds… (counting) at present situation it’s between 300 and 400 (we see an opportunity for arbitrage!)

Anete Abelniece
1. 15 (exactly!)
2. it’s the same (exactly!)
3. 1993 (well… almost exactly!)
4. it was… (also counting) 250 or something like that. (Not exactly…)

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Inga Berzina
1. aah. I don’t know exactly (and approximately?) mmmh. I won’t try to guess. I don’t know exactly.
2. mmm. It’s the same I guess…
3. 9 years ago. It’s 1994.
4. I never make cocktails myself. I just drink them. (and could you guess, from the name, Margarita?) No, I can’t. (Try to improvise… If someone asks you to make a Margarita?) I would ask some guy to make it for me. (and if you don’t have that option?) You can always think about something.

(A somewhat meandering self confidence when it comes to knowledge… Very strong self confidence when it comes to guys…)

Donata Radziunaite
1. (looooonng silence.) Do I have some time to think? (yes) I will count (long murmum accompanied by counting on fingers). About 15. (Wow! You are damn right!)
2. Everest (are you sure?) I don’t know… (close to crying… Hey, it wasn’t meant to be an insult, really?)
3. I think about 10 years ago (You’d better counted it on your fingers…)
4. I know that vodka, and tomato juice, and I think salt and something more (are you sure?) No, I’m not… (Bloody Merry)

Vadims Dunns
1. I don’t know. (with strong determination in his voice) (and any guesses, approximately?) I don’t know, because if I will tell… I might be… not very close (the range) from 10 to 15 (well quite close actually…)
2. It’s the same.
3. 1994 I guess.
4. Of Margarita? Definitely tequila, I think blue curacao, melted ice, and maybe… ah, there should be salt around the glass, definitely. (Sorry Vadik, Margarita ne golaboj koktei!)

Some O ther O pinions…

Reinis Rotkalis (current vice-president)
1. 18 (are you sure?) No (Nu vo…). 2. That’s the same, yes? That was a trick question? (That was a good question!)
3. 1993

Ok, Vaira Vike-Freiberga is the most important (oh jah jah…), and his Ronalds Pakas (and for Estonia?) Ruutel. (Wow! That’s just… Wow!)

Kurils Sprogis (current president)
1. 15
2. They are the same, I think. (Are you sure?) Yes. (So far so good!)
3. in 1994
4. Ok, Vaira Vike-Freiberga, Rolandas Pakas, and the third one was… Yesterday we were talking about him and I forgot! It is some Estonian who was in Estonian communist party and I don’t remember his name but he speaks Russian but he doesn’t speak English and I don’t know his name. (now we know why you need Reinis! Team synergy! And we thought…)

Now, as with every any article, you expect some conclusions. Make your own. Make sure they are unbiased! Or just leave them for December 11…