Lunar New Year celebrations at AIU

The Vietnamese students say “Cheers!” as they celebrate the Lunar New Year on Sunday, January 22, 2012. A group photo of Chinese students, faculty, family and friends to commemorate the Chinese New Year event on Sunday, January 22, 2012.

Dormitory open house - it’s the men’s turn!

Female students enjoying the comfort of Atitsela’s room in Solomon Hall. The Lunas and a student in Saitry, Sopheak and Udom’s room in Solomon Hall.

Campus Visitors

Dr Ben Clausen comes from the Geo-science Research Center, USA. He has speaking appointments throughout the week on campus, including the 10th WA Shipton Public Lecture Series tonight, at 6:30 pm.

Mr Cliff Fua (right) and Dr Khamsay Phetchareun.

Mr Cliff Fua is the speaker for the AIU Week of Emphasis on “Winning the Battle Against Alcohol”. He comes from Australia.
Gail Valentine Memorial Scholarship Award

Background on Gail Valentine and Her Role at AIU

Gail Valentine was a teacher at Mission College / AIU from 2001 until 2006. During that time she also coordinated the college’s Human Resources office. Her work was cut tragically short by terminal cancer which took her life in March 2009. An objective of the Scholarship program is to assist promising female students undertaking business studies at the university.

Although Gail finished teaching in 2006, some final year and postgraduate students may still remember Gail. Those who had her as a teacher might recall that she could be tough (her sons remember her as being a tough mother at times too). However, she loved her students and she loved seeing them succeed in their studies and careers.

Background on the Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Scholarship program was initiated by Gail’s husband and two sons following her passing from cancer in 2009. It is designed to enable part of her work at AIU to continue. Gail was passionate about promoting the role of women in society. So, the awards are for promising young female business students and also for those who are economically disadvantaged.

Funds for the awards have come from Gail’s family and many friends around the world. Supporters and donors have helped from as far as Australia and New Zealand, the USA, England, Hong Kong, and Singapore. Family members have enjoyed participating in fundraising events such as marathons, that have helped raise awareness of, as well as over 650,000 Baht for the scholarship programs.

At present, the fund is valued at over 2.4M Baht (A$75,000) and is still growing. It is hoped that the fund will continue to support students at AIU for many years to come.

Eleven AIU students received scholarship awards from three significant funds: the Retnam Nambier Scholarship, Gail Valentine Memorial Scholarship and the Sorajjakool Scholarship. The awards were presented on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at the Kiti-Tasane auditorium.

Award recipients of the Gail Valentine Memorial Scholarship
L-R: Dr Wayne Hamra (VP of Academic Administration), Dr Loren Agrey, Sokchung Ung, Cherilyn Dennis, Dr Surapee Sorajjakool (representative of the Gail Valentine Memorial Scholarship) and Mr Damrong Sattayavaksakool (Dean of Faculty of Business Administration).

Award recipients of the Sorajjakool Scholarship and the Retnam Nambier Scholarship
Front: Choompon Sarottong, Usanee Chindathongkam, Sirinee Kerdprom, Siripat Boonraksa
Back: Mr Damrong Sattayavaksakool, Dr Suraphee Sorajjakool, Dr Loren Agrey, Sakuit Sirika, Terdthum Wajanaparsuk, Mayritchai Saeheh, Dr Wayne Hamra, Mrs Sirat Sorajjakool.

Varakorn Saeavng, representing Suwit Raota, receives Retnam Nambier Scholarship award from Dr Loren Agrey (AIU President).
Khunphet Khejansoen receives Sorajjakool Scholarship award from Mrs Sirat Sorajjakool (Dr Surapee’s mother).
Twenty-eight undergraduate students, one graduate student and four faculty members from the Education and Psychology department travelled to the Wat Paco School in Ayutthaya province on December 21, 2011 to assist them with three projects that were needed after prolonged flooding (more than six weeks) caused damage at the school.

The initial assessment of the damage and needs was done by Dr Bradley and Mrs Maribel Booth and Ajarn Elainie Coetzee on Friday, November 18, 2011 when the school and surroundings were still flooded. The inside of many of the buildings were already dry, but the outside was still under water. It was decided that a team from the Faculty of Education and Psychology would help at the school to meet its needs in recovering from the flooding.

On arrival at the school the students and faculty members were welcomed by the principal of the school and the local Seventh-day Adventist pastor. The students were divided into three groups to assist with cleaning and repainting the playground equipment which had been completely submerged, painting the interior walls of the gymnasium/auditorium from the floor to above the flood-lines left on the walls, and lastly to plant 100 small trees and plants in pots and paint the pots.

The teams worked hard from about 9:30 in the morning until 12 noon. In that time all the playground equipment received two coats of paint, the gymnasium/auditorium received one coat of paint, and all the plants and trees were planted. The school provided a very tasty lunch and then the teams returned to work. One group applied a second coat of paint to the gymnasium/auditorium, while the other group taught some of the children Christmas carols as they were painting all the pots which had been planted that morning. Throughout the day small groups of students from the school worked together with the AIU students and faculty.

All these tasks were completed and the school children, the school teachers and administrators, met together with the AIU team to sing songs and hear the story of Christmas as told by Rachel, one of the Education students. After group photos the AIU group left, very tired but happy for the help they had given. It is hoped that the Faculty of Education and Psychology will be able to continue helping at this school in the future.

Pre-registration for Summer 2012 & First Semester 2012-2013

Students are requested to strictly follow the NOStRESS online pre-registration period as scheduled below. Failure to follow the instruction will be considered as late registration.

Summer Session I
Online Pre-registration Period: January 30–31, 2012

Summer Session II
Online Pre-registration Period: February 1 – 2, 2012

First Semester 2012-2013
Online Pre-registration Period: Feb 3 – 10, 2012

Students can pick up pre-registration form and course offerings at the Office of Admissions and Records starting January 30, 2012 onward.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and He will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6
Weekly Events

The Seekers
Date & Time: Friday, January 27, After vespers
Venue: Fellowship Hall

AY Channel 7
Date & Time: Saturday, January 28, 5 pm
Venue: Church

Registration Deadline
EXTENDED for the Senior Workplace Preparedness Seminar.
The last day to register is Friday, January 27, 2012.

Upcoming Events

Special Lectures by Dr Ben Clausen Dr Ben Clausen comes from the Geo-science Research Center, California, USA. All are welcomed! Below are the following details:
10th WA Shipton Public Lecture Series: Personal Research on Granites in California & Peru
Thursday, Jan 26 @ 6:30 pm, IT 328

Vespers: Personal Experiences
Friday, Jan 27 @ 7 pm, Auditorium

Winning The Battle Against Alcohol A week of emphasis by the Counseling Center.
Date: Thursday, January 26
Time & Venue: 7 pm, Auditorium

Student VIP Sabbath: “When God Ran” All are invited!
Date: Saturday, January 28
Time & Venue: 9 am, AIU Church

Senior Workplace Preparedness Seminar A special event for senior graduating students! Organized by the Faculty of Arts & Humanities, Faculty of Business & Counseling Department.
Date: Sunday, January 29,
Time & Venue: 8:30 am - 12:45 pm, IT 328

QA Program Presented by the Commission of Higher Education (CHE). Everyone is invited!
Date & Time: Sunday, January 29, 8:30 am - 12 noon
Venue: IT 235

Visual Arts Award Exhibition & Silent Auction
Date: Sunday, January 29
Time & Venue: 5:30 pm, Library

Classroom Management at the 21st Century Conducted by the Faculty of Education & Psychology.
Date: Sunday, February 5
Time & Venue: 8 am - 3:45 pm, Ekamai International School

Guitar & Violin Concert Presented by ANTARA, a guitar and violin duo consist of Dr Paul Cesarczyk (Chair, Classical Guitar Department) and Mrs Yavet Boyadjiev (Chair, Strings Department) from Mahidol University.
Date & Time: Sunday, February 5, 6:30 pm
Venue: Auditorium
Ticket fee: 40 baht for teachers and staff
20 baht for students
Don’t miss this (musical) opportunity!

Piano Recitals
PIANO I
Date & Time: Sunday, February 12, 6:30 pm
Venue: Auditorium

PIANO II
Date & Time: Tuesday, February 14, 7 pm
Venue: Auditorium

Campus Calendar

JANUARY 27, FRIDAY
Last day to register for the Senior Workplace Preparedness Seminar
Vespers: Personal Experiences
7 pm, Auditorium
The Seekers, After Vespers, Fellowship Hall.

JANUARY 28, SATURDAY
Student VIP Sabbath: “When God Ran”
9 am - 12 noon, AIU Church
AY Channel 7, 5 pm, Church

JANUARY 29, SUNDAY
Senior Workplace Preparedness Seminar, 8:30 am, IT 328
QA Program: “System for QA for Education in Thailand”, 8:30 am, IT 235
Visual Arts Exhibition & Silent Auction
5:30 pm, Library

JANUARY 30, MONDAY
Summer Session 1 Online Pre-Reg. Period starts today until Tuesday, January 31

FEBRUARY 1, WEDNESDAY
Summer Session 2 Online Pre-Reg. Period starts today until Thursday, February 2
Student Council Election, 10 am, Auditorium
Campus Family Group, 7 pm, Various locations on campus

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