Update

Last fall, *IU International* reported on a youth leadership program undertaken by OVPIA’s Office of International Development. Twenty college students and young professionals from Burma/Myanmar spent two weeks during the spring of 2014 in Bloomington attending activities in leadership training and staying with host families. They left with tears, new friends, and the promise of meeting again back home. All but one of the original participants joined the Follow-On Workshop in Bago last December. The workshop included sessions that put civic leadership into political and ethnic contexts and provided a center of operations for its main civic effort, building a Play360 playground at a local school. The project, which used recycled materials whenever possible, attracted more volunteers each day. Its success has become a model for future projects. “One of the great pleasures,” said OVPIA project director Genevieve Pritchard, “was to see formerly quiet or reserved students gain a sense of ownership and shine as confident decision makers. It was exciting to see their enthusiasm and was a testament to program concepts of spreading civic engagement.”

A photo in this magazine last year prompted a generous donation from someone with no direct ties to Indiana University. *IU International* reported last year on the visit of Dr. Golam Mohammed Chowdhury, former director of the Institute of Business Administration, University of Dhaka. His visit was supported by a fellowship set up by M. Osman Yousuf, M.B.A. ’76, to recognize the partnership that Herman Wells fostered with the Institute in the 1960s to revitalize relations between the two universities. The fellowship was named in honor of his father, Dr. Md Osman Ghani, who worked closely with Wells at the time.

As a child, M. Ron Wahid idolized his grandfather and followed him everywhere. That grandfather was Dr. Ghani, and when Wahid saw the picture of him in the magazine, he wrote a personal check for $50,000 in support of the Wells-Ghani fellowship. The fellowship brings a senior scholar from the Dhaka Institute of Business Administration to Bloomington biennially.

*Visiting Bloomington to attend the dedication of Hodge Hall, M. Osman Yousuf and his wife Veronique brought a generous donation from M. Ron Wahid.*