As most of you will notice, we have deleted the word "Thai" from our Mandala in consideration of our Insular Southeast Asia wallahs and our Burma and Vietnam contingent. This does not suggest that the Thai component of NIU's program is no longer active or strong; it only means that other parts of our program are getting stronger. On that note, we should announce the Henry Luce Foundation grant that we received, as did several other mandalas in the Galactic Polity.

NIU's Center for Southeast Asian Studies received $572,000 to enhance Southeast Asian Studies here in the following ways:

a) three new positions: an anthropologist on Southeast Asian religion specializing in the Theravada Buddhism of Mainland Southeast Asia; a curator for the Donn. V. Hart Collection; and one to teach Burmese Language and Literature. b) We also received several full graduate student stipends to be matched by full (11 month) tuition waivers. c) the computer-aided-instruction program received funds so that the old software written on the Apple IIe can now be ported to an IBM environment (allowing all our elder and younger brother mandalas to share in our merit). d) the Advanced Thai Abroad program that we and our ally to the north (Wisconsin) ran, was also funded, giving us the field director's salary for two summers. The hope now is that a national consortium will be formed at the AAS in March so that the ATA will become like COTI. e) Last, our outreach program received development funds to pursue four specific long-range programs.

Notwithstanding the tight money situation in higher education in the state, the University promised to make permanent all faculty positions funded by Luce, which means the three positions mentioned above are tenure track (announced below). In addition, we had promised to make our Editor full-time as part of our commitment, so that position, although pending formal approval, is also announced below, as are the student fellowships.

This comes at a very auspicious time, not only because of the tight budget, but this Fall, we will be celebrating our 25th anniversary as a Center, to which all of you are, of course, invited. (We'll send out announcements in the next Mandala) It appears that Southeast Asian Studies looks healthy for the next decade at least, not only because of what the Luce Foundation has done, but because Southeast Asian Studies rightfully belongs to the "Pacific Rim" concept and vision, about which everyone in the larger field of Asian Studies seems to be excited, and for whose development millions have been spent. After all, Southeast Asia is where the material and human resources, as well as the future markets for the next century seems to be. It appears then that one cannot deal with the "Pacific Rim" concept without considering Southeast Asia.
Professor Richard Cooler, department of Art, recently returned from Burma after taking a group of people there on tour. He will be giving a talk in our new "brown bag" series shortly on that trip (see below). Professor Brantly Womack also returned recently, from a trip to Vietnam, where he led a group of senior China scholars under a grant from the Henry Luce Foundation. Following that, he visited China, where he gave a lecture in Beijing at the China Institute of Contemporary International Relations on U.S. policy toward Southeast Asia. Clark Neher just returned from Thailand, having gone there under an exchange program between NIU and Thammasat funded by USIA. The two year project concerns several topics, weaved around a focus dealing with the impact of industrialization and urbanization on certain regional "pole" cities, especially those located on the eastern seaboard of Thailand. Susan Russell will follow Clark very soon to Thailand to make some comparative observations between this phenomenon in Thailand with similar developments in parts of Luzon, her specialty.

The faculty have been busy with their research and publications as well. The following are some of the more recent publications by Center Associates as well as those not mentioned in the last newsletter.

Michael Aung-Thwin, our Director, reviewed Catalogue of the Burney Parabaiks in the India Office Library, by Thaung Blackmore, Appendix by Evans Lewin, Patricia Herbert and D.K. Wyatt (London, the British Library, 1985) in Journal of Southeast Asian Studies (September 1987), pp. 333-335; while his review article of Southeast Asia in the 9th to 14th Centuries, eds. David Marr and A.C. Milner (Institute of Southeast Asian Studies and Research School of Pacific Studies, ANU, 1986) is to be published in a forthcoming issue of JSEAS.

Richard Cooler's manuscript on Karen Drums, long ago accepted for publication by Brill, may be in print before long. In the meantime, he has published "The Use of Karen Bronze Drums in the Royal Courts and Buddhist Temples of Burma and Thailand: a Continuing Mon Tradition?" in Papers From a Conference on Thai Studies in Honor of William J. Gedney, eds. Robert J. Bickner, Thomas J. Hudak, and Patcharin Peyasantiwong, Michigan Papers on South and Southeast Asia, Center for South and Southeast Asian Studies, The University of Michigan, no. 25, 1986, pp. 107-120.

From our musicologist, Han Kuo-Huang, appeared the following:


Michael Schneider, our associate on communicative disorders, has this rather unique (to most SEA Centers) article: "Verbal and Nonverbal Indices of the Communicative Performance and Acculturation of Chinese Immigrants in the United States," International Journal of Intercultural Relations, forthcoming. We hope that the next one will deal with Southeast Asians.

Harold Smith, though retired as emeritus, is not really retired from research and publication. He recently published "Sociology in Thailand" in the International Review of Modern Sociology, vol. 17 (Spring, 1987), pp. 1-19.

George Spencer, who continually reminds us of our debt to India, has produced the following recently: "Instant Ancestors:


STUDENT NEWS

U Toe Hla, having completed his dissertation on Burmese social history using thekayits (deeds, I.O.U.s), under Connie Wilson, has left for Burma. He will return to his post in history at Rangoon University. Saw Khin Gyi, our other Burmese-Shan student, in political science, is in the midst of doing her exams. This term, we have a new arrival from Burma, U Maung Maung U, a graduate student in English taking TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages), who is supported by a Fulbright grant. We have an application from another Burmese student interested in TESOL, but whether or not she can leave by Fall is unclear. An Indonesian student of the Javanese gamelan will be joining us in Fall for his M.A. in music. He will be studying with our associate in ethnomusicology, Han. In addition, a student from Sri Lanka has expressed interest in studying religion here; while another from India wishes to join the Anthropology department with a concentration on Southeast Asia.

The "Crossroads" class on Southeast Asia drew fewer students this term, though it is still substantial, with 50 registered.
October 14-16th, 1988 will be our biennial Burma Studies Group conference. It will coincide with our annual COTS meeting, and hopefully, the Thais and Burmese will patch up the events of 1767 by having a joint session on Sunday of that weekend. Although exact plans are tentative at the moment, we expect to celebrate the 25th anniversary of our Center's founding during that Saturday, the 15th. (Details will be announced in the next Mandala) Those who plan to attend that anniversary celebration (all are of course, invited) please mark the date on your calendars.

The valuable Shan and Burmese manuscripts that had been on loan by Paul Jerry Bennett (''Conference Under the Tamarind Tree'' Bennett) has been recently donated to the Center for Burma Studies, now that the Burma Studies Foundation has received non-profit status from the IRS. Jerry has also said that he intends to donate his valuable library of Burmese holdings in installments to the Center for Burma Studies here.

As stated above, COTS (Committee on Thai Studies) will hold its annual conference here at NIU this year as well. All are welcomed to these events and to the reception to be held for them on Friday the 14th of October.

CENTER PUBLICATIONS

To date, there are seven manuscripts in-line for copy editing to be published as part of our series. The articles for the next two volumes of Crossroads are also being prepared for publication. The first is a special volume on Burma—mostly papers given at the inauguration of CBS—(Center for Burma Studies, what else?); and the second is a general issue with articles on various topics on Southeast Asia. For this increased activity of our publications program, the Center will be seeking a full-time editor (announcement below) although the paper work for its formal approval is being completed.

BROWN BAG SPEAKERS SERIES

Our first speaker for this new (or resurrected) series, is Clark Neher, who will give a report of his trip to Thailand and the NIU-Thammasat connection on Friday, February 19th, at noon in Zulauf 301! Don Maxfield, our geographer, will speak next on "Computer-Assisted Cartography and Geographic Information Systems for Third World Studies: Two Case Studies in Thailand" on Friday, February 26, at noon, in Davis 119 and 103. Richard Cooler will follow on Friday March 4, with "Burma: Masters and Masonry; Fun and Foundations", in Zulauf 301, also at noon. On Friday, March 11, Brantly Womack will talk about his recent trip to Vietnam entitled "Vietnam and China: A Trip Report." Not entirely unrelated to "brown bag" lunches is the good news that the new Thai restaurant has now opened, on West Lincoln Highway, at the south end of Carroll Avenue, a block from the Center.
On Wednesday, February 10th, James Warren from Murdoch University, Western Australia spoke on "Placing Women in Southeast Asian History; The Case of Oichi and the Study of Prostitution in Singapore Society," at 8:30 p.m. in the Holmes Student Center, Room 305. The next day, he gave a seminar on "Researching and Writing People's History" in Zulauf 301 at 2:30 p.m. He will stay a few more days at NIU and go on to Wisconsin at the end of the week.

Joyce White from the University of Pennsylvania is scheduled to speak to us in early June, with the details still to be finalized. She is, as most of you know, an archaeologist of Southeast Asia, specializing on Ban Chiang. We hope interested persons from nearby mandalas will make an attempt to attend her lecture and seminar.

Our visiting Fulbright scholar for this term is Professor Than Tun, Dean of Burma historians, who has returned from temporary exile at the Michigan mandala. He is currently translating the 8th volume of The Royal Edicts of Burma. The previous six have already been published by Kyoto's Center for Southeast Asian Studies, and the seventh has been submitted for publication there. Further, he has agreed to submit his translation of the very important collection of local Burmese records known as Zambudipa Okhsaung Kyan to the NIU Center in our special series. In fact, we are going to begin publishing as part of our series, a translations sub-series. Translators, please take note.
CENTER MAILING LIST

We are in the process of updating our center newsletter mailing list. We ask that everyone fill out the form below (if you did not do so with our last Newsletter) and return it to the Center's office as soon as possible. Please tell any other persons you feel might be interested in our Center activities to send in their names and addresses as well.

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140 Carroll Avenue
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HENRY LUCE FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIPS FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES

The Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University, wishes to announce graduate student fellowships covering full tuition (11 months) and 9 month stipends of $6100 for prospective graduate students with a concentration in Southeast Asian Studies. The candidate must be accepted by the Graduate School of Northern Illinois University to pursue a master's or doctoral degree, and must be officially registered for a concentration in Southeast Asian Studies. Although there are no restrictions as to the candidate's discipline, preference will be given to those in areas which, and whose faculty have, traditionally participated in the Southeast Asia program. These include: Political Science, History, Anthropology, Art History, Music, Geography, Education, Library and Information Studies, Economics, Business, Sociology, and English (TESOL). There are no restrictions on citizenship.

Send a formal letter of application stating your academic career goals, interest in Southeast Asian Studies, and three letters of recommendation from those in a position to evaluate your academic credentials to: Director, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, 140 Carroll Avenue, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois, 60115. Send pertinent transcripts directly to the Graduate School, AL 206, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois, 60115. Applications are due April 1, 1988.

The requirements for a concentration in Southeast Asian Studies can be obtained from the current Graduate Catalog.
The Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Northern Illinois University anticipates a full-time (12 month) position of Editor, pending official approval, beginning FY (July 1) 1988. Southeast Asian Studies background with an M.A. required (or higher degree in any discipline with a Southeast Asian Studies concentration). Reading and/or speaking knowledge of a Southeast Asian language is preferable, and evidence of experience in writing and publishing in good, standard English is required. Although knowledge of word-processing will be required ultimately, it is not essential at the time of application.

The Editor will have the following responsibilities: 1) the production of all Center publications; 2) all administrative duties related to the publications program, including its budget, correspondence, external evaluations, printing, advertising, solicitation of manuscripts; and 3) all copy-editing and general editorial work.

It is our hope that the Editor will be aided by a graduate assistant and a stand-alone desk-top printing station. The Editor is considered faculty-no rank on a 12 month contract with a salary between $20,000 and $22,500, depending on experience and qualifications.

PLEASE POST
Northern Illinois University, Department of Anthropology and the Center for Southeast Asian Studies invites applications for a tenure-track appointment at the assistant professor or beginning associate professor level in cultural anthropology. Qualified candidates must have a strong record of research and publications in Southeast Asia, specifically with regard to issues of religion. Research experience in mainland Southeast Asia is desirable. A commitment to excellence in undergraduate and graduate teaching is expected. Normal teaching load is two courses per semester and the successful applicant is expected to participate in the academic activities of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies. Ph.D. required. Salary is competitive. Women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply. Deadline is April 1, 1988. Send letter of application, vita, and 3 names of references to Clark Spencer Larsen, Chair, Department of Anthropology, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115.
Northern Illinois University

The Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures, in cooperation with the Center for Southeast Asian Studies and the Center for Burma Studies, announces the search for an Assistant Professor in Burmese Language and Literature and/or Linguistics. The full-time, tenure track position will commence Fall Semester, 1988. Candidates must have Ph.D. or be within a year of completing the Ph.D.

Preference will be given to candidates in the field of Burmese language, literature, linguistics, or related fields. Near-native fluency in Burmese required.

Teaching responsibilities will include courses in Burmese language at beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels, and additional courses in Burmese and/or Southeast Asian literature and culture.

In the event of the above position not being filled, the Department invites applications for a temporary opening at the instructor level. Preference will be given to candidates holding an M.A. in Burmese language and literature/linguistics. Consideration will also be given to candidates in the field of Southeast Asian language/linguistics who would be able to teach Burmese with a native speaker assistant.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications.

Northern Illinois University is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer.

Applications must include a resume, names of three references and copies of publications, and should be received by March 15, 1988 in the office of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, 140 Carroll Avenue, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115.
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois 60115. The University Libraries and the Center for Southeast Asian Studies invite nominations and applications for the Southeast Asian Collection Curator, a position funded through the auspices of the Henry Luce Foundation. The Donn V. Hart Southeast Asian Collection includes approximately 35,000 printed volumes plus substantial microform holdings, maps, periodicals, and newspapers. One-third of the collection is in vernacular SEA languages with major holdings in Thai as well as Indonesian and Malay. Other collection strengths include the Philippines and Burma, an area under current development through an affiliation with the Burma Studies Group of the Association of Asian Studies.

The University Libraries system includes a main library, in which the SEA Collection is housed in a discreet area, and branch libraries for music, science, maps, and outdoor education. Library holdings include more than 1.7 million volumes. As a member of OCLC and a full participant in the Library Computer System (LCS) and NIU Libraries provides access to holdings of other research collections and is developing an online catalog for automated bibliographic records.

Educational Requirements: M.A. in Southeast Asian Studies required and a Master's degree in library science preferred from an ALA-accredited library school (appropriate equivalencies may be substituted).

Qualifications: Demonstrated ability in program development and an interest in the broad range of activities requisite for faculty and collection advancement. Experience in library services oriented toward Southeast Asian studies desired. Preference will be given to applicants with a mainland SEA emphasis.

Duties and Responsibilities: Under the direction of the Associate Director for Research Services in the University Libraries, this position manages the collection development, service programs, and personnel administration of the unit, and coordinates processing activities with the Libraries' Technical Services Division. The curator is responsible for coordinating collection development and management for the unit and should be capable of carrying out collection development for specific areas. Leadership in developing, interpreting, and publicizing library services and collections is expected of the curator, who works in consultation with the Libraries Administration, represents the Southeast Asian Collection in relation with NIU's Center for SEA Studies, the Center for Burma Studies, as well as appropriate library and other professional organizations.
Salary and Terms of Appointment: $30,000 for a twelve-month contract beginning July 1, 1988. Tenure track appointment at assistant professor rank or above, depending on qualifications. Benefits include Illinois State Retirement Systems and 24 vacation days per year.

Deadline for Nominations/Applications: Initial review of nominations/applications to begin by mid-March, but applications will continue to be accepted until the position is filled. Applications should include: (1) a complete statement of qualifications together with a resume of educational preparation and relevant experience, and (2) the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of at least three current professional references. Send nominations and applications to:

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