It’s a student affair

Dear students, I would like to welcome you to the New Year and a new academic semester, and to wish you all, from the bottom of my heart, a very happy and productive year. I encourage you to treat today as the first day of the rest of your lives; with renewed zest chase after your dreams and always remember; tomorrow’s success depends on your actions today. Make every effort to enjoy this breathtaking journey.

Welcome to the New Year where many opportunities for growth await you. Beyond the pursuit of academic excellence that will challenge and stimulate you we encourage you to GET INVOLVED. Our experience has shown, and studies have consistently proven, that students involved in extracurricular activities are happier, better-adjusted, enjoy life more, and are better prepared for life after college by balancing their academic work with out-of-the-classroom experiences. Extracurricular activities help students to receive better grades by teaching them character building lessons, teaching them lifelong skills, and helping students develop social skills.

As some of you know I have recently replaced Ms Avyie Savvidou as the Head of the Student Affairs Department. I know that following in her footsteps will be a tough act to trail. Moreover, I would like to take this opportunity to wish her the best for all her future endeavors.

I would like to extend a special invitation to each and every one of you to come and meet the Student Affairs team. Please “follow the footsteps” to our office or call us at the special Student Hot-Line and dial: 7000-HELP. We are here to help enrich your Intercollege experience and to make your lives as interesting, exciting and pleasant as possible. We Care For You Because We Care About You!

The count down for the Universitization of Intercollege has begun. I am overjoyed to be here among you to witness such a significant moment in the history of Intercollege. Not before long, this year, Intercollege will be crowned with its own deserving wreath of laurel as it will be among the first to be established private Universities of the Republic of Cyprus.

I leave you with the words of Joel A. Barker celebrated scholar and futurist; “Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes the time. Vision with action can change the world”!

Have a tremendous year!

Sincerely,
Nicos Chrysostomou

A Recital of International Recognition of Quality...

Driven by our collective vision and based on our culture and strengths, Intercollege has pursued quality in all areas and this has been acknowledged by the seal of approval of three reputable international organisations; the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), EFQM Excellence Award and the Eco-Q Services Quality Award.

These three distinctions have been awarded to Intercollege just over the last two years and we believe that this proudly reflects on all Cypriots pursuing quality in all things.

The College celebrated this series of achievements with an open reception in late November. Our own Costas Charalambides added his quality flavor to the evening with poetry recitations and songs from medieval Cyprus.
I would like to wish you all the best for the New Year and to welcome you back for the Spring Semester of 2007 and I hope that you have all done well with your exams. I would particularly like to welcome our new students and to wish you all a happy and productive time at Intercollege.

We are quite confident that 2007 will be a memorable year for all of us at Intercollege. Not before long and before the end of this year our Intercollege will be going to the next stage of its life. It is inevitable that Intercollege will be the first private University in Cyprus.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome an old friend and colleague back in our midst. I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Nicos Chrysostomou as the new Head of the Student Affairs Department. Let us all welcome him and give him all the support we can.

Emilios Solomou

Following in Their Footsteps

Students Today... Alumni Tomorrow

Electrifying results materialize when you mix elements together in innovative and unforeseen ways. If Intercollege is to grow even more and keep improving over time, our students and alumni’ support is crucial.

Building an alumni network takes tremendous commitment and energy. The Alumni Relations Office, which is operating under the umbrella of the Student Affairs department, aiming to maintain strong ties with its alumni (former students), provides with meetings with an ad hoc alumni committee.

The concept is to develop alumni programs thus giving social networking opportunities to the alumni and giving them a reason to come back and revive their College spirit through reunions, leadership development, fun activities.

Currently, Intercollege numbers about 5,000 alumni residing in over 60 countries.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Thirteen Intercollege employees have successfully completed their First Aid Training and are ready and eager to attend to any emergency on campus; be assured that you are in safe hands. A First-Aid infirmary is now available on the -1 floor of the “Europa Building”.

Additionally, thirty College employees have undertaken special training as “Floor Leaders” trained to deal and assist with evacuation procedures in time of emergencies such as fire and earthquakes. Their special training involves assistance to people with special needs in times of crisis.

Health and Safety is an Intercollege priority. Anyone (students, staff or faculty) interested to volunteer as a First Aider or a Floor Leader please contact Ms Katia Pelides at 22 841737 or [pelides.k@intercollege.ac.cy].

In case of an accident or injury please contact the Main Reception or call 22 841500.
Good News for Aspiring Marketers!

The School of Business is happy to inform students, and aspiring marketers, that as of Spring 2007 semester our Bachelor’s program in Marketing is accredited and rearing to go. The four year BBA program in Marketing aims to furnish students with the academic knowledge and professional understanding of the very stimulating field of Marketing. Through a number of general-business and marketing-specific courses, students are offered a solid business education foundation to pursue a career in the field. Students will develop competencies in marketing strategy and planning, sales, communications and advertising, branding, marketing research, product development, media planning and much more. The program is committed to offering academic excellence combined with a hands-on approach that will empower the student to successfully tackle the professional world. Learning occurs in a challenging academic environment which extends to activities, societies, discussion groups, technology and other means of developing the required knowledge and skills.

Bigger and Better Talent!

This year’s Talent Show, held on Thursday 7th December was undeniably an enormous success. Students displayed their talents and awed their fellow students and faculty alike.

Acts ranged from singing to dancing and even comedy skits. The competition was certainly intense, and the judges undoubtedly had a hard time making their final decisions. Judging the event was Nicos Chrysostomou and Mia Euthymiades from the Student Affairs Department, dance instructor Christos Shakallis and Antonia Forari from the Music Department. Mia described the judging process as “a very hard task, and I would like to thank all the students who participated, and remind them that they are all winners!”

The first place winners, George Charalambous and Andreas Vasiliou, walked away with a cash prize of £100. Other prizes were also awarded to the Most Enthusiastic Act, Most Original Act, and Best Dance Performance. Congratulations to all those who participated!
Intercollege and the International Relations Office of the University of Cyprus, by special invitation of the European Parliament, embarked in mid October on a very enlightening visit of the EU capital, the European Parliament and the other institutions of the EU.

The students of the Cyprus group, consisted of 15 students from Intercollege and 20 students from the University of Cyprus. According to one of the organizers of the trip, Ms. Stephanie Laulhé Shaelou Senior Lecturer in European Law at Intercollege, “the main focus of the seminars was on student mobility and the future of Europe”. Ms. Shaelou also reported that “students were strongly encouraged by all EU representatives to exercise their freedom of movement within the European Education Area. The group was also invited to a training session at the Commission to talk about the future of Europe”.

The students, as expected, showed an exemplary behavior throughout the trip and impressed others with their knowledge of current European affairs and the accuracy of their questions addressed to MEP’s. This also transpires from the report written on this occasion by an official of the European Parliament.

One of the participants, our law student George Parmaklis reported that “from an educational point of view I had the opportunity to learn first hand from the people that work for the EU, how the EU works and what its main focuses are as a Union”. “The main focuses of the seminars...” says Avramis Violaris, a Business Administration student “…were to learn about the function, reaction, importance of the EU, and the way it assists the EU countries”. According to Lilit Kazanjian, a Law student “the outcome was primarily educational, and left us with the sense that we had a better picture of the functions of the Parliament and of the Commission and we also learned about the different programs funded by the European Union in order to bring Europeans closer” and this was achieved with a Q&A session with different MEP’s. The end result was the theoretical that turned practical”. The outcome of this experience has been very positive for all participants.

"Human Rights Day" and "Multicultural Cyprus" in Unison

On December 15th, under the patronage of our Music Department in tribute to the "Human Rights Day" we all had the pleasure to enjoy the product of the Department’s talent. The music concert consisted of performances by the exquisite Symphony Orchestra, the chorus, solo percussion, and a guitar ensemble recital. On the same evening we had the pleasure to view a photography exhibition referring to “Multicultural Cyprus” the product of a contest organized under the auspices of our very own UNESCO Chair in collaboration with the department of Student Affairs.

At the end of the Concert; and after several standing ovations, we had the opportunity through a brief ceremony to present the prizes and to congratulate the winners of the photography contest. The prizes were awarded as follows a Laptop went to Polis Poliviou, a digital camera to Belal Doufesh and an I-Pod to Anna Frangeskidou. Bravo!
If you missed a competition you wanted to take part in, don’t worry too much as the Spring ‘07 promises to offer you even more exciting events. So study well and stay focused on sports!

Indo-Pak Night:
in Celebration of Cultural Diversity

Intercollege always prides itself in the diversity of its cultural and ethnic persona. The Indo-Pak night in late November, organized by the Indian Society and in cooperation with members of the Pakistan student body, rank among the top of these efforts. The culture was brought to life through a colorful display of ethnic dance and delicious cuisine. Students came together united under one cause; the cause: to spread culture, diversity, and learning. It was a joy to see the laughs and smiles of an integrated Intercollege student body. All those who participated should be congratulated on their efforts; thank you, these events are only successful with your help.

Sports Club Activities Recorded a Successful Fall 06 Semester

When more than three hundred students get involved in the intramural sports activities throughout a sole semester we definitely call that a success.

The most interesting event was definitely the Intramural Futsal League “Futsal Against Racism” with students and members of staff of an indeed diverse background taking part in this semester’s competition. Namely, students from Armenia, Bulgaria, Cameroon, China, Cyprus, England, Georgia, Iran, Italy, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Pakistan, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, South Africa, and many more countries participated. Having this in mind we can proudly say that our college is a racism free institution. We want to support our current status in the future and show zero tolerance to any kind of racism.

But it is not only futsal where this happens! The Sports office organized a successful Basketball 3 on 3 tournament. Apart from two teams combined of Chinese students, American and European students from the Global Learning Semester and Erasmus programs respectively also wanted to shoot some hoops. For more than three hours we witnessed a remarkable sportsmanship and the US-style cheering by the numerous fans that came to support their favorites.

The Sports Office in collaboration with the Sports Club also organized a table-tennis competition for both singles and doubles, a paintball tournament as well as backgammon and on-campus pool competition that were all also successful. Several sports movies were shown in the -2 conference room of the Millennium building, and we will continue to screen movies this semester.
Weekend in Paphos

Energy, life, passion and enthusiasm showed the way to a group of over 50 students from Nicosia to Paphos for a weekend retreat organized by the department of Student Affairs. In mid November, daring students took the opportunity for a city break and a long chat at the legendary birth of Aphrodite, Goddess of love.

Good companionship in combination with golden rocks poking out of the bay and the turquoise waters of the sea mixed in a spray of foam led to a memorable experience!

If you missed this retreat make sure you join the one in Kakopetria scheduled to take place between February 23-25, organized by the Student Union.

Dancing to the rhythm of the African Beat

A unique event was organized on December 1st by the African Society in collaboration with the Student Affairs Department. The rhythmic tune of the African beat, sensational dancing, delicious traditional food amongst other things were the ingredients that made the African Night a success.

The Millennium Cafeteria was decorated with posters portraying the flags of various African countries and students were given the opportunity to taste a bit of the African culture. Ranging from food to music and dancing to getting the flavor of Africa by holding items from the Dark Continent participants enjoyed a yet another booming ethnic party. A program of traditional dances and songs simply added sparkles to the magnificent event.

Art of Marketing

Love for the practice of marketing and promotion drove the Inter-marketers to organize in early December an enlightening tour to the "Dias" Publishing House.

"The experience was very unique" says the President of the Inter-marketer Society, Georgia Kyriacou. "We had the opportunity to take a tour of the TV, radio and publishing sections and gained first hand experience on how a large organization operates", she added.

Congratulations to all involved, especially to the society.
Intercollege Intercollegiate Teams participating in the competition organized by the Cyprus University Sports Federation (CUSF) started this academic year's campaign in style. Our Men's volleyball team won the championship after a dramatic final match against the University of Cyprus. Our team was trailing by two sets but in the third set the quality of our players came to the surface and we succeeded to claim a historical victory in what turned out to be a classical five setter.

The team victoriously won the title after winning all games among Cyprus universities, namely Cyprus College, HTI, Frederick, Philips, and University of Cyprus! Automatically we have received an invitation to participate in the 7th European University Volleyball Championship in Croatia (we are looking for sponsors)! The team played a total of six games and went home with a victory from each match!

This is the 1st time that we receive the “Men’s Volleyball Championship” title in the Championship!

The effort of the Men’s Volleyball Team was enhanced with the support of its sponsors, namely Areeba, Sprite, Citroen, OPAP Cyprus, Chapo, Xenos Travel, Sportive Magazine.

Additionally our Armenian student Gevorg Sargsyan won the four kilometer cross-country race in the men’s category. He led a team of five students which managed to achieve final race positions that were enough for our team to capture the overall first place. Our women’s team was a bit less successful as they finished the competition as the second overall.

Finally, our Futsal men’s team failed to qualify for the finals of the competition and received the 4th position.

Men’s Volleyball Team
Tsangarides Gennadios (captain)
Alexiou Angelos
Ioannides Socrates
Frangeskou Stergios
Demetriou Vasilis
Petrou Yiannis
Homayoon Omid
Constantinou Sotiris
Chasikos Solon
Homayoon Navid
Papaioannou Constantinos

Blood Donation
Once again a blood drive was organized on campus. Doctors and nurses from the Blood Bank of the General Hospital in Nicosia visited us on campus in mid November for a couple of hours and collected blood from students, staff and faculty.

Participation was increased compared to previous blood donations but still there is room for improvement. Let’s not forget that preventive storage of blood is of paramount importance.

If you have missed this semester’s blood donation make sure you attend the Spring blood donation scheduled for March 27th.
Increase Your Employability
Reach for the sky

The Careers Centre is happy to inform you that a series of career-related seminars and workshops are scheduled for the Spring Semester mainly aiming to help prepare all of you senior students to increase your employability, your options and your potential to find a job when you graduate. Our newly appointed Careers Officer, Melina Andreou is anxious to assist you in finding a suitable job at a suitable company.

The Careers Centre acts as the spring board for each one of you to acquire diverse, adaptable and portable technical skills and the knowledge base to succeed in the rapidly evolving career markets. The Careers Centre will also introduce you to successful professionals from local leading organizations invited to share with you an insight into the culture and workings of their various organizations.

Join us in our effort to help you reach for the sky because our aim is to help you reach for your full employment potential. At the Career Centre we will teach you how to write a winning resume and cover letter. We will prepare you for a successful interview, we will teach you what kind of questions a prospective employer is likely to ask and what employers are looking for.

Do not miss our Careers Fair scheduled for April 25; mark your calendars. At the Fair you will have the opportunity to meet some of the main players and prospective employers.

We will leave no stone unturned in our quest to help you open up to your future.

Intercollege Student Webmail Available

Intercollege Student Webmail is now available free for all registered students on the student intranet, [www.intranet.intercol.edu]. Log in to your intranet account and select "e-mail" option and you are automatically in your webmail browser. All accounts are personalized, that is, your surname.first initial of your first name@studmail.intercol.edu, for example Cynthia Efremoglou - efremoglou.c@studmail.intercol.edu.

Furthermore don’t forget your free access to our wireless internet in the Millennium Cafeteria.

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