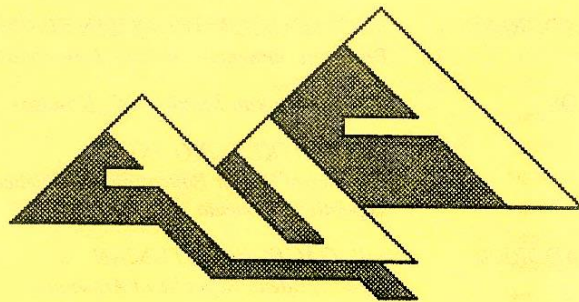


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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1993, 4:00 P.M.
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1993 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

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PROCESSIONAL	<i>Graduating Class of 1993, AUA Faculty and Administration, Directors and Trustees. "Pomp and Circumstance". E. Elgar</i>
NATIONAL ANTHEMS	<i>"MER HAIRENIK" "STAR SPANGLED BANNER"</i>
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MUSICAL INTERLUDE	<i>"Hayrapetakan Makhtank". Komitas</i>
REMARKS	<i>DR. VARTKES GNOUNI Minister of Higher Education and Science Republic of Armenia</i>
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MUSICAL INTERLUDE	<i>"Vagharshapat Dance". Komitas</i>
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MUSICAL INTERLUDE	<i>"Academic Festival Overture". Brahms</i>
CONCLUDING REMARKS	<i>DR. MIHRAN AGBABIAN</i>
RECESSIONAL	<i>"The Royal Fireworks Music" - G.F. Haendel</i>

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The American University of Armenia, AUA, was founded to address the long-term needs of Armenia and its region. Its mission is to educate and train a new generation of leaders in the best tradition of American universities and graduate schools. With the financial and organizational support of the Armenian General Benevolent Union and the institutional affiliation granted by the University of California, together with land grants, facilities and subsidies provided by the Government of Armenia, AUA has a solid foundation for fulfilling its educational mission.

On September 23, 1991, the day Armenia declared independence, AUA opened its doors with 101 students enrolled in the intensive English language program. Of these students 55 were admitted to the Business and Management program, 7 were admitted to the Earthquake Engineering program, and 13 were admitted to the Industrial Engineering program. With faculty members drawn from some of the best American universities, instruction is conducted in English according to the standards of comparable U.S. universities.

The second academic year started on September 21, 1992, with the enrollment of 140 new students in the intensive English language program. Of these students 84 were admitted to the Business and Management program, 12 were admitted to the Earthquake Engineering program, and 28 were admitted to the Industrial Engineering program. A University Extension was also organized to offer short courses and training programs for people in the work place who cannot afford the time to become full time students. Two research Centers, the Center for Business Research and Development and the Engineering Research Center, provide Research Assistantships to students who work with faculty and local scientists on projects that contribute to the advancement of the economy and lifestyle of Armenia and the surrounding region. A Center for Environmental Management and Science, affiliated with the Engineering Research Center, provides environmental sensitivity and awareness programs to the students in the regular and extension programs.

The third academic year starts with the addition of a new department - a M.A. degree Program in Political Science. AUA plans to establish degree programs in Public Health and Health Care Management, and Agricultural Sciences in the future. A new campus is being planned on land in the hills overlooking Yerevan.

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The evolution of the modern American cap and gown comes largely from the clerical dress of the 13th and 14th centuries. The wearing of the colored hood came to be a mark of the attainment of a degree. The colors used for the hood borders were developed in 1895 when the Intercollegiate Commission drew up a code which was subsequently adopted by the American universities. Bright orange became the border color for Engineering, and Beige for Business. The colors on the inside on the hood represent the colors of the university which conferred the degree. For the American University of Armenia, those colors are red and blue.

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