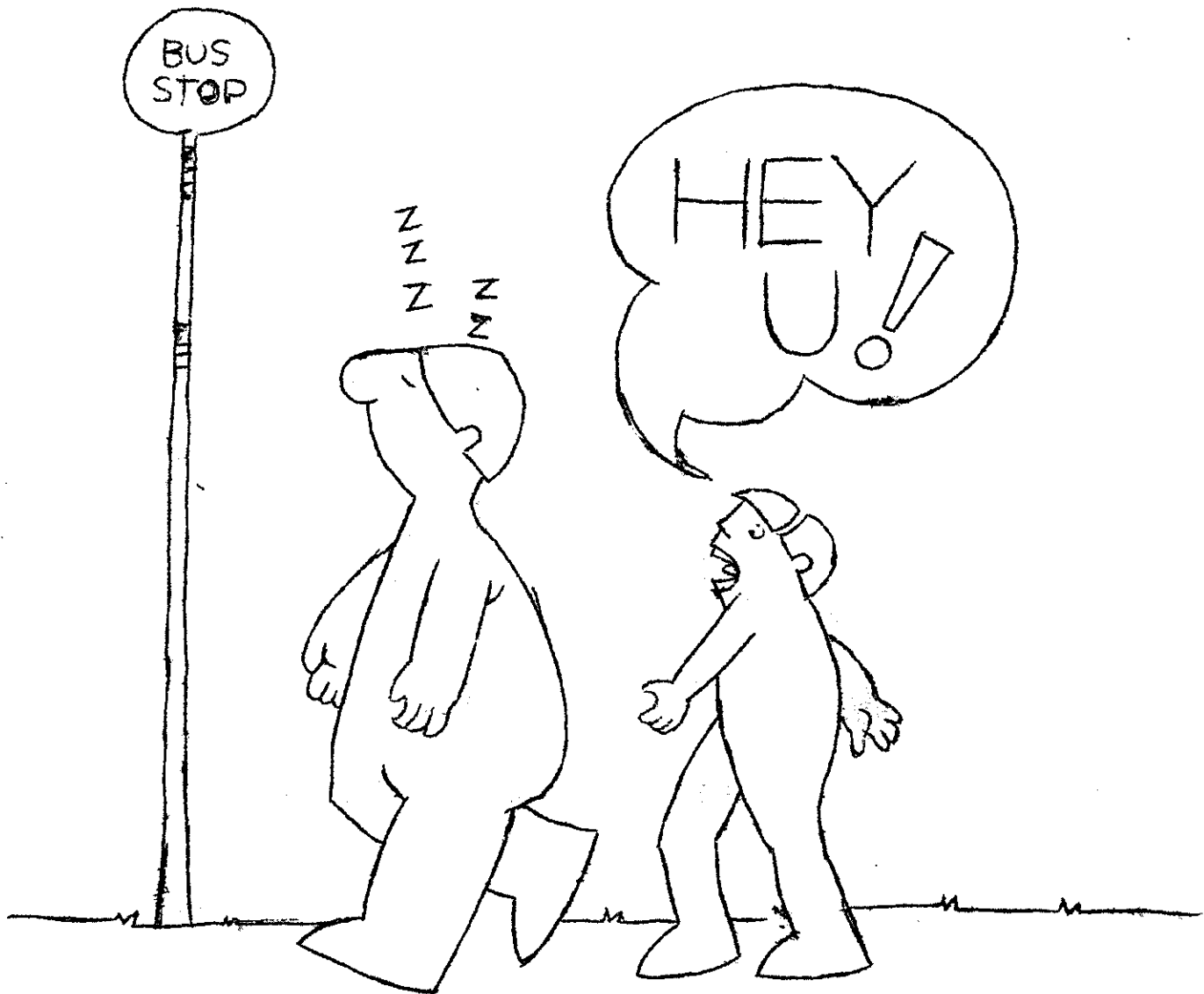


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Elephant Fair in Surin

The annual Elephant Fair will be held November 17-23. The Elephant Shows are on Saturday the 19th and Sunday the 20th. Both shows are the same and begin around 9:00 a.m. ending at noon. If you want to get a good seat (or any seat for that matter, you should try to get there around 6-7:00 a.m.

Tickets to the shows are expensive this year. Bleachers are 60Baht and 150Baht. You can sit on the fence or ground for 5Baht.

In the afternoon you can tour the great city of Surin by elephantback for 50Baht or else go on a short trip for 10-20Baht.

Evening is Fair time, with various schools putting on plays, dances and operating shops where every ka-nom known to Thailand is sold.

Raja Tour leaves from the Continental Hotel and Tempura Tour from the Majestic Hotel. Both at 10:00 p.m. The government bus leaves at 10:30 p.m.

advertisement

For Sale- 1974 Honda 125cc 4 stroke single scrambler. Perfect condition Engine compl. rebuilt in Dec. '75. Mechanic said it wasn't necessary but did it to forestall headaches. The most expensive single items that might have to be replaced have been. Shocks in Sept., muffler in Feb. Both are 3 year parts. Rear tire replaced in August. One year part. Lot of nickel dime 3yr. parts have been replaced within last year- cables, steering lock, headlight reflector, ignition lock, footpegs, etc. Asking 7000Baht.

Pete White, Chumphae

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Bob Anderson- Rubber Research Center, Amphur Haad Yai, Songkhla

Patty Detzenred- Surinthorn School, Amphur Muang, Surin

Dewey Weaver - Peace Corps office, c/o HEY YOU.

Group 59

PC/Thailand 59 arrived in Thailand July 23, 1977 after a brief staging in Los Angeles. The group was composed of 29 trainees; 3 TTC AG., 3 LAD, 9 TEFL, 4 Medical Technologists, 2 AD, 2 Physical Therapists, 3 Individual Placements (Physical Chemist, Board of Investment, Child Guidance Center), 1 Forester (DID), and 1 Geologist.

Our first phase of training was in Nakorn Nayok, in Central Thailand about 1½ hrs. northeast of Bangkok. Some of us had a few problems adjusting to Thai culture- Thai food in particular. Who ever heard of rice for breakfast? I want my Mapo!

Highlights of our stay in Nakorn Nayok were; an all day excursion out to Sarika Waterfall and our week-three week stay with Thai Families.

The TEFL trainees went to TTC in Chaingmai for the initial part of PhaseII. TTC AG trainees 'blessed' AG. TTC volunteers in the N.E. for brief orientation/ observation visits. For job orientation, the remainder of the trainees were scattered throughout the country according to their job descriptions.

All the trainees converged on Ratburi for the second part of PhaseII-tech. language training. Ratburi can boast of having a great floating market, and several large well-known caves worth seeing that are guaranteed to contain bats. We stayed in Ratburi for the remainder of our training, then it was up to Bangkok for training program wrap-up and swearing-in.

Many of us experienced comical situations during training, from losing a pakama while bathing in the klong, to missing the Asian toilet and crashing through the bamboo backwall of a hongnam.

The entire training group encountered many learning situations and experiences, proving that training was a very valuable and positive experience for us all.

Thank you, thank you, thank you,

Scott Pflueger

*****FLASH*****

With additions to the library constantly coming in, it would be helpful if LAD volunteers (that are already going to the PC office for whatever reason,) would organize the books, as well as set up the charts in the rack in the corner of the office. Thanks.

Group 50

Thai 60 arrived in Bangkok on October, 15 1977. This most recent group of trainees has been in Changwat Singburi since the 18th of October. Training is being held at the Provincial Meeting Hall. Those trainees not living with families are at the Tokyo and Singburi Hotels. The training staff is composed of Carol Leviten-Project Director, Amphon Saay-op-pua-Cross Cultural Coordinator, Ajaan Surapha-Language Coordinator, and Ajaans Somphon, Songkhram, Uthai, and Tawatchai. The following is a list of the trainees names, and potential programs in Thailand:

ARD Fisheries Extension

James Lytle, Rudolph Miniutti, Frederick Sheil, Michael Skladany,
William Turnock, and Joel Van Eenennaam

ARD Crop Extension

Mark Gyurina, David Meyer, Neil Peterson

ARD Livestock Extension

David David Chaplin

Department of Land Development

William Bailey, and Val Eylands

Department of Ag. Extension Omnibus A-H

Gilbert Boissonneault, Mary Lahman, Kathi Thielen

Community Development

Sharon Chaplin, and Cheryl Engel

Thailand Home Economic Association

Juanita Eylands

Family Planning I.P.

Diane Van Sandt

***** WELCOME TO THAILAND *****

Dear Editor,

I was presented with the correct shoulder insignia to wear with my uniform the other day. I thought I'd pass on some information pertaining to this insignie. They are called Khit Wisaman, Chan Tho. They look like this:
Note that the loop at the end is shaped into a diamond, not a circle, of gold braid. The diamond signifies that we are temporary officials, not permanent. Obtainable at Subhani Shop, Junction of Rama V and Setsiri road. P. White-Champhae

Hiaw Spots

Pua, The "Chaingmai" of the Future???

People who like scenic mountains, and who are interested in Hill Tribes and their handicrafts might consider spending a couple of days in Pua, Nan Province.

you can take a night train from Bangkok to Denchai and then from Denchai take a bus to Nan. However, coming from Bangkok, it's more convenient to take the bus directly to Nan. Bawkawsaw Tour goes there. King Tour goes there also and is cheaper, 120Baht, one way. It leaves Bangkok from the Victory Monument at 3 p.m. every evening. It arrives in Nan about 6:30 a.m.

From Nan you can catch a rotsongthaeo, bus, or taxi to Pua. Pua is 60km. from the Amphur Muang and takes from 45 minutes to an hour and a half to reach depending on the vehicle.

There is one hotel in Pua. It is called the Rongraam Prang Thong. (The Golden Prang Hotel) There are however, only 7 rooms there and sometimes it's full, but not often. It's owned by an aimiable, white-haired old gentleman called, Loong Nuam. He makes the best Khaw Man Kai (lunch especially) and Choke (before bedtime snack) in the world. These however, are the only dishes on the menu. (Don't worry, there are 4 other restaurants in town plus a Khwaitaiw shop (across from the Post Office) which serves the best Phat Thai in the world.

The rooms at Khun Loong's place are 40Baht (a bit expensive.) They're clean, and come equipped with big bed, mosquito net and fan. (The electric kind that circulates the air and keeps you cool.)

1. Places of Interest. Baak Khlaaag Village is a Hill Tribe village. It's 6km. from Pua. You can get a rotsongthaeo there. There are Miao (they prefer to be called Mong,) Yao, and Thin tribes there.

You can buy some nice embroidery or silver work there. The village is about 10 years old. It's a resettlement village for tribes ordered out of the hills by the government.

2. The Waterfall at Sillphet. Take a rotsongthaeo from Pua. It's 13km. out of town. It's a good place to swim. It's a bit of a hike to the best swimming place. You have to cross a little bridge and then walk for about 10 minutes.

3. The Refugee Camp at Baan Naam Yaay. This camp has hill tribe refugees mostly Mong and Yao from Laos. It's very unlikely farangs would be allowed to enter it though.

There are some Australian Doctors working there for the Tom Dooley Village.

Pua (con't.)

They live in Pua in the big house on the same road as Pua Hospital. Sometimes they have hill tribe handicrafts (which they sell for the refugee refugees) at the house. You might get some interesting stuff there. These guys are honest, so you can be sure any money you spend on refugee handicrafts there will be used for the refugees. The doctors are Pitze and Mike Coole. They're usually home after 6p.m. They're nice guys and like visitors, but they put in long hours at Naam Yaaw and are usually tired when they come home so don't plan on a long visit with them.

There's one PCV at Pua School. I rent a house across the street from the school and am not hard to find when I'm there. However chances of finding me in Pua during a semester break are slim.

If you decide not to spend the night in Pua, remember...it's difficult to find transportation back to the Amphur Muang after 4:30 p.m. (usually impossible after 5:30 or 6 p.m.)

If you decide not to spend the night in Nan, the number 1 Hotel in town is the Deverahj Hotel at 60Baht a night/single room with a fan, shower and western toilet. However, I recommend the hotel next door (I forgot the name.) It has everything that the Deverahj has (with the exception of a western toilet) and it's half the price. Clean and comfortable.

Night Life in Nan- very little. There are two movie theatres (no sound room.) The best place to eat is the Midbinter Restaurant. For 5Baht service charge you can eat "upstairs" where it's air-conditioned and it has live music, 3 teachers from a local high school who sing Thai and farang folk songs. They're actually quite good. If you can sing any Thai songs let them know. It's a good way to get invited to free drinks.

There's a night club in Nan, but it's expensive, I don't recommend it.

Nan has an airport and you can fly to Chaingmai for 147Baht (with Kharachakan Discount) every other day. Check with Thai Airways for the days and times or you can take a direct night bus from Nan to Chaingmai. The bus Nan Tour leaves from the Deverahj Hotel every night at 10 or 11 p.m. (The times sometimes change so check in advance. It arrives in Chaingmai about 6 a.m. It's 60Baht one way (50Baht with Kharachakan Card.)

Nan isn't much for night life, but it has some of the most beautiful scenery in the north and a few points of interest. If you've time, it's certainly worth a short visit.

Chaz McCormack

ACV Minutes

October 8, 1977

The first meeting of ACV 1977/78 was held in Peace Corps Office/Bangkok on Saturday, October 8, 1977. Present at the meeting were: Bill Rapp, Chaz McCormack, Roberta Dean, Patty Dotzenrod, Dewey Weaver, Schtt Corley, Kevin Guigley, Sue Richiedei, Darb Watson, Bob Anderson, Tom Owens, Richard Niam, Steve Hodson, Susan Meade, Scott Pflueger, and Tom Maralla.

The first order of business was the election of new officers. The new officers are: Chairperson-Bill Rapp, Vice-Chairperson-Sue Richiedei, Newsletter Editors-Dewey Weaver, Bob Anderson, and Patty Dotzenrod, and Secretary-Susan Meade.

Bill Rapp opened the meeting with a electione report. He reported on the procedure used for the elections and the results, the nomination and voting procedures in specific. The total votes returned were 78 from all the volunteers.

The next subject discussed was the travel file. Bill Rapp showed the Council a travel guide issued by volunteers in eastern Malaysia called, A volunteers Guide to Melanton. It was suggested that the volunteers from each region get together and write similar reports about their sites. Tom Owens volunteered to organize a travel folder for Thailand, and he will put a notice in ELY YOU asking for contributions to the folder. There was also a discussion on contacting volunteers in other Asian countries for travel information. It was noted that this has run into some trouble with country directors who will not give out volunteer information, so the matter will have to be handled in another manner. Tom Owens and Steve Hodson will keep everyone informed about the travel file through ELY YOU.

The next order of business was the motorcycle policy. In the future people who need a cycle for their work will be issued one through Peace Corps. But, this is not a definite policy yet, and its implementation could take some time. In the meantime, if you have a cycle, you do not need to sell it until you terminate. If you have a cycle, P.C. will issue you a helmet, and if you use a cycle a lot at your site you may be able to get one also. Check at Peace Corps for more definite information. A motorcycle training course was held October 10-14 at Bang Saen, check with PC for future courses.

ACT Minutes (con't)

Next, ICE (Information Exchange Collection Exchange) was discussed. Sue Richiedei volunteered to collect information from volunteers about their jobs and their lives for use in Peace Corps publications and other information exchange programs. The ICE is particularly interested in hearing about techniques used by female volunteers in developing non-sexists material in a country which is restrictive to women. If volunteers have anything to contribute please send it to Sue.

Also discussed was the arrival of the new P.C./Director, ANN MORGAN. Ms. Morgan comes to Thailand with a great deal of experience with Peace Corps and with P.C./Thailand. We welcome her. She will be arriving around the 20th of October. The ACT would like to express its appreciation to Carol Word during her term as Acting Director.

Other new business included the election of two members from Group 59. They are Scott Pflueger and Tom Maralla. The Pearl S. Buck foundation needs volunteers to correct English mistakes in case histories and to occasionally take pictures of the children. There are centers in Udon and Korat as well as Bangkok. A volunteer can contact the foundation if interested. Ann Kellerman joined the meeting as the staff representative and discussed the recent visit of programs evaluators from Washington. It was decided that the next meeting of ACT will be held on Saturday, January 21, 1978. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Meade

A quote from Time. --"Newly appointed U.S. Ambassador to Japan, Mike Mansfield has just arrived in Tokyo, but already he may have opened up a new market for publishers of American slang dictionaries. Montana-born Mansfield started off his first official press conference with the declaration: 'Ladies and gentlemen, I'm the new boy on the block. Shoot!' Blankness crept across the face of Mansfield's interpreter; then he recovered. In translation, 'new boy' became kozokko, meaning junior apprentice. "shoot" was simply ignored. That seemed to work, but afterward, some of the more curious Japanese reporters were still politely buttonholing U.S. embassy officials to find out what on earth the honorable gentleman had said."

Peace Corps/Thailand 42-59 biographies books are available in the Peace Corps office, free.

STAFF NOTES

New Director of the Peace Corps

"I am pleased to announce that Dr. Carolyn R. Payton has been confirmed by the Senate as Director of the Peace Corps. She has also been named as Associate Director for International Operations for ACTION.

"Dr. Payton has served in the following positions: 1970 to present: Director of Counseling services, Howard University. 1964-1970: Peace Corps assignments as Chief, Latin American Selection; Country Director, Eastern Caribbean Programs; Special Assistant to Latin America Regional Director.

1959-1964: Assistant Professor of Psychology, Howard University.

1956-1959: Associate Professor of Psychology and Clinical Counselor, Virginia State College.

1953-1956: Dean of Women, Elizabeth City State Teachers College, North Carolina.

1948-1953: Instructor in Psychology and Education, Livingstone College, North Carolina.

"Dr. Payton was formerly chairperson of the Ethics Committee of the American Psychological Association, co-chair of the Black Psychologists, District of Columbia Chapter, and on the editorial board of the American College and Personnel Association. She has served as a consultant to the Library of Congress, Transcentury Corporation, Lawrence Johnson Associates, and head start.

"Her B.S. is from Bennett College (N. C.), M.S. University of Wisconsin, and Ed. D Columbia University.

"I know that you all join me in welcoming Dr. Payton. Those of you who have already had an opportunity to meet her know that the long wait was worth it."

New Deputy Director of the Peace Corps

"It gives me great pleasure to announce the appointment of Gretchen M. Handwerker as Deputy Director of the Peace Corps. As you know, for the past six months Gretchen has served as Acting Director of the Peace Corps and did a superb job in keeping the operation on an even keel during the transition period. Prior to that she was Director of the Peace Corps Office of Management. This is Gretchen's

"second tour" with the Peace Corps. She was one of the first staff members hired by Sargent Shriver in 1961 and intermittently over the next decade working primarily in the Latin American Region as well as in the Offices of Recruitment, Selection and Training. She served as Deputy Director of the Latin America Region from 1966 to 1968. From 1972 to 1974 she was primarily at home with small children but also did some consulting work for common cause, the urban coalition and the general learning corporation. She was Administrator of the Presidential Clemency Board from 1974 until her return to the Peace Corps in September 1975.

"Gretchen has an A. B. degree from Swathmore College and has done graduate work at American University and Universidad de San Marcos in Lima, Peru. She began her government career as a Management intern in the Department of Labor and has also worked for economic consulting firms in Cambridge, Mass. and Stockholm, Sweden.

"Gretchen lives in Washington with her husband, Joseph, an architect and city planner, and their three children, Mark, 14, Anne, 9, and Sarah, 7.

"I am sure you share my delight that Gretchen has agreed to remain with the Peace Corps as my Deputy."

Budget Approved

Finally! On November 2, the Peace Corps allocation for FY 78 was approved. Just as background information, you might be interested in knowing that there was never any controversy over the Peace Corps appropriation. The problem was that the Peace Corps appropriation is always attached as a rider to the Foreign Assistance Bill. This year, as you know, there was considerable debate in Congress over human rights vis a vis foreign aid--thus the delay in passing the Foreign Assistance bill which included on appropriation.

Cancellation of TEFL Conference

We sincerely regret the cancellation of the TEFL conference and trust that those who worked so hard on preparations for it have forgiven us by now. As you all know, the circumstances were beyond the control of the FC staff, both in Washington and Thailand. It was the unusually long delay in the approval of the 1978 budget which caused the cancellation. We hope to reschedule the conference in the very near future for a time that is convenient to all.

Time Magazine

Time Magazine stopped distribution on September 30 when the contract expired. The new magazine contract, with updated country magazine allocations, will be negotiated soon. We will inform when you can expect to receive magazines.

Farewell

To those of you who are not able to come to my open house on Sunday--Farewell!

The 2 and a half years I have spent here have gone quickly. (I guess it says something about my age.) I am ready to move on to something new (and exciting, I hope), but will carry with me many fond memories of FC/Thailand--especially of you, the volunteers. I know it may sound trite and a bit corny, but I say it sincerely, you are one of the finest groups of people I have ever known. I have often expressed this sentiment to our staff, those of other FC countries and to visitors as we compare notes about our experiences with volunteers. Perhaps you have been influenced by the gentle nature of the Thais, but I admire the ability which all of you have demonstrated to accept with a minimum of the inevitable frustrations of the situations you encounter each day; to smile in the face of anxieties and fears and, in general, to maintain/retain a positive and adventurous outlook on the future. I have appreciated your candor when you thought I was wrong, your patience during very demanding periods, your understanding when I was powerless to reverse a decision which "Washington" had made. You are an exceptional group and I am pleased to have been associated so closely with

Now, in order that I may not continue to sound foolish and melancholy... I will be returning to Washington, D. C. (my home) to work at Peace Corps headquarters. I do not yet know what my new position will be - but there is time to work that out. I will not begin my new job until the first of next year. I am going back slowly-- via Bali and other exotic places--arriving in Washington by Christmas.

I wish each of you the very best in life. I look forward to seeing many of you again. Stop in at FC/Washington if you are in the area.

Carol A. Word

Hello

To all of you whom I have not had an opportunity to meet - hello!

I arrived in Thailand on Oct. 23 and have had a busy first week of meetings and renewing old friendships. As you may already know, this is my second tour in Thailand, having served here from 1968 through 1971 as Deputy Director of the Peace Corps. It's great to be back and I'm looking forward to meeting and working with all of you. Now that we have some money, I plan to begin travelling out of Bangkok very soon. In the meantime, I hope you'll drop by the office whenever you're in town. My door will always be open, and I will welcome a chance to get acquainted and hear about what you're doing.

Ann Morgan
Director

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