Cultural Night
Sunday, September 11, 7 pm
Kiti-Tasane Auditorium

Come and celebrate the cultural diversity that we have here at AIU Muak Lek campus. More than 10 cultural groups will be performing. Don’t miss out!

Note to Cultural Night participants: Please give your MP3 tracks and PowerPoint presentations to Ms Deanna by Friday morning, September 9.

Thai Culture & Food for Health Exhibition
Monday, September 12, 10 am - 4 pm, Kiti-Tasane Auditorium

- Free Blood Pressure check!
- OTOP Products for Sale
- Blood Glucose test: 20 Baht

Community service at Jet Sao Noi Waterfall
Thasaporn Songsawatwong, Kantapon Kansittha & Ajarn Nakhon Kitjaroonchai,
Faculty of Arts & Humanities

On Sunday, August 21, 2011, the GENL 1103 Life and Ministry of Jesus class comprising 30 students and a teacher, went to Jet Sao Noi Waterfall for a community service to clean up areas at the fall.

The class was divided into two groups and each group was guided by two park officers. The nursing and business students were assigned to take charge of the other bank of the river on the west, while the Thai English majors took care of the area on the eastern zone.

The class spent two hours collecting trash, plastic bottle, straws, polystyrene foam, beer and fizzy drink cans, and bottles along the river bank. Some of these trashes were hidden deep in the shrub or rocks that have hole and it was hard to spot on if one didn’t look carefully. They must be dug out with a long stick.

After a two-hour work, the class took a break and some students had early lunch there. One of the officers told the class that the Jet Sao Noi Waterfall has about 2,000 visitors a day during low seasons.

Approximately 9,000 to 9,200 kilograms of garbage is collected on a monthly basis during the low seasons. But in high sea-sons like New Year celebration, Songkran festival, or long public holidays, there are a lot more tourists and they leave huge amount of garbage for the park to collect. According to the officer, the amount of trash is three or four times more during high seasons.

Throughout last year in 2010, the waterfall could house as many as 562,786 visitors. According to the park officer, garbage is truly a burden to manage with when a large number of tourists visit the site.

The officers at the park were happy to see AIU students coming to help clean the area. They suggest all visitors to take back whatever they bring with them. This will definitely ease the work of garbage collectors at the park.

Hmong AIU wins SC Football League, September 6

Congratulations to team Hmong AIU for emerging champion in the Student Council Football League! Team 285 took second place, followed by Karen Youth Club as third place. The final league was held on Tuesday, September 6.

Photo credit: Charlie Bagah
The 9th WA Shipton Public Lecture Series

**Hornbill Research & Conservation**
*Thursday, September 8, 2011, 7 pm, IT 328*

Speaker: Dr Pilai Poonswad, Mahidol University

All are invited to come and listen as Dr Pilai speaks about this amazing bird!

**ABOUT THE LECTURE**

The Hornbill is one of the world’s most striking birds, with a wing span of almost 2 meters. Feathered in brilliant colors and crowned with a regal casque on its beak, it is one of the rarest birds in the tropical rain forests of Asia and Africa. Several species of Hornbill are also among the most threatened and of Asia’s birds.

**Faculty of Education & Psychology presents**

**Leadership skills for Administrators of Christian schools**
*Thursday, September 8, 2011, 7 pm, ADM 104*

Speaker: Tim Scott, Education Superintendent for SDA Cambodia Mission

Come join the faculty and students of the Education Psychology Department as we learn and grow.

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**Big Sister Day at AIU Muak Lek campus**

Andrew Mitchell

**Big Sister Day was a huge success!**

Forty-five girls from the orphanage in Lopburi came by bus on August 27, 2011 to visit AIU for the first time. When they arrived they were given a guided tour of the campus by Andrew and Tan.

At Eve Hall they learned about student activities and campus life. Each girl was then given a brand new purple shirt with the Big Sister logo and a Bible verse on the back saying “It is better to give than to receive.”

The event began at 10:30 am when all the girls were given name tags made by the university students and then paired with their Big Sister or Big Brother. The entire group attended church and then everyone ate lunch together in the cafeteria.

The afternoon was filled with crafts and games in the auditorium. It was nonstop smiles and laughter all afternoon. The Big Sisters did a great job of being friends and giving their time to each of the girls.

When the girls boarded the bus to leave, both the girls and the Big Sisters and Brothers waved, smiled, laughed which brought a happy end to a fun-filled day with new friends.

Big Thanks to all the Big Sisters and Big Brothers that made this Big day possible!

**Appreciation from the Faculty of Science**

Ajarn Alwyn Chacko, Faculty of Science

*Last week, the Faculty of Science met over dinner at the Klong Ngern restaurant as a gesture to say thank you to the Faculty Dean Dr John Perumal for the hard work put in by the staff in the documentation process for QA and ONESCA.*

*The ‘Thank you’ was also extended to the Clausens for their kind contribution to the department. For the past one and a half years, they served as volunteers in the department and taught some of the important courses that where offered (such as Principles of Biology, Systems Physiology, Anatomy and Physiology and more).*

*It is hard for us to say goodbye since the Clausens’ expertise is difficult to be replaced. Their friendship will be dearly missed by the students and faculty. The department wishes God’s blessings to the Clausens in their future endeavors.*

*The occasion was also used to formally welcome Dr David Ekkens and his wife, Sharon. We are happy that they would serve us for this year.*
On Thursday, August 18, 2011, at 7:30 am the ENGL 3373 Mass Media English class comprising 47 students and a teacher left AIU for the Post Publishing Public Company Limited known as the Bangkok Post in Klongtoey, Bangkok.

The group arrived at the Bangkok Post headquarters at around 10:30 am. Students were given a short break to stretch out after a two-hour trip on the bus. At about 11 o’clock Mr Kowit Rachiwong, the Human Resources Development Supervisor of the Bangkok Post, ushered the group to a meeting room located on the 8th floor of the high rise tower.

The students listened to an overview of the history of the Bangkok Post from a video presentation. The class discovered that the Bangkok Post has an astounding history when it was first launched. The newspaper in those days was only a four-page broadsheet when it was first printed, and only 500 copies were made and delivered to 200 subscribers. All the work process in those days used man power. The work was daunting since it required energy as well as exquisiteness when every headline, every word on every story had to be set by hand on slots. The old type of work system lasted for many years before a modern printing machine was introduced.

After the video presentations, questions and answers session was allotted for students who needed more explanation regarding the history of the press. A news reporter from China shared her experience of how she collects news and writes up the news reports on a hectic schedule. In the afternoon at 1:30 pm, the group headed to Bangna, a distance of 25 to 30 minutes drive from the headquarters, to see the printing press where the Bangkok Post newspaper is published. The group was fascinated with the modern and massive printing machine imported from Germany with the cost of more than 12 million euro. One of the engineers who monitored the machine said that the printing machine which the Bangkok Post uses at current is one of the best in Southeast Asia. It has high capacity and potentiality in which many others newspaper presses don’t have such convenience.

The machine works incredibly fast and it can print as many as 70,000 copies per hour. It’s really an amazing high-tech that human beings could manufacture to ease their work, said the officer.

The students left the printing press with good learning memories and experiences and arrived at the university at 7.30 p.m.

When asked Rattana about the trip, she expressed her thought that she will never become a news writer. “I don’t like such job when responsibility is highly demanded. Being a news writer, you will be exhausted.” Said Rattana.

For Napatsanan, the field trip helped her to understand the operation behind the Bangkok Post. “I got to know how workers handle their work with the assistance of the modern printing machine. I learnt that the printing press uses soy ink and recycled papers to help save the environment and the world.”

To go smart or not, that is the question

I can see him sitting at the very back row on the left corner of the auditorium. Earphones plugged so deep into his ear — his index finger moving across the screen of his smartphone, either chopping flying vegetables or hurling an angry bird at a pig with a helmet.

It’s amazing how smartphones moved up to the top of the priority list of young people. One can’t enter a classroom without seeing at least a couple of students using their smartphones. More interestingly, smartphone users can get away with going online or doing activities (that aren’t related to class) much easier than laptop users. “Put your smartphone away” should be the new “Put your laptop away” rule while attending class.

Indeed a smartphone can calculate, take pictures, record videos, play music, surf the net, and of course, call and text. But the question is whether the phone is becoming smarter than the user:

Instead of singing, a smartphone says: “I’ll sing and you listen”.

Instead of playing sports, a smartphone says: “Why sweat when you can just use your finger to play any sport you like” and,

instead of engaging in a real conversation, a smart phone says: “30 of your friends are online”.

Smartphones are useful in many aspects if used wisely. So don’t let your smartphone outsmart you!
Weekly Events

The Seeker
Title: The Coming of the Lamb (How to know a Guy likes a Girl?)
Date & Time: Friday, September 9, After Vespers
Venue: Fellowship Hall

AY Channel 7
Date & Time: Saturday, September 10, 5 pm
Venue: Church

Campus Calendar

SEPTEMBER 8, THURSDAY
AIU Master Guide Club, 6 pm - 8 pm, Fellowship Hall

9th WA Shipton Public Lecture Series:
“Hornbill Research & Conservation” by Dr Pilai Poonswad, 7 pm, IT 328
“Leadership Skills for Administrators of Christian Schools” by Tim Scott, 7 pm, ADM 104

SEPTEMBER 9, FRIDAY
Vespers: “The Pictures of God”, 7 pm, Church
The Seeker: The Coming of the Lamb (How to know a Guy likes a Girl?), After vespers, Fellowship Hall.

SEPTEMBER 10, SATURDAY
Thai Sabbath service -- Auditorium
English Sabbath service -- Church
SS lesson study, 9 am
SS program, 10 am
Divine Service, 10:45 am.
AY Channel 7, 5 pm, Church.

SEPTEMBER 11, SUNDAY
Cultural Night, 7 pm, Kiti-Tasanee Auditorium

SEPTEMBER 12, MONDAY
Thai Culture & Food for Health Exhibition, 10 am - 4 pm, Kiti-Tasanee Auditorium
Photo Shoot for Graduating Students, 10:30 am - 12 noon & 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, SC office (opposite the gym, SC building)
MUSIC WORKSHOP Session 3: How to arrange songs, 8 pm - 9 pm, Fellowship Hall

SEPTEMBER 13, TUESDAY
United Prayer, 7 pm, CH112

SEPTEMBER 14, WEDNESDAY
Student Forum, 10 am, Auditorium.
Student Piano Recital, 7 pm, Kiti-Tasanee Auditorium

Upcoming Events

“Hornbill Research & Conservation” Organized by the Faculty of Science.
Presenter: Dr Pilai Poonswad
Date & Time: Thursday, September 8, 7 pm
Venue: IT 328

“Leadership Skills for Administrators of Christian Schools” Organized by the Faculty of Education & Psychology.
Presenter: Tim Scott
Date & Time: Thursday, September 8, 7 pm
Venue: ADM 104

Special Vespers: The Pictures of God Performed by the University Chorale & Chamber Choir.
Date & Time: Friday, September 9, 7 pm
Venue: AIU Church

Cultural Night Organized by the AIU Social & Cultural Affairs committee.
Date & Time: Sunday, September 11, 7 pm
Venue: Kiti-Tasanee Auditorium

Thai Culture & Food for Health Exhibition Organized by the Mission Faculty of Nursing Science.
Date & Time: Monday, September 12, 10 am - 4 pm
Venue: Kiti-Tasanee Auditorium

Music Workshop Speaker: Mr Herbert Yonathan.
The workshop is open to all music enthusiasts. Organized by the Faculty of Arts & Humanities.
SESSION 3: How to Arrange Songs
Date & Time: Monday, September 12, 8 pm - 9 pm
Venue: Robin Riches Fellowship Hall

Student Piano Recital
Date & Time: Tuesday, September 20, 7 pm
Venue: Kiti-Tasanee Auditorium

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Announcements

Final Session for this semester: Photoshoot for Graduating Students
SC is holding another photoshoot for graduating students for the Yearbook. This photoshoot is for graduating seniors who will complete their studies at the end of this first semester. The session takes place this Monday, September 12 from 10:30 am - 12 noon and 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm at the SC office (opposite gym). Please wear full uniform to the photo shoot. Thank you!

1st Semester 2011-2012 Final Examination
Final examination begins on Thursday, September 22 and ends on Thursday, September 29. Exam schedules are posted on the Academic bulletin boards and are available on the Intranet.

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