



In response to a request from the class of pre-University future participant trainees' parents held currently at the Lao American Association I gave a lecture on problems of being a student at a major U.S. University. The recallance of the questions demonstrated the seriousness of our Lao participants.

The students of the University of Hawaii graduate course were privileged to have the following as guest resource personnel: Mrs. Ruth Gaum, Director of Elementary Education of a suburban Tacoma Washington school district; Dr. Walter Schneiders, Professor of History, Pacific Lutheran College and President of the Board of Education where Mrs. Gaum is employed and Principal Myrtle Collins and Teacher Capoline Radon of the American School in Vientiane.

Included in the continuing development of the second cycle curriculum special attention was devoted to the industrial type offering. To explore the possibility of including the needs of some of the Industrial Arts majors in specialties in vocational training before they graduate from Fa Ngum a number of meetings were held during the month. Chief of EOD Green arranged a visitation and discussion session with the Director of Technical Education Vichaphat and officials of the Fai French Technical School. This was followed by an EOD discussion with Chief Wirtz and Technician Kpott of ESO regarding Faculty Use's Consultants Collins, Rosalia and Fane met with Fa Ngum Principal Sinesak and Director of Technical Education Vichaphat. The group believed the possibility of having two Industrial Arts one cycle offerings at Fa Ngum. The first would be a general vocational offering weekly with Fa Ngum. For those students who prefer to participate that would mean graduating from Fa Ngum's second offering cycle which is the majority of students. Subjects at Fa Ngum during special sessions are held at the school day and the teaching of a traditional skill during the remainder of the day at one of the Vocational Schools. The Advisory Team was asked to submit a specific proposal to the MAE. All members of the meeting were receptive to some cooperative plan.

EOD Chief Wirtz and colleagues are coordinating an "in depth" evaluation study of the Education Sector of the USAID/Lao Mission. Twelve evaluation concerns of the Fa Ngum project were developed by the UODL Team and their counterparts, then submitted to a joint EOD/ESD planning session for discussion. The study will continue for several weeks. Related to this evaluation but not a formal part of it

a set of program progress indicators was developed with ESD officials which will be integrated into the Mission's Program Management Information System

Details of the 1971 Summer Workshop are being finalized. A three week seminar involving all teachers of the Fa Ngum Schools plus selected ENI and College teachers will precede a six to ten week workshop conducted by the departments of the Fa Ngum Schools. The activities will include field trips.

The Department of Secondary Education has issued 100 copies of Fa Ngum's first year Agriculture Textbook to Pakse IVS for instructional purposes. Fifty copies were also issued to USAID/AGR/IRB for the same purpose.

The General Auditors Office has initiated an audit of the Fa Ngum project. It follows the recently completed audit of the USAID/Laos/USH Contract.

During the month a formal procedure for reporting the missing of high cost commodities was developed with the Ministry of Education. The Director of Secondary Education now requires each Principal to call in BLC Security Officers immediately following the establishment that high cost commodities are missing.

Professional consultation services were rendered during April to Fa Ngum Phnom Hong by UNOII Consultants Collins and Rajala. Fa Ngum Savannakhet by Stevens and Teisoul and the proposed Fa Ngum Luang Prabang by Collins.

Personnel matters included an SRR leave by the Coordinator and annual Pi Mai leaves by the Collins, Rajala and Zama. The Collins also attended the wedding of Dr. Tiao Souphanthong Mangat, nephew of the King of Laos, held at the Royal Palace in Luang Prabang.

In the area of construction the students at Fa Ngum Vientiane renailed the metal roofing and repaired the eaves trough which were loosened by a recent windstorm.

EDU Chief Green the Hawaii Team and the Laos counterparts gave much attention to the development of plans for the proposed building of the National Curriculum Center for Secondary Education. UofH Consultant Rantala finalized discussions with a detailed lay out of the facilities for both stories of the two story building.

Phase IV drawings of the Fa Ngum Phonvong School were completed by OICC Architect Ingold and submitted for bid. At the same school the permanent generators have been installed and checked and the deep well electric pump was replaced and hooked up. The water is most welcome but well recovery takes about one hour. The construction of the irrigation reservoir is progressing on schedule.

Clearance of the buildings' area has been completed and construction of the Phase I buildings has begun at Fa Ngum Savannakhet.

At Fa Ngum Luang Prabang selected areas have been cleared construction of the water reservoir has been started and two huge piles of sand and gravel have been stock piled. The well help construction of the classrooms at the Lycee, which have been preferred the Fa Ngum project if our classrooms are not ready by school opening, has been delayed. Recent security activities have made it impossible for the RLG Army to deliver needed sand and gravel.

The proposed building site of Fa Ngum Pakke will be visited by USAID and RLG officials early next month.

Visitors to the Fa Ngum project included Dean Patricia Wilson and wife of the College of Agriculture, University of Hawaii and Dr. and Mrs. James Heath and son of USOM Thailand. The Tacoma Washington guests presented above and Superintendent Janowski of the American School of Vientiane visited the school. Fa Ngum Vientiane was also especially honored by a visit of the following RLG officials: General Southonne Pathammavong, General La Pathammavong, General Silack Pathammavong, and Mr. Semchanh Pathammavong. All guests commented favorably on the facilities, offerings and teaching at the school.

UofH Agriculture Consultant Yamachi and Principal Somsak are exploring the possibility of securing part time services of Mr. Louat Phochisane, a 1970 Bachelor of Science University of Hawaii graduate in Animal Husbandry. His principal position is with the RLG Veterinary Service.

Mr. Yamauchi also arranged a visit with Lean Wilson (presented above) with Director Mann, AGR Chief Rasmussen and EDU Chief Green. The possibilities of collaboration between the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and USAID/Laos were explored.

AGR/URR Engineers Chanthavong and Chamrat gave demonstrations of surveying techniques to Fa Ngum agriculture majors. AGR Engineers Brooks and Howe made the arrangements.

The Commercial majors are learning to operate ten-key adding machines. Second year majors completed a successful field trip to the Lac National Development Bank. Their reception was extraordinary and the students responded with appreciation and questions of good quality and high interest. Miss Maniphach Na Champassak has been transferred to Fa Ngum Savannakhet to teach the first year orientation course. Final typing of the accounting text is in process.

Mrs Theolisag, Home Economics Department Chairman has been designated as a RLG representative to a ten-day seminar in the Philippines on family management. The second year textbook will be submitted for publication in early May.

Industrial Arts majors studying in the general metal shop are working in three areas: welding, sheetmetal and metal working machines. The drafting and woodworking textbooks are almost ready for publication and the metal working text is being written.

A fourth IVS English teacher Miss Patricia Mattison has been added to the Language Arts staff. The IVS is developing a summer program offering English instruction to Fa Ngum students. USFK Consultant Stevens and Principal Somrak have "spear headed" the writing of the plans for the Fa Ngum Summer Workshop and the ideas for the Development of the National Curriculum Center for Secondary Education. Mr. Stevens taught English to the students at Fa Ngum Savannakhet during Mr. Yoshimoto's absence on R&R. Mr. Bounmi Social Studies Department chairman has held two successful department meetings on modern approaches to social studies teaching. The department is eagerly watching for the delivery of their second year social studies text.

The manuscript of the third year mathematics textbook has been submitted to the Board for approval. The Board's attention during the summer workshop will be primarily on the development of a teachers' handbook to accompany the first year text book. The handbook will include for each lesson: supplementary exercises, alternative teaching techniques, suggested visual aids, references and resource materials.

The college course work based on the first year mathematics is expected to be completed during May.

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