

# ZugBig Times



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Issue I

By Nicoleta

### On the road of Boney M.

"The train will arrive in Zugdidi in approximately five minutes. EYP passengers are requested to stop from the partying and proceed to descend at line one...." the woman in my dream was announcing emphatically. In reality it was someone screaming at the compartment door. Either way it was cruel. I really wanted to sleep...

And so the first night has come to an end. Reluctantly, EYP-ers collect their belongings and leave towards their rooms. Two hours later, they're all gathered up in front of **Niko's palace**, waiting for the activities to begin. But the energy and exuberance they displayed the night before seem to have vanished without a trace. With virtually no sleep and a loong day ahead there's no wonder really.

And now the bus is coming... The seats are limited, but with a little luck (and maybe some sighs from those having to stand) they all manage to squeeze in. "This is going to be a drag" I thought (me also having to stand). But then, the unexpected happened. The music started and slowly the sleepy expressions of my colleagues begun to



animate at the sound of Boney M. Few seconds later everybody was dancing and singing with unrestrained energy. Where have my colleagues from before gone to? It was like watching a black and white movie turning colored.

I looked at the happy faces around me and felt quite happy myself. Outside things were still pretty much black and white. But inside there was this whole different world, our world. It

reminded me a little of those little colored hippie vans sliding down the dull streets in the spirit of peace...

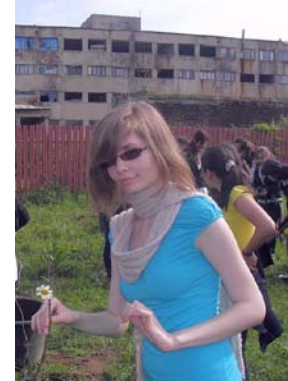
The trip has ended. And as we went off the bus I turned around and looked. "Happy Journey" it said. And indeed it was –just the perfect way to start our day.



## A Midspring's dream

There's a tradition saying that at the beginning of something important one should plant a tree and then check up on it when everything comes to an end. The change of the tree symbolizes your change as a person. And the hopes that you put into this tree will grow along with it....

The sun was already up and shining brightly unraveling an intriguingly interesting sight. Inside a hospital's yard our group of EYP-ers armed with shovels and enthusiasm were getting ready to plant their first trees.



But things did not go as smoothly as planned. The shovels were heavy, the earth was hardened and seemed to refuse our every inexperienced attempt. Nobody would think to give up though. With a little team work, a little help from the gardeners and a little luck, the earth finally gave in and was now ready to be implanted. At the end of the day everybody was muddy and tired, but happy at the same time as the previously empty garden was now packed with young spurs of life.

As I was leaving I looked behind at my very first tree with the very first hope already blooming in it.

You know dear EYP-ers? When it's all over and we're too old for this, I'd like to go back to were we planted our trees

By Nini

### Let me see your delegate...

After tiring train travel here we are in Zugdidi. The agenda is full of interesting issues -opening ceremony, excursions, committee works, Team Buildings. The last one is probably the most important part in the EYP sessions, as it creates the team spirit and cooperative relations among the delegates. Energetic chairs have tons of things to offer to the youth to make them more united and motivated.

The Team Building has taken part in the school yard. The game without the is unimaginable is Funky Chicken. The delegates play the role of a prominent



person with different kinds of actions: the Michael Jackson, bill Clinton, Pamela Anderson ☺) The 2<sup>nd</sup> one the Zulu game, EYP-ers try to become Zulus until they can't walk. The big fat is pony the most cheerful game, the delegates try to make their peers dance in the circle so it's really a great fun. To feel the real differences and similarities at the same time the map of Europe is the best game - delegates represent their own homeland by the featuring dance, action singing and etc.



EYP

So the team spirit is officially created and the delegates are more than ready to act unanimously and find the best solutions to the problems and answer to the global challenges.

# Cheers to Chairs

1. Name:
2. Age:
3. Profession:
4. Committee:
5. Your expectations from the session:
6. Do you dream at night and about what?
7. Your beloved EYP-er:
8. You will be reincarnated as:
9. How often do you have PED
10. Gossip about other chair:
11. Zugdidi or Paris:
12. When do you plan to quit EYP-ing:
13. EYP-ers you have slept with
14. EYP-ers you would like to sleep with
15. The best EYP game
16. What do you feel right now
17. Your final word

1. Ani
2. 20
3. Lawyer(future☺)
4. CULT
5. To learn some Megrelian words.:)
6. Yes
7. Don't have one, I love u all☺
8. Don't believe in reincarnation.
9. All the time between sessions.
- 10.
11. Both
12. When I won't be able to speak ☺ never
13. It's a long list☺
14. I have already slept with everyone I wanted☺)
15. Zulu dance
16. Sleeeeeeeeeeeeeepyyy :s:s
17. Eyjafjallajokull ☺)



1. Data
2. 22
3. Student of Tourism of Gori University
4. SEDE
5. To spread eyp culture in samegrelo.
- 6.
7. Zulu
8. Money- everybody loves it.
9. 14-16 hours while I'm awake.
10. Nana didn't drink last night.
- 11. Romdidi**
12. What means to quit eyp-ing?
13. Several, but all of them were guys
14. Funky chicken



1. Nana
2. Turns 21 on May 28
3. Political science
4. AFET
5. Great session! Duh! This team should make it.
6. Sometimes but I was taught not to say my dreams and so they come true.
7. (The most beloved EYPer) too hard to choose really! It has nothing to do with being politically correct =)
8. I want to be reincarnated as myself there is news (?) too much Nana
9. It's strange but never, always looking forward to new sessions.
10. I've heard that AFET has the cutest chair ever =)
11. Kharagauli =)
12. Never thought about it =)too young to do it.
13. Konjaria, Nozadze, Bakradze, teo, the whole bus of EYPers! This list makes me feellike lesbian.
14. EYPers I would like to sleep with? Secret =) girl kiss don't tell.
15. I love zulu and if you look at me you will see it.
16. You tell me.
17. Tired but proud of my delis.



By Tatuli

## ENVI ! Can We?!

The working day of the 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Session of Zugdidi started with Environmental issues - planting trees on the valleys of Zugdidi was the good will of each delegate in the morning of their gathering. Assisting each other in making our environment greener than it is , all of us partially already claimed their support for this committee and the voice “in favor” even before the General Assembly.



Pukha

We should plant more and more if we want to save our environment



Paata

“Climate changes are one of the greatest challenges facing humanity” – reads the topic overview of the committee on Environment. So Envi, are you the very part of humanity that is able to deal with the problems facing all of us? **ENVI can we?** can you suggest your solutions to present problems?



During the Team Building you could see ENVI in a "navy" hoping to integrate and save the world together in the boat of love.

Playing “Giants, Dwarfs and Wizards” and acting as Giants the delegates of this committee proved that **ENVI’s very scary**. Unfortunately the game played by the committee also displayed the harsh reality: environmental problems and scientific predictions are really frightening and dramatic.



Sitting in the grass and playing Name Game ENVI delegates were very disturbed by the polluted environment around the Rukhi Castle and became much more motivated to care about the topic they chose and were appointed to. Cheerfully integrated by the loveliest chair Mariko Takhaishvili the committee gave start to sorting the pollutions as the pollutions of air, soil, water and then you yourself know how it goes, if no wait for the updates.

1. Sopo
2. 19
3. Lawyer
4. AFET!  
AFET! Cool  
from  
Boney M with love :D



5. Sleepless nights, cheerful session and indefinite craziness.
6. Yeap, of course, but it's top secret :P
7. Nana Kalandarishvili.
8. Cucumber, smb. Would be really glad to eat me ☺
9. If sincerely, there hasn't been session in my life, if it didn't end with tears
10. Ani nozadze has been seen chatting with some guy during the nights, OMG is she in love? Gossip.
11. Rome:P
12. I don't even want to think about it.
13. Hmm, I have been thinking but couldn't remember myself sleeping with someone. :angel smile:
14. Sorry but I feel quite comfortable while sleepy alone as well.
15. Bear hunt
16. I want to hear it as well
17. Tired excited proud of my genius delegates at the same time! I feel like loving you all guys!

1. Nana
2. 23
3. Lawyer(master of law)
4. Employment
5. EYP spirit will be spread in western part of Georgia(samegrelo)
6. Yes, about everything
7. Our president :D
8. In human again
9. Everytime after the EYP session is over
10. Can't member now
11. Tbilisi ☺
12. I'm already planning ☺
13. Do not remember the names
14. Teo lavrelashvili, but I have already done it☺ I hope teo u won't publicate it.
15. Honey, tell me that u love me
16. I was taking the picture, with every boy in Belarus.
17. Calm. Relaxed  
I love zugdidi journo team.



1. Giorgi
2. 21
3. Lawyer (future)
4. LIBE
5. Expectations
6. Yes, about my future family
7. David sioridze.
8. Wolf
9. Never
10. Mariam bakradze is the most wanted chair ever.
11. Zugdidi
12. Depends on th Process of invoving beautiful girls in EYP
13. Mariam Bakradze, David Sioridze, Akaki Kukhaleishvili, Vakhtang Lomjaria
14. George Samkhharadze
15. Zulu
16. Everybody everytime
17. Tired-want to know where I am living.
18. Baby if u give to me (final word)

1. Maka Bakradze
2. Ann' dos it makes a sense for beautiful woman?
3. One of those pedant lausers
4. SEDE ☺
5. more people more experience ☺ (well truth) .I just hope that this session will be one of those unforgettable ones an will fill all of us with EYP spirit
6. . . .
7. yes, I can, but sometimes it is hard to do in moving train sleeping on the second floor while fear of being fallen from there on your neighbor on the first floor.
8. about summer summer summer
9. am... well... there are lots of them: Ani Nozade, Nana Kalandarishvili, Data Maashvili (with which )I am happy to be in one committee) Mariko Takaishvili, Tsozne Chanturia, Sopo Konjaria

By Nicoleta

### Secret Heart

After the initial Team Building was over and everyone was done with their coffee breaks, our happy bus came once more. Same atmosphere, same Boney M. Different destination though. This time we were going to the R castle for the committee team buildings. And I was presented with the opportunity to accompany the committee of culture on their journey to becoming closer delegates, or delis, how I like to call them.



So let's take a look now at how they did.

Our delis here were actually supposed to stand on a thin line surrounded by water. And it all went well until...

... one of them

manages to fall out of the line and into the water. But does she drown? Nope. She's a fighter.

Now let's move on and see whose eyes are darker.



The delis, as usual try their best, but with so many shades of brown it really is hard to tell.



As the games progresses the bonds become tight... Really tight! In fact they cannot get any tighter.



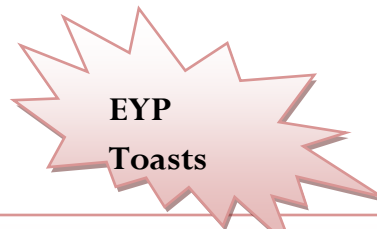
Or wait! I was wrong.

In fact they can get a lot tighter...

And finally the time has come for what I would call the tunnel of trust. Delis seem more reluctant at first, but with the help of their Employment colleagues they all manage to go through.



“In the end they do what they have to do to get by. But they know what is wrong and they know what is right. In their secret heart, in their secret life...”



for the delegate who does not know phone numbers of any delegate but has all of the delegates added on Facebook

for the EYP-er who will never refuse playing coin game

for the EYP-er who knows that when entering a coffee break there may not be a coffee at all.



By Ketí

### AFET-ical Politicians

The committee on foreign affairs is very close to current political situation of the world and themes are chosen by their actuality. Our lovely AFET members are working on the contemporary problems of the Eastern Europe, tensions within and out of it and Russian factor. The main question is how EU should redefine its strategy towards these countries without harming the quality of its relations with Russia.



The issue is quite debatable, because there always exist contradictory opinions – on part says that there should be no compromise with Russia, but another one is that EU needs to have good relations with Russia even because of dependence on its gas and oil. But of course neither these ideas should be against EU's interests and against the international law.

Guys are working very effectively. They share many different views of the problem, saw various solutions but all the process is passing correctly, following the golden rules. I was charmed by the fact that all of the delegates respect each other and approach to the work with a big responsibility.

I can't ignore the chairs' role – Sopo Konjaria and Nana Kalandarishvili – who are professionals of their job indeed; they encourage fellow delegates and show them the way they should continue. I am quite sure that they will work fruitfully and the resolution will be one of the greatest!

By Nicoleta

### Tears and smiles

The first day of the EYP session has almost come to an end. After all the activities and the hard work the time has finally come for the committees to present themselves and even compete against each other in front of a jury.



So everybody gathers in the festivity room waiting more or less patiently for the event to begin. Our hosts for the night are Teo and Dato who introduce us to a cheerful and rather American atmosphere, somewhat in the style of hard rock concerts - or so it seemed.

So now that the mood was set it was time for the first invitee to appear, none other than the famous, renowned and in this case also a little drunk writer Temuri.

Naturally he is unable to perform in his current state, so the festivities proceed to the next stage: the committees' presentations.

The first to begin was SEDE who, despite being late, managed to entertain everybody with a hilarious news bulletin on the margins of an alleged Georgia - Azerbaijan war. The situation is resolved as the EYP (their version of it anyways) decided that the latter can "change the way in which Elargy is cooked, whereas the former should ensure that more exports and restaurants are available in the region."

Moving on we have Employment and their simulation of an interview. The two parts involved: the employers' committee and the contestant seem very eager to collaborate at first. Things get a little out of hand though when our applicant proves he has no idea what EYP is and gets rejected for the job.



Culture made their presentation in the form of a cleverly written song and later on LIBE also presented their version of the news. Only this time it was about the volcano erupting again, but that time with lots and lots of Elargy. If you dream why not dream big, right?

ENVI also used the volcano in its presentation. But this time it is a "mean and evil" volcano preventing them from coming to Zugdidi to eat... can you guess what? Yesssss! Elargy!!! At this point I was really beginning to wonder, like the foreigner that I am, what that is....

And believe it or not this is not the last time we get to hear of this as AFET also dedicates part of their poem-song to this food. I guess it must really be that good!

Eventually our invitee, Temuri, returned. This time he held a full presentation of one of his works. And although I could not understand the language, I could not help being drawn by the strength of his speech as well as his expressivity. And when the poem was over he rushed out of the room deeply shaken and with - Wait! Did I see right? - tears in his eyes. Now that really tells you something!

The festivity ended with a spontaneous presentation of the chairs depicting a short moment on a train, like one of those random life snapshots that although are perhaps insignificant in content retain their own charm.

But what about the winners? One might ask at this point. Well, as the jury declared, "Friendship has prevailed over rivalry".

In the end there are no winners and no losers. This is the spirit of the EYP.

