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MY TURN

By Don Nibblett ('70)

I never wanted to go to Bangkok. I was a junior in high school at Satellite Beach, Florida, and I was happy there. I had my friends and the beach and was getting my driver's license. Then my father accepted an assignment to JUSMAG in Bangkok, and told me we were leaving. I wanted my parents to leave me behind to live with my buddy's family until I finished high school, but that was a forlorn hope. So I went to Bangkok expecting to hate it. Was I in for a surprise!

This summer I went back to Bangkok. Not physically - that's a trip I have yet to make, though I promise myself I will someday. But I did go back to the camaraderie of Bangkok, along with 45 other ISBers at a mini-reunion in Alexandria, Virginia, on the 11th, 12th, and 13th of August. Some of these people I went to school with, some were there before me, and some came to Bangkok long after I left. But for one weekend we were all ISBers again and we had fun just like the old days.

Bangkok was fun. One thing that all people who attended ISB had in common was the fun. We may not have had cars and drive-in movies, but we had Bluebird Taxis and Samlars and places like the Gin House and the Impossible's Café. Before the class of '70 (that was our year) there were other special places, and after us there were many more, and they all meant fun. We had the beautiful flowers, the smell of the Sunday Market, Singha beer, and wonderful food. These are the memories of Bangkok that we all had in common.

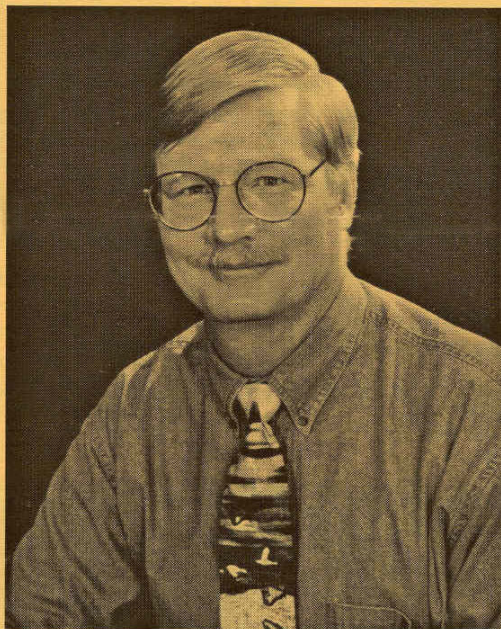
At the mini-reunion we had the wonderful food and the Singha beer. We also had the friendship of other ISBers, telling stories and remembering lost friends. People representing many different graduating classes were there: two from '67, two from '68, three from '69, fifteen from '70, ten from '71, five from '72, three from '73, and one each from '74, '75 and '76. The class of '70 had the most,

only because it was our 25th reunion. But like all ISB functions, it is the gathering of the whole that makes it worthwhile. No one class meets on its own, we all gather together and have fantastic times that make new memories.

There are those that make it all possible. Dave Wilkerson and Mark Brandes (both class of '71) worked hard to make all feel welcome and to put names to faces. Sandy Ferguson ('69) did superb duty as negotiator-at-large and supreme orchestrator of culinary delights. Dave

"The Enforcer" Elder ('69) used dashing good looks and mildly veiled threats to collect due amounts of cash, and Mark Brougham ('70) made more phone calls to strangers than a phone company telemarketer. People like these are the bonds that hold us all together.

So we all came together to recreate our own Bangkok for a few days. We ate Thai food, talked about old times, and watched great memories on tape. For me, it reminds me of how much I loved Bangkok - that place I never wanted to go. Next year is the reunion in Dallas and I will go there. For me, next year ISB will be in Texas.



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REUNION 1996 NEWS

The 1996 ISB Reunion will be July 26-28 at the 429 room Harvey Hotel - Addison in Dallas, Texas. The hotel is conveniently located in the Galleria area of North Dallas. It is 25 minutes from DFW International Airport, 30 minutes from Love Field, and 20 minutes from downtown Dallas. There are many restaurants, shopping malls and other entertainment (including the world-famous Dallas Zoo and excellent golf courses) a short distance from the hotel.

Gila Erving Montfort of Reunion Consultants will once again be handling reservations for the Reunion. She can be contacted at (214) 690-1697. Room rates will be \$78.00/night for single or double occupancy and \$106.00/night for a suite.

Dee Medlin ('70) will be handling all travel arrangements. She can be reached at Up, Up, and Away Travel at (800) 929-1234.

Further information about the reunion will be forthcoming in the upcoming newsletters. The grapevine has it that the band "Still Remains", who provided the music for the dance at the last reunion in Clearwater, Florida, is preparing for the ISB Reunion in Dallas.

THANK YOU'S

I thoroughly enjoyed the "My Turn" column by Terry Rogers Bishop ('72) in the April, 1995 newsletter. I have to say that, among all the other great highlights of the Clearwater Reunion, the dance Saturday night ranked high on the list! Cream, Beatles, Hendrix, Doors, etc; I'm not sure I've heard a better band since I left Bangkok! Wow, it was great. As I'm sure there are more of you out there who feel as I do ... to Peggie, Babette, John, Kevin, Keith, Mike and Terry - the "Still Remains" - thanks!

Elizabeth Ahrens Kley ('71)

Beth, thanks for the note and the kind words. "My Turn" is a regular feature of the ISB Network News. Anyone wishing to share his/her ISB-related experiences is welcome to write an article and either mail, email, or fax it to me. My address and other

pertinent information is listed in the ISB Network, Inc. area on this page. If you contribute, please try and include your Erawan photo, or a snapshot of yourself from the period in time that you attended ISB. Possible subjects include Pattaya, Hua Hin, the flea market (shopping), Sadie Hawkins dances, sports, Teen Club, your favorite teacher, Thai movie theaters, favorite Thai holiday, travelling on the train, etc. I'm looking forward to hearing from you. Thanks Don for your contribution in this newsletter. Keith Hatton, editor

I would like to thank Don Nibblett, Carol Stroud, and Mark Brougham (all class of '70), for a wonderful time at the mini-reunion in Alexandria, Virginia. I can't remember having a better time at a Washington, D.C. area reunion.

Dave Wilkerson '71



Carol Stroud '70 and Dave Wilkerson '71 at the Thai dinner during the mini-reunion in Alexandria, Virginia

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Rates: \$40.00 for 2 years. \$35.00 if paid before January 31 of the year of enrollment. Enrollment includes three (3) newsletters a year, a membership/address list with updates, access to voice mail (see below) and updates about reunions. Extra copies of the newsletter are available at \$2.50 each and membership lists at \$15.00 each. Membership lists are available to Network members only and are not to be used for commercial mailings.

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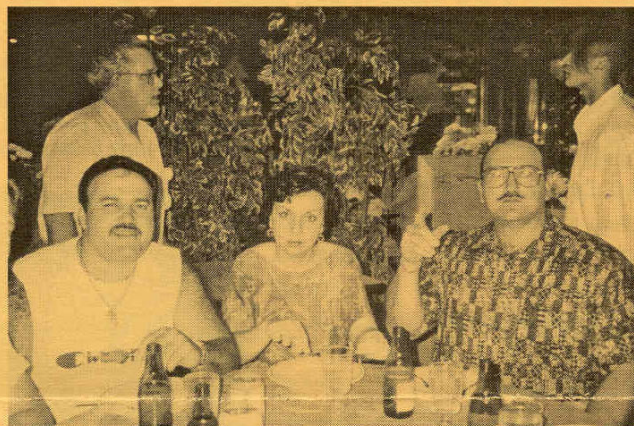
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Alexis Moore, Mark Brougham ('70) and Patricia Moore ('70)
sharing memories at the Thai restaurant



Nestor Neuman '71, Maritza Neuman (Spouse) and Jose Neuman '70
enjoying the Thai dinner and Singha Beer at the mini-reunion in
Alexandria, VA earlier this month. In the background Sandy Ferguson
'70 coordinates the menu with a "hip" Thai waiter.

OVERSEAS BRATS "GRAPEVINE GATHERING"

Dear Follow ISBers,

The Annual OSB Convention will be held in Dallas, Texas at the Hyatt Regency Grapevine on October 26-29, 1995. I want to encourage anyone who would like to attend to do so. I along with fellow board members Jed Davis ('70) and Bob Bridges ('70), will be in attendance. This is a great opportunity for anyone living in the Dallas area (or all ISBers for that matter) to get together.

For those of you who don't know, the OSB Convention has several major objectives:

- 1) Teaching people how to locate classmates;
- 2) How to start an alumni group;
- 3) How to run an alumni group - talk with OSBers from other schools to share ideas or offer suggestions;
- 4) How to market your alumni group;
- 5) Learn how to plan reunions;
- 6) Learn about great reunion locations and sponsors;
- 7) GET TOGETHER AND HAVE A GOOD TIME!

Individuals from more than 70 overseas alumni groups/reunion

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ISB HISTORICAL VIDEO *PERSPECTIVES* (REFLECTIONS)

This 28 minute video on the history of ISB is available for a \$10.00 donation payable to ISB Network, Inc., P.O. Box 3429, Annapolis, MD 21403. Many scenes of the new campus are included as well as interviews with graduates and teachers. Don't miss this well-produced documentary.

1994 ISB REUNION VIDEO

This 90 minute video contains clips of the 1994 Reunion in Clearwater, Florida. All of the major events are covered including the banquet/dance proceedings on Saturday night. To order this video, send a check in amount of \$24.95 payable to:

Creative Video Services, Inc.
1507-C Kaliste Saloom Road
Lafayette, Louisiana 70508
(318) 989-9310

Include your name, address, phone number(s), and the number of ISB 1994 Reunion Videos desired.

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committees have received instruction at past OSB conventions. The agenda includes several social events open to everyone including a TEEN CLUB DANCE on Saturday nights!

The cost and conditions are: **Registration** - \$120/person; \$195/couple, before October 1. \$135/person, \$210/couple afterward. This includes six meals/snacks (except Thursday night dinner and Friday's lunch), a "gathering" guide, badge, participation in all events, and memory publication of the convention. **Pro-rated fees:** Friday morning & afternoon sessions (excluding lunch) \$15/person. Friday evening, \$35/person, \$60/couple. Saturday day sessions (including luncheon) \$45/person, \$70/couple. Saturday evening dinner/dance \$45/person, \$80/couple. Sunday breakfast \$15/person. **Cancellation policy:** Before September 26, 100%; before October 10, 75%; after October 10, amount refunded is based on food, material, and other costs assumed by OVERSEAS BRATS. **Hotel:** \$80/night single/double occupancy. Call the Hyatt Regency at (800) 233-1234 and identify yourself as attending the "OVERSEAS BRATS Gathering at the Hyatt Regency at the Dallas Fort Worth Airport, October 26-29, 1995."

To register, send your check payable to OVERSEAS BRATS no later than October 1, 1995 to:

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Include a note with your name and maiden name (if applicable), your telephone number, Internet address and school attended with year of graduation. Also indicate if you are interested in helping with "gathering" activities.

This promises to be a great "gathering". I'm looking forward to attending and seeing some of you there. Let's make this a mini-reunion!

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