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BGSU ties to Thailand

Like father, like sons. More than 30 years ago, Charles (Chaleon) Laoprapassorn traveled from Thailand to Ohio to attend BGSU. His professors and host families helped him learn about the business world and American culture, so that after graduating in 1971, he could return to Thailand to help run his family’s rice mill.

This weekend, history repeats itself when two of Charles’s sons receive degrees from BGSU. Kittiphun “Beer” will receive his master’s degree in business administration and younger brother Peerapong, “Beau,” will earn his bachelor of arts in business. They follow another brother, Kittipong, “Bank,” who graduated last December with his MBA. Their graduation marks the end of the second generation’s journey from Thailand to Bowling Green and back home again.

Charles said he chose BGSU for its academic reputation and because he remembers the safe campus, the friendly atmosphere and the good education he received. Because of the good feelings he had about his collegiate experience and the strong bonds he maintained with at least one of his host families, the choice for his sons’ education was much easier, he said.

The BGSU experience for the three sons has been similar to their father’s, said Beau. Not only did they all study business, they also had the same host family, which is previously unheard of, according to Jeff Grilliot, assistant dean of Continuing Education, International and Summer Programs and director of international studies.

Shirley and Delmer Hilvand were one of the families who befriended Charles during his student days. Even though Delmer, a former BGSU professor of communications, died in 1982, the Hilvands and the Laoprapassorns maintained close ties. When it came time for Beer, Bank and Beau to come to BGSU, there was no question that Shirley would host them. With the three sons to visit on Saturday, the latest chapter in the story that was started over 30 years ago has been written and the next chapter waits for the third generation.

Trustees approve funds, grant emeritus status to four faculty

At its Dec. 11 meeting on the Firelands campus, the BGSU Board of Trustees approved the allocation of $3.2 million for campus auxiliary improvement projects during 2001-02.

Of the allocation, $2.65 million will be used to refurbish residence and dining halls. The residence hall projects include significant improvements in McDonald and Kohl Halls as well as a number of the small-group living units housing fraternity and sorority groups.

In addition, Senior Vice President Chuck Urba noted that the University recently sold $56 million in 15-year bonds to help finance the nearly $1108 million in current capital projects, which will have a significant impact on enhancing the learning environment and quality of student life for BGSU students in the 21st century. These projects include renovation and expansion of the Student Union, the technology infrastructure project, extensive renovation of the Offenhueter residence halls and air conditioning of the Student Recreation Center.

The trustees also approved emeritus status for retiring faculty members Josef Blass and Waldemar Weber, both of mathematics and statistics; Donald Gehring, higher education administration, and William Grant, English and American culture studies.

In other action, the trustees ended the renewal of a four-year mutual aid agreement for law enforcement services between the University and the City of Bowling Green. The University has had such an agreement with city police since 1987.

In addition, the board approved recommendations made by the University’s Undergraduate Admissions Committee to name areas in the Ice Arena once renovations are complete in honor of contributors. See Monitor online for a complete listing of the areas renamed.

Also approved were the naming of the Health Sciences Hall on Dec. 11, 2001.

Holiday madness

Justin Turk, junior computer science major, Kristi Hannan, family and consumer sciences, Teresa Kasperick-Postellon, graduate student in theatre, and Khary Jackson, sophomore (Continued on back)

1,075 to commence as graduates

The University will award approximately 1,075 degrees during its 239th graduation ceremonies on Saturday (Dec. 23). President Sidney A. Ribeau will preside at the 10 a.m. commencement exercises in Anderson Arena of Memorial Hall.

Steven G. Rogelberg, industrial/organizational psychology and director of the Institute of Psychological Research and Application, will be the speaker. Rogelberg was named 1999 Master Teacher by the Undergraduate Alumni Association.

The graduating class includes 34 candidates for doctoral degrees, six candidates for specialist degrees and 206 candidates for master’s degrees. The remaining students will receive associate or bachelor’s degrees.

Of those being awarded bachelor’s degrees, 127 students will graduate with honors. Fifteen students are expected to graduate summa cum laude for maintaining a grade point average between 3.9-4.0 on a 4.0 scale. Thirty-two students are candidates for magna cum laude honors for having averages between 3.76-3.9, and 77 students are candidates for cum laude recognition, which is given to those who have 3.5-3.75 grade point averages. Three students will receive associate degrees with distinction.

Due to limited seating and the large number of graduating students, admission to the ceremonies is by ticket only. Those without tickets may watch the ceremonies via closed-circuit television in 101 Olschamp Hall.

Petrosino receives national award

Linda Petrosino, chair of communication disorders, has been named an honored fellow by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association for her contributions to the discipline of communication sciences and disorders.

ASHA Fellowship honors professional or scientific achievement and is presented to members who have shown outstanding contributions and excellence in the profession. Selection criteria for the award are based upon service to ASHA as well as clinical service, teaching, administrative services and research and publications within the field of communication sciences and disorders.

Petrosino joined the University faculty in 1986. She has served on the President’s Faculty Advisory Committee, Ohio Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Academic Enhancement Advisory Council and the International Society of Phonetic Sciences, among many others.
Treager retirement party announced

A retirement reception honoring Jim Treager's service to the University will be held from 3:30-5 p.m. on Dec. 21 at the Ice Arena Lounge.

Trelagh, special projects coordinator in the Office of Student Life, is the former associate director of the Student Union.

Test-scanning hours extended

ITS will extend the test-scanning hours for finals exams to include Saturday (Dec. 23) from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Participating staff should bring their National Computer System answer sheets to 301 Hayes Hall.

The window at 301 Hayes is open during the noon hour every weekday. During finals week, the window will be open until 6 p.m. weekdays.

Campus holiday dining hours set

University Dining Services has announced its holiday hours of operation for those who plan to be on campus during winter break.

All dining services will be closed from Dec. 23 through Jan. 1. After that, Founders Dining Center will be open:

- Jan. 2-5 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Jan. 6-7 closed
- Jan. 8-10 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Jan. 11-12 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Jan. 13-14 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Jan. 15 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Monitor holiday

This is the last issue of Monitor until Jan. 13. Happy holidays!

Severe weather policy reminder

Now that winter weather has arrived, here's a reminder of the University's response.

The severe weather policy says that any decision to close the University will be communicated by the Office of Marketing and Communications, which will notify Fact Line (2-4459), WVRG-FM (88.1), WFTA-AM (680), WTOB, WOHO, WCWA, WQOR-FM, WRON-FM, WPN, and WGTE. In addition, WVRG-TV (Channel 27) and three Toledo television stations (channels 11, 13 and 24) will be notified.

Every effort will be made to notify these media by 6:30 a.m. on the day of closing. Employees should confirm the announcement by listening to more than one radio/TV station, or by directing questions to a University answering service number (2-SNOW).

For the remainder of University policy on weather-related closings and which employees are expected to report to work, please see Monitor online.

Network shutdown

The campus network will be unavailable Dec. 26-27 due to work to complete the emergency power system for Hayes Hall.

The work being done during the shutdown will complete the tie-in of the emergency power system for the new networks being built through BGSuperNet, the technology infrastructure project.

More information about the shutdown will be distributed via email and will be available on the Web at www.bgsu.edu/bgsupernet, under "Progress Report."

Bateson and Stewart embody 'Spirit of BG'

Congratulations to Doreen Bateson, and Kelly Stewart, this month's winners of the Spirit of BG Award. The award recognizes BGSU staff members who daily exhibit the "spirit of BG."

Bateson, the administrative staff winner, is catering manager in McDonald Dining Center, and Stewart, the classified staff winner, is secretary for graduate studies in business. Bateson will receive a hand-blown vase created by Ona Magaro of the School of Art, while Stewart will be given a cash award of $50.

Trustees approve

Residential Community Resource Room as "The Olive and Alberta Schlink Resource Room" in recognition of the Schlink Foundation's scholarship support of students in the College of Health and Human Services; the Curriculum Resource Center Collection in Jerome Library as "The Frances P. Povsic Collection." (Continued)

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Saturday, Dec. 23
Commencement, 10 a.m., Anderson Arena.

Continuing events
Through Jan. 25
51st Annual Faculty/Staff Exhibition, presentations of work by current and emeritus faculty and current staff members of the School of Art, Dorothy Uher Bryan Gallery; Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

Through Feb. 1
Art exhibition, "The Lopsided Grim," a collection of visual farces and satires on contemporary art, Willard Wankelman Gallery; Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. NOTE: Galleries will be closed through Jan. 7 for winter recess.

job postings

FACULTY
There were no listings reported for the week.

Contact Human Resources at 372-8421 for information regarding the following:

CLASSIFIED
- Employees wishing to apply for these positions may request a "Request for Transfer" form.
- Deadline for employees to apply is 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22.
- Account Clerk 3 (C-181-VA) - Psychology. Pay grade 7.
- Listed on and off campus.
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- Food Service Worker (C-178-SA) - University Dining Services. Pay grade 1. Nine-month, part-time.
- Listed on and off campus.
- Library Assistant 1 (C-175-VA) - Libraries and Learning Resources. Pay grade 7. Listed on and off campus.


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