Who are these people? Gongs, drums, marching, Homecoming . . . CSEAS associate Jui-Ching Wang (School of Music), right, took her Music of Southeast Asia class’s marching gamelan ensemble to Homecoming Oct. 13 to make the group’s first appearance at an NIU football game event in the Alumni Village. It was rainy, it was cold, but the gamelan persevered. See what it was like on YouTube. (Photo / Alan Potkin)

Getting out the vote in Indonesia

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1. This week’s lecture: A comparison of 2004 and 2009 legislative elections in Indonesia

CSEAS associate Michael Buehler (political science) and Ronnie Nataatmadja (PhD candidate, political science) will present “Vote-Seeking and Voting Behavior in an Open-Party List System: Comparing Indonesia’s 2004 and 2009 Legislative Elections” at noon Friday, Oct. 26, in Room 110 (Honors office), Campus Life Building. Open party-list systems have been associated with more expensive campaigns and political corruption as well as heightened intra-party rivalries compared to closed-list systems. With a gradual shift from a closed- to an open-list system in Indonesia between 1999 and 2009, this presentation confirms earlier findings on vote-seeking behavior in open-list systems, but suggests that the impact of higher spending and intra-party competition on voting behavior is weaker than expected. To order an Indonesian lunch, submit an online request by 6 p.m. Thursday at CSEAS Brown Bag Lunch Order. Orders must be cancelled online by 10 a.m. Friday. Lunches that are not picked up and have not been cancelled must still be paid for. Cost is $5 for students and $6 for faculty, staff and others. Payments may be made in cash or by check. For details, e-mail seabrownbag@gmail.com. CSEAS is not responsible for taking or cancelling lunch orders.

2. 50th Anniversary Event: Mr. Cao Goes to Washington, a 2008 election tale, screens Thursday

Take a break from pre-election madness this week and journey back in time to November 2008, when the first Vietnamese-American, Anh “Joseph” Cao, is elected as a U.S. Representative to the 111th Congress, a Republican in a heavily Democratic district in New Orleans and the first Republican to represent the district since 1890. Mr. Cao Goes to Washington, a new documentary about this remarkable turn of political events and Cao’s quixotic term in office, will be shown at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, in Fay-Cooper Cole Hall auditorium. The film’s director, S. Leo Chiang, will be there to discuss the film. Chiang, who was interviewed Sept. 6 on National Public Radio about the film, is on a nationwide film tour with NIU as one of only two college campuses on his schedule. Mr. Cao is the second film in the Center’s 50th Anniversary Film Series hosted by the Southeast Asia Club. Join the club for a festive political evening with the film, a raffle, light refreshments and more. Co-sponsored by the Department of Political Science.

Next up in the film series will be Shutter, a 2004 Thai horror film, which will be shown the day after Halloween at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, in Room 100, Campus Life Building. Co-sponsored by the NIU Horror Club. Look for four new films in the series to be shown in spring.

3. Coming up on the CSEAS 50th Anniversary Event Calendar

- Nov. 16: CSEAS 50th Anniversary Fall Lecture by David Steinberg, Georgetown University professor of Asian Studies, noon, Sky Room, Holmes Student Center. An
International Education Week event. Co-sponsored by the Division of International Programs.

- **Through May 15:** “Rarely Seen Southeast Asia: Art, Artifact, Ephemera,” curated by professor emeritus and retired CSEAS associate Richard Cooler, is on display at The Anthropology Museum at Fay-Cooper Cole Hall. For museum hours and other information, call 815-753-2520.
- See the [CSEAS website](#) for a calendar of 2012–13 anniversary events and click through 50 years of CSEAS history on our new interactive timeline on the home page.

4. **Summer FLAS information and applications posted; deadline to apply Jan. 1**

It’s not too early to start thinking about summer. And that means thinking of going for a summer Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship. Information and forms to apply are now posted on the [CSEAS website](#); deadline to apply is **Jan. 1**. FLAS fellowships are funded by the U.S. Department of Education’s Title VI Program of Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships. Each year the center selects a number of qualified undergraduate and graduate students to study Southeast Asian languages as Summer FLAS fellows. These fellowships provide for the study of Southeast Asian languages at any U.S. Department of Education-approved educational institution, especially those in Southeast Asia, during the summer semester. A list of these is available on the CSEAS website. Top priority will be given to students planning to study a language in a Southeast Asian country. Summer FLAS awards are expected to provide a stipend of $2,500. In addition, a FLAS fellow’s tuition at a Southeast Asia language program will be paid (up to $4,000). Any qualified undergraduate or graduate student from any accredited U.S. higher education institution is welcome to apply for this Summer FLAS award, but must apply as a visiting student (undergraduate) or as a student-at-large (graduate) at Northern Illinois University.

5. **Thai Studies: Awards for original paper, language study and student/faculty research**

- **Original paper:** The Thai Studies Committee at NIU is announcing a $300 prize for an original research paper of outstanding merit dealing with any aspect of Thai Studies and written by an NIU student. The prize will be awarded at the Southeast Asia Club’s annual spring student conference, which is set for April 13, at which the winning paper must be presented. **Deadline for consideration: Feb. 28.** Submissions should be sent as a
PDF or Word document to CSEAS associate Grant Olson (foreign languages and literatures) at golson@niu.edu. The winner will be announced at the student conference.

- **Advanced Thai language study**: Through the Royal Thai government’s Thai Teaching and Research Endowment Fund at NIU, the Thai Studies Committee will award two undergraduate academic-year scholarships. Each recipient is eligible to receive $500 per semester ($1,000 for the full year). Eligible undergraduates must be pursuing studies in Thai language, culture, history or politics. The study of advanced Thai language is a requirement, regardless of discipline. Applicants should have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and sufficient language standing to take advanced Thai. Applicants should submit a one-page statement of interest, letters of recommendation from the Thai language instructor and another faculty member addressing the applicant’s academic skill, and a transcript. Award recipients are expected to attend and participate in Thai Studies-focused events at NIU. **Deadline for consideration: April 5, 2013.** Send applications to Chalermsee Olson at eteolson@niu.edu.

- **Faculty and student research grants**: Faculty and students are both invited to apply for grants supporting projects and initiatives involving research and training in Thai Studies. For example, students planning to present work at conferences related to Thai Studies may apply for funding to cover a portion of their costs, which could include travel, accommodations or conference registration fees. Applications should include a clear, concise description of the project’s purpose, a budget, and the ways in which the funds would be used to advance Thai Studies. Applications will be accepted and reviewed on **Feb. 28 and Sept. 30, 2013.** Send applications to Chalermsee Olson at eteolson@niu.edu.

6. Center associates update: Off to Ohio for COTS; in print with *South East Asia Research*

- Three CSEAS associates are making presentations this weekend at the 40th **Council on Thai Studies** conference at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Danny Unger (political science) will present “Using Formal and Informal Institutions in the Analysis of Thai Politics” on **Oct. 26.** Catherine Raymond (art history) and John Hartmann (foreign languages and literature), with CSEAS adjunct Alan Potkin, will present “Wat Pathumwanaram: A Lao Cultural Transplant in Bangkok’s Siam Square” on **Oct. 27,** the subject of their **Oct. 19 Friday** CSEAS lecture. COTS was established at NIU in 1972 under the direction of former CSEAS associates and political scientists Clark D. Neher and M. Ladd Thomas to bring Thai scholars together in the Midwest once a year to exchange ideas. Since then, it has convened annually at Midwest institutions, including NIU.

- Kikue Hamayotsu (political science) is in print with “Once a Muslim, always a Muslim: The Politics of State Enforcement of *Syariah* in Contemporary Malaya” in the September issue of *South East Asia Research*, Vol. 20, No. 3 (pp. 399–421).

7. Center for Burma Studies taking van to UI-UC for Nov. 8 forum on Rohingya Muslims

The Center for Burma Studies is organizing a van to travel to Urbana-Champaign for a University of Illinois forum on human rights and the Rohingya Muslims in Burma/Myanmar on Thursday, **Nov. 8.** The forum is being hosted by the UI Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Information and Alumni Center, 1101 S. Goodwin Ave.,
Urbana. To sign up for the trip, contact the Center for Burma Studies at 753-0512. For details on the forum, see flyer on CSAMES website.

8. Student notes: At the podium at Missouri Southern State

Thomas Rhoden (PhD candidate, political science) was on the road to Joplin, Mo. Oct. 12 to give three back-to-back guest lectures at Missouri Southern State University for the school’s themed fall semester focusing on Thailand, starting at 9 a.m. He presented “Thai Piracy on the High Seas and High-Tech Market,” “Volunteerism in Thailand: Getting Involved” and “Thai Language: Greetings and Script.” Rhoden, who is pursuing an area concentration in Thailand and Burma/Myanmar for his PhD research, was one of thirteen speakers chosen to make presentations for the Thailand themed semester. A former Peace Corps Volunteer in Thailand, he is a current Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellow at the Center. He spent the past summer as a summer FLAS fellow in Yangon.

9. Burnish your resumé: Sign up for a SEA Studies minor or graduate concentration

Adding a minor to an undergraduate degree or a graduate concentration to an advanced degree is one way to pull a resumé up to the top of the pile. In a global marketplace, an internationally focused area of study can open even more doors. To learn about NIU’s Southeast Asian Studies programs, stop by the Center located in Pottenger House, 520 College View Court. Undergraduates may make an appointment with Outreach Coordinator Julie Lamb by emailing her at jlamb@niu.edu. Graduate students may contact Assistant Director Trude Jacobsen at tjacobsen1@niu.edu.

10. Overseas language, exchange, and area studies programs

- **Khmer Summer Abroad Programs, June 24–Aug. 2**
  The Khmer Language Program at the University of Hawaii-Manoa administers two summer abroad programs for Khmer language study in Phnom Penh. The [Advanced Study of Khmer](#) (ASK) program offers six weeks of intensive language training designed for third-year Khmer students; **applications due Feb. 1**. The [Khmer Language and Culture](#) Study Program offers faculty, post-graduate researchers, K-12 teachers, educators, professionals and undergraduate and graduate students six weeks of intensive language and cultural studies for beginning and intermediate students; **applications due Feb. 1**. Both programs are run by UH in collaboration with the Royal University of Phnom-Penh, Center for Khmer Studies. Both programs include one-week home stays in rural Cambodia. For details, see individual program websites or email Chhany Sak-humphry at sak@hawaii.edu.

NOTE: Students interested in taking language or area studies abroad through non-NIU programs are advised to work through NIU’s Study Abroad Office, 417 Williston Hall. By doing so, students can receive NIU credit and possibly have NIU financial aid apply, in addition to receiving liability and insurance protections.

11. Money for study

**Blakemore Foundation**

- **Blakemore fellowships**: Applications now being accepted for 2013 Blakemore-Freeman fellowships and Blakemore refresher grants for advanced study of various languages
including Indonesian, Thai, and Vietnamese. Grants cover tuition and stipend educational expenses, living costs and transportation. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 31.** See [Blakemore Foundation](#) website for details.

**East-West Center**

- **Graduate degree fellowships:** Funding for graduate students to participate in residential, educational and research programs for 2013 at [East-West Center](#) while pursuing degree at University of Hawaii.

**University of Michigan**

- **Four-week library fellowship for Southeast Asian scholars:** Provides reimbursement for international airfare, research funds, stipends and housing for students affiliated with an education institution in Southeast Asia and pursuing research on any topic relevant to Southeast Asian Studies. Offered by University of Michigan CSEAS and Library. **Deadline to apply: May 31.** For details, see [UM-CSEAS website](#).

12. **Job opportunities**

**University of Dayton**

- **Assistant professor, Southeast or South Asian History:** Tenure-track position beginning Aug. 16, 2013. Candidates with ABD nearing completion may apply; PhD history or related field preferred. **Deadline to apply: Nov. 1.** See job listing online.

**Walailak University**

- **Tenure-track positions in Asian Studies:** Two openings for post-docs or current scholars at this university in Southern Thailand. Applicants must have their PhD in any humanities or social sciences field and good Thai language skills. **Deadline to apply: Immediate.** Send resume and cover letter, including salary expectations, to Dr. Wannasarn Noonsuk at wn35@cornell.edu (include Asian Studies Job Application in the subject line).

**Idealist.org**

- Privately funded website offers searchable database of nonprofit international jobs and volunteer opportunities. For details, see the [Idealist website](#).

13. **Conferences, calls for papers and workshops**

- **9th International Conference on the Philippines,** Oct. 28–30, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI. For details, contact [asiassoc@msu.edu](mailto:asiassoc@msu.edu).
- **Religion in Southeast Asia,** Nov. 17–20, Chicago. Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion. For details, see [conference website](#).
- **Salvage and Salvation: Religion, Disaster Relief, and Reconstruction in Asia,** Nov. 22–23, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore. What dynamics are in play at the intersection of religion and disaster relief in Asia? Call for papers. For details, see [conference website](#).
- **10th ASEAN Inter-University Conference on Social Development,** Dec. 10–12, Universiti Brunei Darussalam. Theme: Southeast Asia and Human Insecurities: Causes, Costs and Challenges. Call for papers. **Abstracts due: Oct. 30.** For details, see [conference website](#).
- **Association for Asian Studies,** March 21–24, San Diego, CA. Call for papers is closed; registration opens in September. See the [conference website](#).
• 4th International Conference on Lao Studies, April 19–21, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Call for papers. Abstracts due: Oct. 31. Early registration deadline: Jan. 15. For details on article submission and registration, see the conference website or call 608-263-1755.

• (Re)Constructions: Researching and Rethinking Asia, April 26–27, York University, Toronto Canada. York Centre for Asian Research Graduate Student Conference. Keynote speaker: Vinay Gidwani, Department of Geography and Institute of Global Studies, University of Minnesota. Call for papers. Abstracts due: Dec. 1. For details, see conference website.

• 8th International Convention for Asia Scholars (ICAS), June 24–27, Macao. See the conference website.

• Inter-Asian Connections IV, Oct. 2–5, 2013, Istanbul. Four-day conference focused on reconceptualization of the Asian expanse as a dynamic and interconnected historical, geographical, and cultural formation stretching from the Middle East through Eurasia to South Asia, Southeast Asia, and East Asia. For details, see conference website or email interasia@ssr.org.

• Thailand in the World: 12th International Conference on Thai Studies, April 22–24, 2014, University of Sydney, Australia. To request being added to the conference email list or for other information, email brenda.kranz@sydney.edu.au.

14. Area Southeast Asia cultural opportunities

• “Remembering the Killing Fields” exhibit is on display at the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial, 2831 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. The Cambodian Association of Illinois also holds free Cambodian music and dance lessons.

• The Indonesian Consulate General in Chicago offers free Balinese and Javanese dance and gamelan classes on weekends. For details, see consulate website.

• The Friends of the Gamelan of Chicago Performance Ensemble meets Tuesday evenings at Hyde Park Union Church, 5600 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago. Previous study of Javanese gamelan music or dance required. Modest class fee. For details on this and beginning classes offered, see Friends website.

Persons with a disability who may need assistance at any CSEAS event may contact office manager Nancy Schuneman at 815-753-1771 or nmschunem@niu.edu. To no longer receive this bulletin, please reply to this e-mail with a request to remove your name. Thank you.

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