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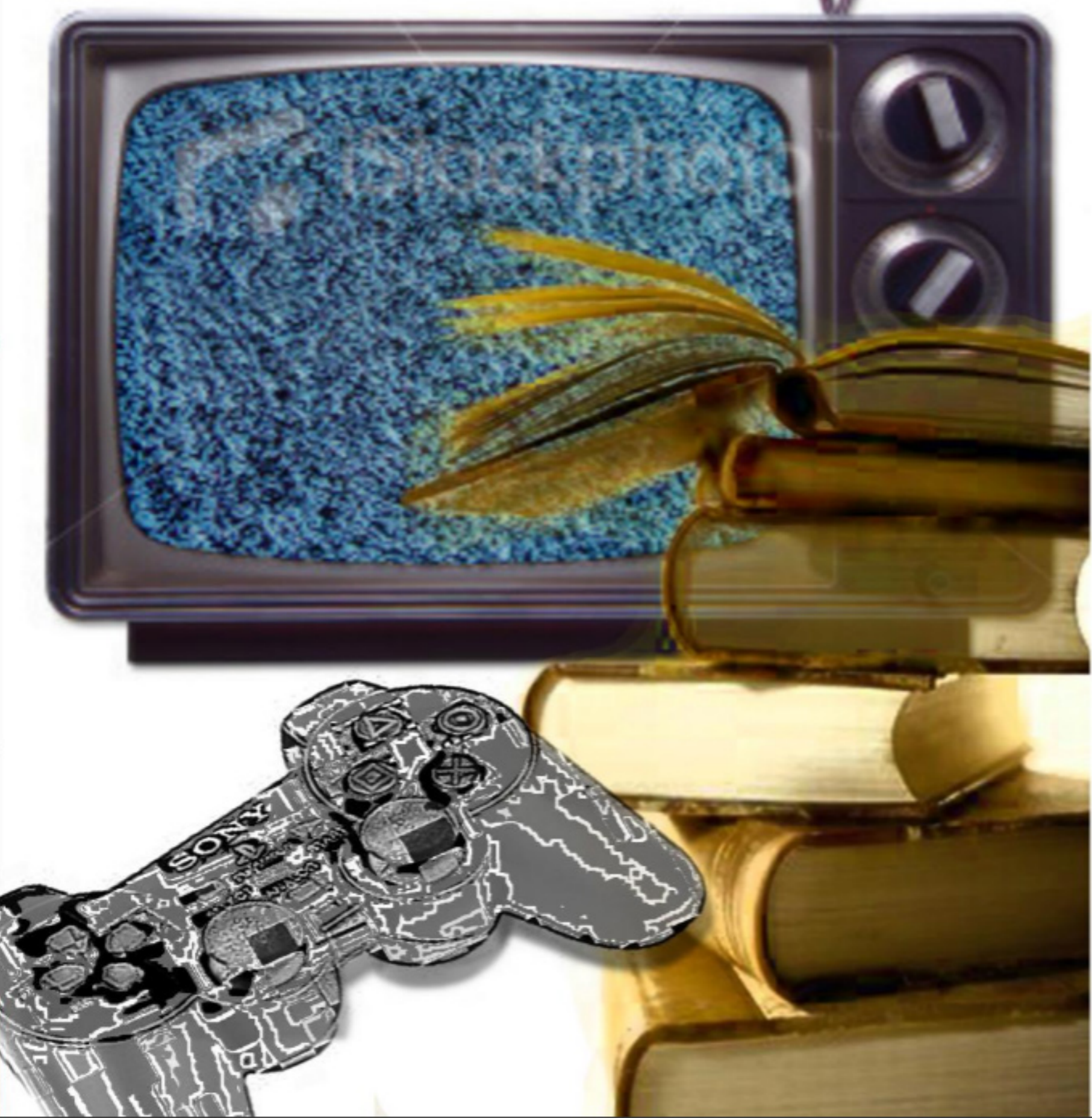
Janko Jesenský  
**DEMOKRATI**

Janko Jesenský is one of the great writers born in a close distance from our little village of Sučany, precisely in Martin. He studied at a grammar school and then at a university abroad, which many of us plan to do in the future, as well. I want to introduce one of his books, called "Demokrati" to you.

The main part of the story is set in the officers' background. On one side, there is a young man, Landík, and on the other side, Petrovič. These two men are in completely opposite financial situations and they both want to change the perspective, from which the rich people view the poor. They're saying that all people are equal. So they decide to create a community with a name "rovnost" and behave that way. Once Landík's friend Tolkoš, who is a butcher, falls in love with a maid Hana, but he thinks that it would not be good for him to hang out with a girl in such a low position. He is afraid of losing his position in the town. Landík tells him, about their community and that he shouldn't care about such things. Meanwhile, Landík himself, falls in love with the same girl. At that point the story becomes more difficult and "rovnost" is in a big danger. It is not easy not to be a "racist". I like this book a lot because of the way the author presents the financial issues and the fact, that although the book seems to be a classical romance at first, there are many things that make you think. I need to say, that it's not always easy to choose between the money and love, especially in these days, when having money means so much. And Jesenský knew it a long time ago.



# MEDIA



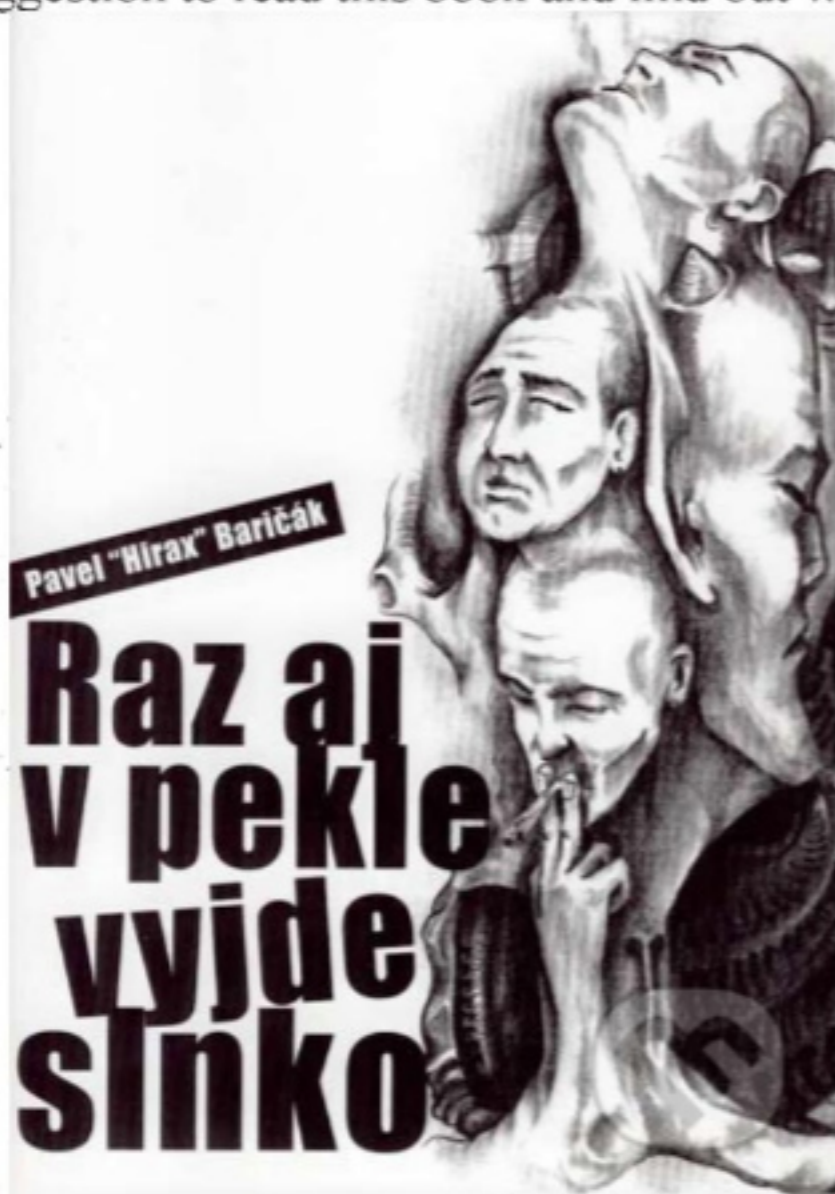
Pavel "Hirax" Baričák

# Once the sun comes in hell

The main protagonist of the story, Klever, is an ordinary young man with a normal life, at least sometimes. However this, at first sight, ordinary story sparked many debates and divided his readers into two camps.

The first one likes this story and compares Baričák to the "drunken" Matkin and they understand this story as a report of the hurried age. The second one compares this story to a vulgar "ragbag" without any deeper idea.

The author said that his book tells a schizophrenic story with alternating gentle, ballad passages and aggressive, vulgar passages. In his opinion it is a story about life, relationships, love, infidelity, hell, heaven and society. It is a mixture of beautiful and disgusting. Take this as a suggestion to read this book and find out which camp you belong to.



# MUSIC

## WHISPER OF A LIE

Whisper Of A Lie is a young Slovak hardcore band from Martin and many of us have already seen it on Hodžafest 2010. They officially started to exist in February 2008, and unofficially in the summer of 2006 (but in that time they were playing punk-rock and didn't have proper singer, so that's why 2008).

Since the beginning, they have changed a lot of members because, as they say, "it's hard to find 5 people with the same thinking and opinions about music".

And why do they play hardcore? As they explained, each member is influenced by the music he loves so each of them brings his own ideas and the result is a "mixture" called the Whisper of a lie, which is often called hardcore by some people. To explain the title or why they call themselves 'Whisper of a lie' they

said that it's because of the people's opinions in their early beginnings. Some of the opinions were critical and many times people lied straight to their faces so they decided for this metaphorical title.

In case you are at least a bit curious about these guys, in few weeks, on the 19th of March they are concerting in Boonker Club, Zilina, with few other Slovak bands.



# MOVIES

## BLACK SWAN

*"What happened to my sweet girl? She is gone."* said Nina's mother

Black Swan is an American psychological thriller directed by Darren Aronofsky who is also a director of Requiem for a dream. Natalie Portman, as Nina Sayers, is a ballet dancer living with her mother who devoted her young years to ballet, as well. The mother is a ballet dancer with an unfulfilled career dream and is supporting Nina in her career. She is also strict and wants to take care of her daughter. Thomas Leroy is searching for a new Swan queen in the ballet performance called the Swan Lake, who would be capable of being like a white innocent swan as well as black naughty swan. Nina is finally chosen for this role, but she has to train a lot because she is too polite and innocent and she doesn't know how to act like the black swan. Nina doesn't enjoy her life very much because she is focused mainly on the ballet and she never goes out to have fun. For this reason she connects with her dark side later on, which also destroys her. She believes that her friend Lily is standing in her way to be the Swan queen but in fact the only person standing in her way is herself. Her dark, wild side is constantly fighting with her brighter innocent side. She is so much attached to this performance that she is slowly changing into the black swan in her head. She is going mad and suffers from hallucinations. The film ends with Nina's whispering, „I felt it. Perfect. I was perfect”.



In my opinion it's worth seeing this film because Natalie Portman made an excellent dramatic performance and I like the idea that the mother who failed her career wants her daughter to continue her unfinished career. That's what happens quite often in the real life, too. I also like Nina's character and I adore ballet. It is a perfect cinema film because of the effects and gripping scenes, especially for those who are tired of watching unrealistic romantic or action movies.

# The Basketball Diaries

A lot of young people don't see what drugs can cause and what they could achieve if they got better and better in their hobbies. This film describes the most dangerous situations during the teenage years. These situations are connected with drugs.

Three young boys start taking drugs, not because of their problems but because it seems to be a lot of fun. They think that they are ok and they are not addicted. But the truth is completely different. When they take drugs even during their basketball trainings and matches they finally realize they are in a big trouble. It is too late, though. Now the action shows us what we are able to do, and how much what we are willing to sacrifice only for a few hours of being high.

I like this story mainly because it is a true story of a perfect ballplayer and also there is a really good example of bad results of irresponsible behaviour. The best part, in my opinion, is the situation when the main character sees what he could achieve but he does not although he has all the necessary skills for it.



# FOURSECOND FRENZY

Funny, simple and classical browser-based game... The whole object of this game is very simple. All you have and need are arrows, the spacebar, and 4 seconds for each mini game. It offers three totally different game modes: Normal, Endurance and Sudden Death. In the normal mode, you get 7 lives and you have to beat 20 mini-games. The endurance mode requires making it through all 50 mini-games, with 10 lives, and in the mode called "Sudden Death" you have one single live to challenge as many mini-games as you can. This game is very simple and requires fast reflexes, as well as intelligence. So if you don't know what to do during your free lessons or when you are bored at home, just type four second frenzy into Google and the journey can begin :)



# TV Shows SUPERNATURAL

Some of you may already be annoyed by the comedy series I write the reviews about and I get it. I mean I don't really get it because I think they are awesome, but I respect you, people. So this time, I have chosen something spooky with a little more action in it. A TV show about two brothers and their never-ending adventures, which consist in looking for their lost father who abandoned them, as well as facing all sorts of supernatural,



eerie creatures. The most exciting so far, in my opinion, has been a story about Bloody Mary or about Wendigo, but all the episodes are pretty exciting and they keep your heartbeat above 100 bmp. Or is it again just me? Anyway, there have been about 6 series, so far and I've seen only the first one so there are way more vicious creatures than you can possibly imagine.



## GBAS is a family

A family is basically a group of related people. It can also bear a metaphorical meaning and a family can easily consist of human beings who are close enough to support each other and love each other unconditionally. From the very first day of school, almost every older student has been talking about one thing only; for some people obvious, for others only vaguely familiar, the phenomenon that has made the corners of teachers' lips curve upwards. I recall the night at the dormitory when the girls whispered: "GBAS is one big family," to the new first year students. Many have always dreamt about being part of the family and many have joined it, too. Are you one of those who still pray for it at night? Among a few other high schools in Slovakia, GBAS is considered to be a school of great quality for its educational methods. Behind the closed doors, the country's smartest students also help each other out and their relationships are really strong. The fifth year students talk to the first year students during breaks and it is not just about the school stuff. Where did that come from? Have the youngest taken initiative and got to know the older guys or was it vice versa? GBAS students are split not only to separate classes but also to various groups, from the beginning of their studies. This allows them to expand their circle of friends. Not a single school except this one, offers a similar educational method therefore the bonds between students over there are often weaker, they know none else but their classmates. GBAS is unique and although it is widely known that one can only make 2 to 3 real friends in the lifetime, nothing is impossible. When the fifth years leave after their graduation, it often means heartache and a lot of crying. As usual, there are one or two souls who are not as outgoing as the rest. They are afraid to say hello first because they're shy. Quite often such students become teacher's pets because they do not require much attention, but they are not very popular among students and that is why they might not consider themselves as part of the family. leave the part where I mention a certain habit that GBAS students seem to have developed.



Students huddle together in either of the local pubs after school. A person who is not fond of spending their time and money this way is not considered sociable. This is not true and fair because mostly the ones under 18 do not enter. Anyway, there has to be another fun place, where everybody can go! But who meets up with friends in a patisserie anymore, right?

To conclude, it depends on the actual students what the relationships are going to be like and it is everybody's own choice to decide whether they are or they are not a part of GBAS family because people are nothing but friendly here and it's never too late to make friends as long as both sides are eager enough to hobnob.



## STUDENT OPINION

### Je GBAS skutočne rodinou?...

Mnoho žiakov si myslí, že GBAS je ako veľká, šťastná rodina. Každý každému pomáha a praje len to najlepšie. No je to pravda? Čo si o tom myslia tí menej zainteresovaní?

„Nie, nevidím GBAS ako jednu veľkú rodinu, nikdy som nevidela. V rodine by si mali jednotliví členovia navzájom dôverovať, čo značí, že by si mali dôverovať žiaci a učitelia navzájom a aj žiaci medzi sebou. Namiesto toho cítim, že je skupinkovanie čoraz častejšie a trieda už nie je celok, ale je rozdelené na časti. Za najbežnejšie delenie považujem už len vec či daný človek chodí alebo nechodí do krčmy. Nehovorím, že neexistujú spojenia medzi jednotlivými skupinami, ale podľa mňa sú rozdiely príliš citelné. Netvrdím, že toto sa deje vo všetkých triedach, ale hovorím skôr o vlastných skúsenostiach a pozorovaniach. Proste sa vytvoria hrče ľudí v jednom veľkom kotli zvanom trieda a tie sa nedajú poriadne rozpustiť.“

V čom je teda chyba?...

„Ustavične opakovaná téma je taktiež, že GBAS stratil svojho ducha, čo je samozrejme, zapríčinené ľuďmi, ktorí školu navštevujú. Teraz myslí každý hlavne na seba. Už nie sme taký dobrý tím ako to bývalo. Možno je to

celosvetový trend, no ľudia sa menia, a porovnávanie tiež nepomôže.“

Aký máme vzťah s učiteľmi?...

„Čo sa týka učiteľov a dôvery, s niektorými učiteľmi nemám až taký dobrý vzťah ako s inými a je to spôsobené hlavne faktom, že nás stále porovnávajú s vyššími ročníkmi alebo žiakmi, ktorí už vyštudovali, v niektorých prípadoch nám, nie síce doslovne, ale dá sa to vyčítať z ich reči, povedi, že sme sprostí, že si máme zobrať príklad z vyšších ročníkov a že to celé ide dole vodou. Namiesto toho, aby nás neustále kritizovali alebo nás porovnávali by možno bolo lepšie viacej preberať učivo (v niektorých prípadoch). Ak to celá trieda nechápe, tak asi niečo nie je s kostolným poriadkom. Čo sa týka jednotlivcov, tak to je ich problém, to berem.“

„Myslím si, že náš vzťah s učiteľmi pomaly nie je ani vzťahom. Niektorí berú vyučovanie ako povinnosť a žiakov ako zábranu v ich "harmonickom" živote. Niekedy to vyzera, že ich to obťažuje a aj preto strácame chuť s nimi spolupracovať.“



# school events

## the valentine's ball

This year's Valentine's ball was held on the 24th of February – exactly ten days after Valentine's day. It was on Thursday, six o'clock PM when we met in Robotnícky dom in Sučany to enjoy dancing all night. The ball was opened by two dancing couples from our school, which performed the most romantic type of dance – rumba. The program followed by the opening waltz and then we were just dancing and having a lot of fun and dancing again...

At about ten, it was for a little competition. People who entered it were randomly divided into couples and fought for the post of the king and the queen of the ball. After finding the "royal couple" represented by Marek Hoffreiter and Nika Göthová, the dancing mania started again.

Another break was devoted to the announcement of tombola winners. There were various prizes, for example the activity points from Mr. Sadloň, or the main prize – a touch LG mobile phone.

After tombola we had the last chance to dance and about midnight the bus drove us to our dormitories and homes. This event gave us a chance to dance as long as we could but also get to know each other better and get a little closer. And what did we bring from the ball? A lot of pictures, sore legs, tiredness, good mood and wonderful memories to remember forever.



# INTERVIEWS

## Mgr. Veronika Ďaďová

**Ako ste sa dostali k učeniu na našej škole?**

Študovala som, po skončení štúdia som si napísala žiadosť a prijali ma. Bolo to super.

**Ako vnímate vaše študentské časy?**

Ako veľmi pekný čas strávený medzi ľuďmi s podobnými záujmami, podnetné prostredie počas štúdia.

**Ako sa vám páči na našej škole?**

Veľmi sa mi tu páči, stále sa tu niečo deje.

**Ako vnímate študentov?**

Študenti sú tu komunikatívni mladí ľudia, veľmi energickí a veselí.

**Čo by ste na škole zlepšili?**

Neviem, so všetkým som spokojná.

**Akú hudbu počúvate?**

Uprednostňujem hudobnú produkciu slovenských interpretov.

**Čo robíte vo voľnom čase?**

Čítam, chodím do prírody, bicyklujem...

**Aké je vaše životné motto?**

Nemám motto. Snažím sa užiť si každú chvíľu naplno.

**Máte nejaké domáce zvieratá?**

Nie, ale občas chovám susedovu mačku.



**Obľúbená farba:** ružová

**Obľúbený spisovateľ:** Phil Bosman

**Obľúbený film:** Tisícročná včela

**Obľúbené jedlo a pitie:** Ovocie, čaj

**Obľúbený žiak:** Ten, ktorý sa pripravuje systematicky na vyučovanie.

## INTERVIEW so starostom Sučian, JUDr. Jozefom Petrášom

### Ako dlho ste na pozícii starostu Sučian?

Som starostom druhej volebnej obdoby od roku 2006.

### Ako ste spokojný so svojou prácou?

Práca starostu je veľmi náročná, namáhavá a vyžaduje si celého človeka, raz ma to naplní a niekedy som nahnevaný a podobne, je to presne tak, ako u každého človeka, že sa to strieda tak ako počasie, že raz sú veci príjemné, potom sú nepríjemné. Ale, aby som povedal na záver tejto otázky, v podstate ma to naplňa, pretože pociťujem to ako čosi, čo je prirodzené, ľudské a pomáha to riešiť potreby ľudí, ktorí ma obklopujú a človek má dobrý pocit, keď sa občas niekde dozvie, že to čo urobil je dobré.

### Čo nové chystáte v obci, čo by ste chceli zmeniť?

No, je plno vecí, ktoré by sme chceli zmeniť, pretože donedávna sme skôr riešili veci, ktoré boli pod zemou – kanalizácia a tieto záležitosti – a teraz sa dostávame už nad zem, tak by sme chceli riešiť, predovšetkým dokončiť projekty z minulého obdobia a to je rekonštrukcia základnej školy, revitalizácia námestia, rekonštrukcia hasičiarne a hráme extraligy v kolkoch - Európsky pohár v kolkoch a sú nové pravidlá pre kolkáreň, pre tie kolkárske dráhy, tak potrebujeme vybudovať novú dráhu. Smerom k vášmu gymnáziu, mojím osobným záujmom je, aby sa našla úspešná cesta k realizácii internátu, aj so športovými strediskami, kultúrnymi prvkami, aby sme prepojili život takého významného gymnázia so životom našich občanov. Za optimálne považujem to, aby študenti strávili v Sučanoch celý deň.

### Aké podujatia sa počas roka uskutočňujú v Sučanoch?

Tak, začneme začiatkom roka, teraz bol už tradičný 4. Sučiansky ples, na tomto plese sa už tradične odovzdáva po štvrtý krát prestížna cena starostu obce, Sučianska fazuľka. (Táto cena je udeľovaná občanovi Sučian, ktorý sa významne pricinil o rozvoj istej oblasti.) Teraz bude Fašiangová zábava, ktorá je typická pre obce ale aj mestá, vidieť, že sa vraciame k starým tradíciám, potom sú to oslavy oslobodenia Sučian a na to nadviažeme v júni Hodžovými dňami, ktoré už začíname pripravovať a s radosťou môžeme komentovať, že záštitu nad Hodžovými dňami preberá premiérka vlády Slovenskej republiky



Iveta Radičová: Myslím si, že je to dobrý impulz, signál aj politického významu.

### Môžeme teda počítať s účasťou pani Radičovej na týchto oslavách?

Ja som presvedčený, ja ju určite pozvem a verím, že toto pozvanie prijme.

### Myslíte si, že je naša škola prínosom pre obec, a ak áno, v akom zmysle?

Ja som presvedčený, že toto gymnázium je veľkým prínosom pre obec. Chcel by som povedať, že nie všetci občania ho vnímajú tak, ako ho vnímam ja, pretože ten proces poznania je veľmi dôležitý, ale jednoznačne za seba chcem povedať, že vidím obrovský prínos, pretože gymnázium Sučany je známe nielen v regióne, je známe v Žilinskom kraji, ale je známe aj na Slovensku a s potešením môžem povedať, že už sú fragmenty aj v iných krajinách Európy, kde bývalí absolventi nášho gymnázia pôsobia. Všetkým fandím a dúfam, že to gymnázium tu bude naveky.

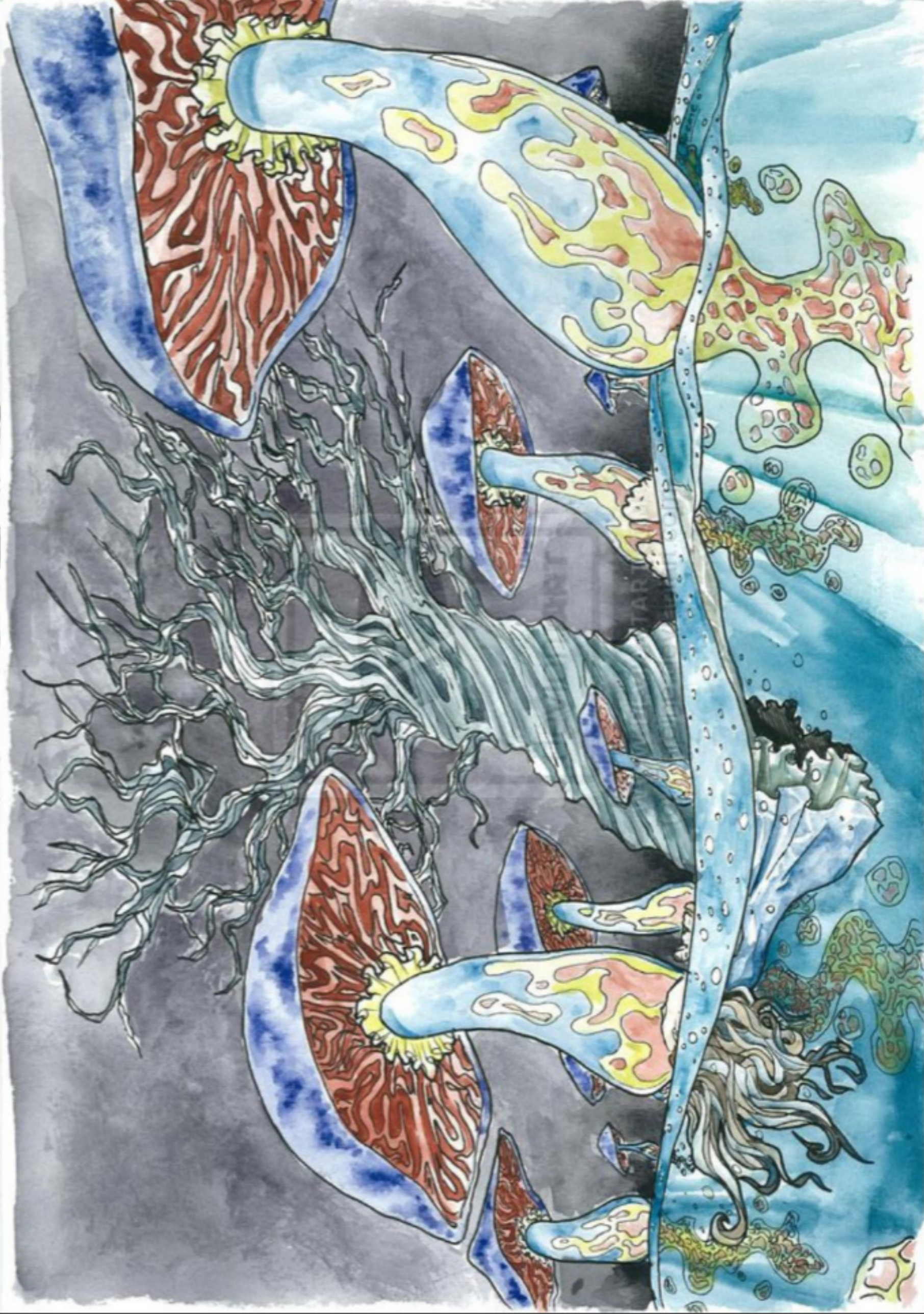
### Povedali ste, že vy vnímate gymnázium inak, tak ako podľa vás vnímajú iní obyvatelia zo Sučian našu školu?

Nie každý si uvedomuje tú skutočnú hodnotu, ten skutočný význam, pretože Sučany, ako iné obce a mestá majú x problémov, bolo by treba vynoviť chodníky, opraviť cesty, ... Cez túto prizmu vidíme tie základné materiálne hodnoty, s ktorými sa dennodenne stretávame a niekedy nám unikajú práve tie duchovné hodnoty, bez ktorých sa spoločnosť nemôže rozvíjať, pretože bez duchovných hodnôt sa nedá ani chodník opraviť, ani cesta postaviť. A nie každý si uvedomuje akú duchovnú hodnotu táto škola prináša.

### Zúčastňujete sa niektorých akcií, ktoré usporadúva naša škola?

Samozrejme, snažím sa zúčastniť sa. Aktívne sa zúčastňujem Hodžovej eseje, dokonca tam dávam aj cenu, oceňujem prácu a zúčastňujem sa aj iných podujatí, na ktoré som pozvaný. Samozrejme, nie každého podujatia sa môžem zúčastniť, pretože moje časové možnosti mi nie vždy takúto účasť umožňujú.

### Ďakujeme za rozhovor!



Preine

### Sučianska fazuľka 2010

This interesting name (in English “the Sučany bean”) refers to a special prize given out to one talented person who contributed to the development of sport in Sučany. It is annually awarded by the mayor of Sučany at the reception, which is traditionally held at the beginning of February in Robotnícky dom.

Let us take a closer look at this year’s prize giving. On the 5th of February the current mayor, Jozef Petráš, passed this prestigious award to Ivan Čech, a successful Slovak player of skittles. Ivan Čech was born in year 1976, and in 1995 he started playing skittles. He was a member of the skittles club called Tatran Sučany. Ivan got his first significant medal in year 1998 at the world championship in Celje, Slovenia. It was his first competition in the adult category and he managed to win the third place. But the greatest Ivan’s success came in year 2006 when he achieved the gold medal in Macedonian, the capital Skopje and became the world champion in skittles. Honestly, how many of you know that we have such a talented sportsman?

To conclude, I will add an interesting piece of information: a week after he received the prize, Ivan won another competition, this time a gold medal in Tallin, Estonia. Congratulations, by the way! :)



## SCIENCE

**HOW TO BECOME INVISIBLE?**

Scientists managed to design a type of material with a negative refractive index in the visible radiation. The light, which enters the material, comes out from it on the other side. Substances, which make this possible, are called metamaterials and they were made for the infrared radiation with the shortest wavelength of 1400 nm.

However, new materials, which consist of several perforated layers of silver fluoride and magnetite move this limit up to the 780 nm, if you put them on a glass base. A smart structure with such property would disable a person from seeing what is happening behind the glass surface.

**Botox against headaches?**

The researchers have started to examine the influence of botox after many patients who had had botox injected to their faces said, that their frequent headaches disappeared. This discovery is the keystone for the next observations.

**The first aid without mouth-to-mouth breathing?**

After fifty years from the starting of the well-known practices of the first aid mouth-to-mouth breathing, the scientists found out that it is possible to skip the breathing completely. The process will be effective without this part, as well. The rhythmical compression of the thorax is allegedly enough.



## world amazing facts

**5 + 1 INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT...  
SUCANY**

1. Every year the mayor awards a price, called „Sučianska fazuľka“, for contribution to the development of sport.
2. The village Sučany has it's own newspaper. It's name is „Nové Sučianske zvesti“, but it isn't published regularly.
3. This year there will be the twelfth year of Sučany's fair, which includes an interesting competition, "All family is shooting", where people can shoot from an air gun.
4. Last year the village Sučany had a new postage stamp of Milan Hodža printed.
5. There is a Pillar of Shame standing in front of church, as a symbol of village's privilege.
6. There is a sports club in Sučany, called "Hathajoga".



# SOCIAL NEWS

## Martin made new online services available

The Slovak town, Martin, has recently announced the participation in the Internet project civitas.sk.

There are currently 13 towns/villages engaged in the project. The portal is aimed to provide virtual town hall to the citizens and facilitate the communication between town and its citizens or entrepreneurs. What is civitas.sk?

It's basically an intermediate between citizens and the town hall. The communication could, in the best case, take place just through the portal, so all requests and the eventual feedback would be done online. This would indeed save time of both, the town office and citizens. Yet, the system is not perfect. To fully utilize the portal you will need a valid digital signature and a software with overall cost of more than 80€. If you do not possess those, you can still use the portal, you will be required to print the document, sign it and deliver to town office, though.

But it's still a big improvement as it will save you one visit to town office.

However this is not the first and hopefully not the last attempt of Martin to keep its agenda online.

In 2009 the town launched the project transparentnemesto.sk deciding that it will make all procurements, selection procedures and budgets public, and at the same time giving its citizens simple ways to comment on town decisions.

While Martin is making its mark as an epicentre of e-governmental municipality in Slovakia, you might be asking what is it good for? The implementation of e-government projects on small scale can help us find and eliminate the possible problems of large scale projects (e-vote, e-income tax return) moreover creating an environment that is prepared to use the technology to help administering democratic state.

# S P O R T

## *How not to get bored in Sučany?*

As we know, Sučany is a beautiful village placed in the north of Slovakia, in a historical region called Turiec. Sučany are surrounded by the incredible nature of Veľká Fatra and Malá Fatra. It offers a lot of places where you can go and spend your time. All you have to do is pick one that fits you best.

Because of the manifoldness of environment, represented by large forest areas, green fields, rocky walls and rich alpine fauna and flora, climbing has become one of the most popular sports in Sučany.

### **The history of Mountain Division TATRAN SUČANY**

In the early beginnings all activities in this area were connected with hiking, skiing and Mountain service. Step by step, a group of people lead by Václav Dvořák started to focus their activities on climbing. In 1960 a new climbing division has developed. Members of the division organized mountain-climbing meetings, where they exchanged their experiences and they planned easy and difficult climbs. The meetings took place in Porúbka, near Žilina, Žarnovica valley, on Malino, in Vrátna valley and in our biggest mountain range - The High Tatras.

### **How can you become a member?**

- 1) You have to check the website of MD Tatran Sučany.
- 2) You have to fill in the application form.
- 3) You have to pay the membership fee.

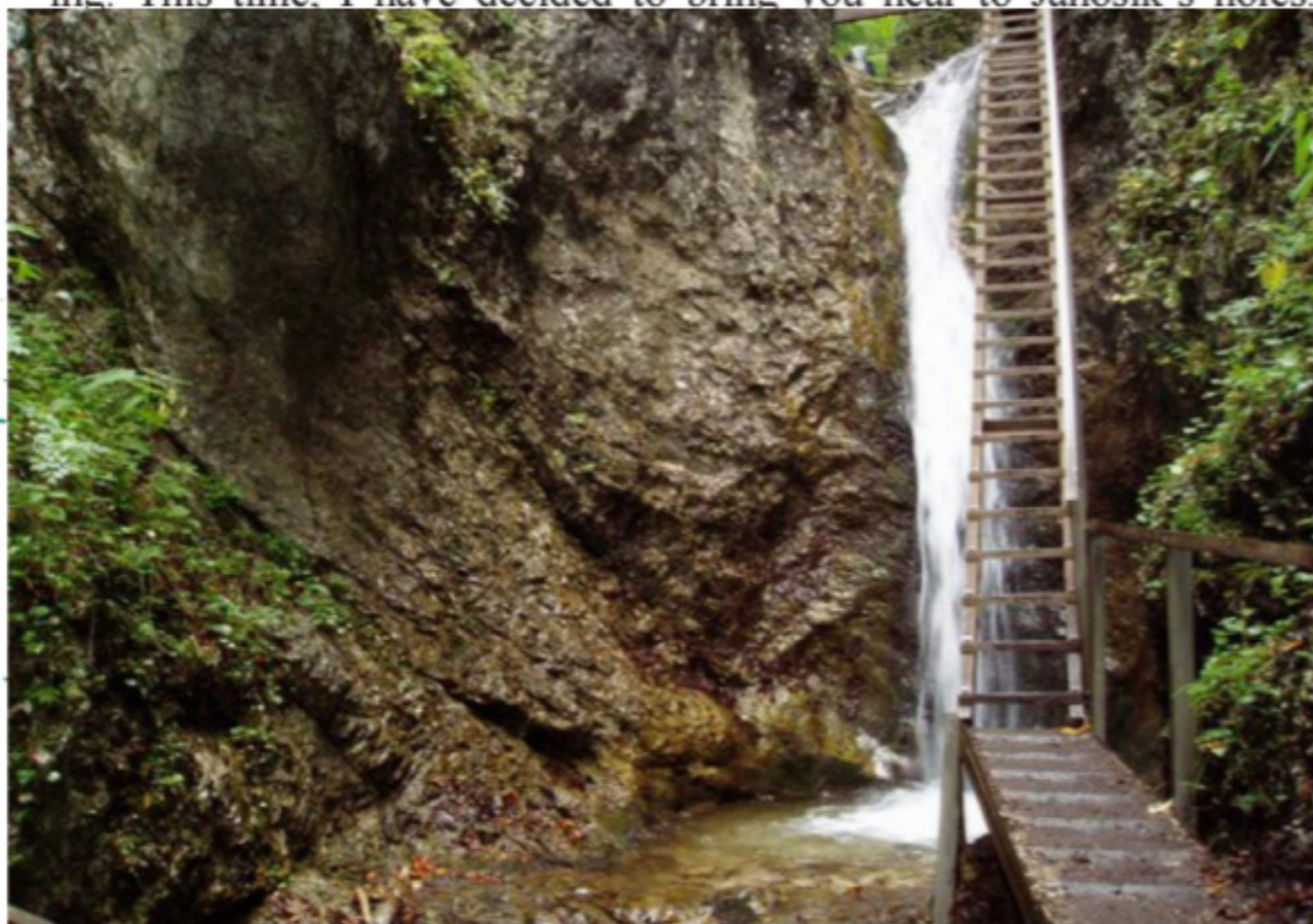
Info for the new coming members – non-climbers: After you enter the division, you will be given an instructor. He/she will assist you during the first year, when you will have to learn how to move safely in the nature, on the rocks and in the mountains. At the end of the year you will take exams and if you pass you will become an official member of the Mountain division.

For more info, visit the webpage <http://www.hosucany.sk>. :)

# TRAVEL GUIDE

## Janosik's Holes

Spring is coming; the weather is getting warmer, so why not take a trip to the arms of our extraordinary nature? Do you feel like you do not have time for anything except school? Just realize that our school is located in a diverse region at the bottom of the mountains of Malá and Veľká Fatra and it is really worth exploring. This time, I have decided to bring you near to Janosik's holes.



Jánošik's holes form a system of gorges and canyons located in the National Nature Reservation Rozsutec. The holes are named after a famous Slovak hero, Jánošik, who was born in this region. During your hike, you will be able to see more than twenty unique waterfalls, which will definitely make the walk very pleasant. If you want a real adventure, be sure you will experience it right there. Jánošik's holes offer marked tourist footpaths with catwalks, ladders and chains.

You will be in the very centre of the beauty itself and you'll be able to admire the magnificent creations of nature without being disturbed. Bizarre rock formations with the specific climate are the home of several interesting kinds of flowers and animals. The holes consist of three integrated parts: Lower holes, new holes and the upper holes, which are also most challenging. This part is closed during the winter season. So make sure you will have a pair of really good shoes, because the slippery rocks near the waterfalls can be dangerous.

Regarding the access to the reservation, the possible starting points are Stefanova and Biely potok, which all belong to Terchova's village. So, obviously you'll have to get to Terchova first, and I recommend starting the hike from the hotel Diery, which is located in the first half of the village on the left side of the brook. Head toward the canyon valley of Mala Fatra. It is clearly indicated, so there should be no problem to find the right path. To make sure you don't get lost, carry a map of the area with you, it can be really useful, especially in the bad weather conditions, when the visibility can be lower.

Try to find time to visit this awesome place, and you will not regret it. Take your friends or your family for a one-day trip, which will certainly be memorable. I am planning on doing the same thing, too. Your reward will be a spectacular and fascinating view.



# CULTURE museums

Martin has become a new home for many of our students. We shop there, we eat there and we drink there. We live in this lovely, historically important town and we think we know it perfectly well. But there are few insitutions, actually there are plenty, only we not often pay attention to them, which are kind of unrevealed to us. Yes, my friends, I am talking about museums. Seriously, ask yourselves: How many times have I visited a museum in Martin? Or, have I ever visited any museum in Martin?

Well...here comes a little help for you – a short summary of what you can find in those mysterious buildings in the town of Martin, which will, hopefully, entice you to pay a visit there (at least once in those five years:).

So, we start off with the large building up there on the hill with the big letters saying: **SLOVENSKE NARODNE MUZEUM**. That building is a home of Ethnographic museum, where you can find three main expositions: Man and soil (it shows how our ancestors were working



ing in the past, how they made food and the ways of sheepfarming and shepherding), Man and resources (this exposition shows how people used natural materials for creating everyday objects) and Man and clothing (how people in Slovakia

used to dress about 100 years ago, slovak national costume in all in all its beauty!)

*Opening hours: TUE-SUN: 9.00-17.00*

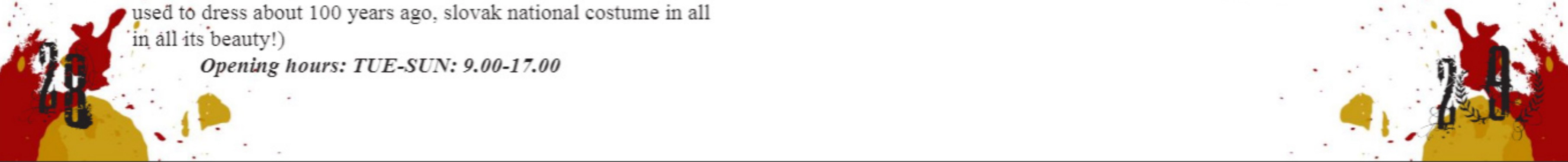


OK, our next stop may be a little harder, for **Martin Benka** museum is not in the very centre of the town. Nevertheless, it is worth visiting. In the house where Benka himself lived you can find a collection of his paintings and you can also see his office where he would invite his friends and his painting studio.

*Opening hours: TUE-FRI: 9.00-16.00*

The last, but not least, I am going to mention is a gallery rather than a museum, **the Turiec gallery** (Turčianska galéria). I am supersure you have passed by it at least hundred times, for it is situated right next to Prior. In Turiec gallery you can find works by artists from Turiec from the 20th century. Apart from its permanent expositions, the gallery organizes several new exhibitions as well as many interesting activities on regular basis.

*Opening hours: TUE-SAT: 10.00-17.00*





# UNIVERSITIES

## Jessenius Faculty of Medicine



It has not been so long since I opened the door of GBAS for the last time but still, trust me, time is really running fast. Thus, dear mates from GBAS, howsoever weird it still sounds to me, let me share few thoughts about my recent university life with you.

Some of you might have already noticed that my new destination did not fall far from my previous one in Sučany – I have chosen to study medicine in Martin. Although some might suggest that the further west (or further from home) one goes, the better, I am perfectly satisfied with the way it is, in spite of the fact that I originally come from Martin. Jessenius Faculty of Medicine has been awarded the best medical faculty in Slovakia, and for a long time it has been on the third place amongst the “Czechoslovak” medical faculties. However, let me get back to the main topic, which is, how does a university life differ from a calm and peaceful high-school life in Sučany?

Indeed, you read it correctly, all the cramming for the chemistry or economy tests (no offence, but these were the hard ones for me :)) is just a good practice for whatsoever you are up to in your upcoming university life. I still remember the moment when I was staring at a big poster of a man with all the muscles labelled in the biology lesson, whilst I was whispering myself that I would never- ever be able to learn them all. Well, to make a long story short, you indeed really do have some 43 muscles on your “upper extremity”, if you will. :) But no worries, I am not trying to scare you off; it does have to have some studying part – that’s why it is called medicine, in my case.

But let me point out some more positive aspects of the university lifestyle. On one hand you have to spend some time sitting on your butt, however, on the other hand you really do gain some extra respect saying that you are a medicine student. In a meanwhile, you will have to get used to the fact that while you are just in the process of becoming

a doctor, you are, in a way, treated as one already – meaning that literally overnight you become a consultant for any aches and throat-sores for your relatives and elder neighbours. If your basic stuff includes also some phonendoscope or even some manometer, get ready for regular visitors.

Besides that I, surprisingly, still have some time for my own activities including some hanging out with friends, some teaching (you all know English, make use of it!), and some sport activities as well. Social life and a bunch of good friends are really important if you do not want your anatomy or histology books to become one, and you do not want that (although they both include some pictures of humans or at least some parts of them :)). There are some good opportunities to socialise if you live in the dormitory. Our faculty students run a club for medics, there is a gym available for any activities, you get a free entry to the pool on Tuesdays and of course, lots of medics here in Martin come from Norway, Sweden, Germany or Arabic countries, and the multiculturalism is remarkable.

In conclusion, I must say that I am really happy that, thanks to God, I could stay and study here in Martin. Some good planning and preparation for the entrance exams was necessary and essential though. Becoming part of the top 10% on the entrance exams and passing them gave me a solid chance to withstand upcoming five and half years with my current schoolmates. Be proud to study in Sučany, however – your own afford, not only the school you study at can make you the best amongst your peers, so use your time wisely. And, as my future profession claims, we are not here for ourselves, but we are here for the others...



## companies



The company like this has affected our lives and has spread all around the world. With about 93 000 employees and unbelievable incomes, it is, dare I say, one of the largest companies involved in the food industry.

Its creation dates back to 1892 and its story is quite simple: Few years earlier, in 1886, a pharmacist John Stith Pemberton invented Coca-Cola (as the name of the company itself says, the flagship product). Three years later, in 1889, a man called Asa Candler, bought Coca-Cola formula and the brand and then, in 1892, he incorporated The Coca-Cola Company.

Nowadays, Coca-Cola offers more than 500 brands in over 200 countries all around the world and is the most popular beverage in nearly every country of the world. It's true, that Coca-Cola is the main product of the company, but we can't forget to mention other products like Sprite, Fanta etc. This is connected with an interesting fact, that among the five most popular soft drinks in the world, four are produced by Coca-Cola Company: Coca-Cola, Coca-Cola light, Fanta and Sprite.

So according to this, we can see that the company doesn't have to care about its future, but it would be good to think whether its popularity is caused by the quality of the product or the quality of commercial.



# FAMOUS PERSON

## Milan Hodža

**Date of birth:** \* 1. 2. 1878 in Sučany

**Date of death:** † 27. 6. 1944 in Clearwater, USA

**Motto:** Mutual economic links throughout the European continent should be the norm, but the involved people very often just do not understand it.

Milan Hodža was a journalist, a publicist, a politician, a statesman, a thinker and the first Slovak prime minister of Czechoslovakia in the interwar period. According to historians, Milan Hodža is one of the most important personalities of Slovak history of the 20th century. He was a nephew of a popular Slovak politician Michal Miloslav Hodža and lived in a family where the emphasis was placed on education and national consciousness. Except for speaking Slovak, he could speak seven foreign languages: Hungarian, German, English, Serbo-Croatian, Romanian, French and Polish. He did not study only the law but also history.



His political career had started when he became a member of the assembly of Hungary. Later he was sentenced by a Hungarian court for 18 months in prison, because of his political activities. However, the first day of mobilization, he was relegated from the territory of Hungary in exile in Vienna.

The top of his political activity was the post of Prime Minister of Czechoslovakia in 1935 to 1938. In this period, he had very sharp conflicts with the president Edvard Beneš. That was why he left Czechoslovakia in 1938 and settled first in France but then, after France was defeated, he went to the USA, where he actively promoted the concept of political science project of creating the Danubian Federation. He was the author of several hundred articles, a huge amount of public political speeches and other. His corpus has seven volumes and over 4000 pages.

In addition, he wrote an extensive monograph on the separation of Czechoslovakia.

He had always understood the question of national history, which is characteristic for its unique approach in a broader context, in connection with problems of political, economic, cultural and linguistic.

Milan Hodža died on the 27th of June 1944 in Clearwater, USA. He was a figure that proudly represents us together with other Czech and Slovak Prime Ministers and politicians in the arc of time since 1918.



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## FUNNY PAGE

Do plného autobusu nastúpi babka, postaví sa k chlapcovi a hovorí:

- Chlapče, nemohol by si sa postaviť?
- Babka, dobrý pokus, ale toto ja poznám. Ja sa postavím a vy si sadnete.

Na skúške z matematiky hovorí jeden policajt druhému: „Ja asi vyletím.“ „Ale prečo?“, pýta sa druhý. „Čo nevieš sčítavať a odčítavať?“ „To je to. Ja stále neviem pochopiť, ako je to, že  $5-7+2=0$ .“ „To je jednoduché. Vysvetlím ti to na názorovom príklade: V autobuse cestuje 5 ľudí, na zastávke 7 vystúpi. Koľkí musia nastúpiť, aby tam nebol nikto?“

A: Aren't you wearing your wedding ring on the wrong finger?

B: Yes I am, I married the wrong woman.

A: Doctor, will I be able to play the piano after the operation?

B: Yes, of course.

A: Great! I never could before!

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