DIRECTOR’S NOTES

A “Just So Story”
about the Creation and
Re(-)creation of the Center
Ron Provencal, Anthropology

In days of old, at the time when Northern Illinois University gave birth to the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Ladd Thomas, Daniel Wit, and Norman Palmer inspired and assisted the birth. The period of gestation, from inspiration in 1961 to birth in 1963, was relatively swift and uncomplicated, especially when compared to other instances of academic reproduction in state universities. Early Peace Corps programs on campus were the seeds that germinated in 1963 with the founding of the Center. That was only the beginning of our creation, which continued and continues.

One of the three godfathers, Ladd Thomas, served as the first director with the title of “coordinator,” which may most accurately describe the role of a “director” in our particular community of scholars. Ladd recruited us from different corners of the academic world to join the center, and he began the development of a curriculum and a publications program. That was more than three decades ago, but several other hard-working directors later Ladd Thomas is still one of a productive score of Southeast Asianists who now comprise the Center faculty; conducting research, publishing, teaching undergraduate and graduate students, and seeking additional funding to support these and other spiritually uplifting works.

In the summer of ’95, along with other members of the Center, Professor Thomas joined in the beginning of a complex ritual of recreation, one that occupied much time in Center faculty meetings during this past year and which has resulted in the development of a Council of scholars that governs the Center and its programs according to a formal set of bylaws.

In “the old days,” the core members of the program were called “associates,” and the director frequently called meetings with the associates to discuss the most complex and pressing issues of the moment. Some years there was a Monday brown bag lunch meeting series in which faculty associates and graduate students took turns presenting informal talks about their current research. In addition, we always had a separate series of two or three speakers from other universities each semester. Over the years these two series were combined and developed into our now “traditional” Friday Brown Bag Lunch Speakers Series, which is well known, respected and attended even by NIU students, faculty, staff, and other residents of northern Illinois who are not specialists in Southeast Asian studies. Also, very few of us who regularly attend the Friday lecture bother to bring a brown bag lunch, because there is always a very inexpensive and incredibly delicious, freshly cooked Southeast Asian meal available at the lecture.

All this “modern” fun has brought additional faculty and students into Southeast Asian studies at Northern Illinois University, some fully and some partially involved. We developed the status “honorary associate” to formalize the bond we feel toward individuals whose major interests are not in Southeast Asia, but who are nonetheless strongly interested in our programs. The only “down side” of this expansion of community was that there were few occasions specifically available for the maintenance of the core community of Southeast Asian specialists, and for their direct participation in decisions about critical aspects of Center programs. While discussing this matter in the summer of 1995, we decided to organize a formal council with carefully defined membership and with functions complementing those of the director; thereby perhaps recreating the “coordinator-like” directorship and the “community of Southeast Asian specialists” that is as much a part of our tradition as “brown bag lunch lectures.”

By the by, as far as this old and humble teller of tales knows, “associates” and “honorary associates” of the Center are still part of our continuing, if changing, tradition; and everyone is welcome to join our Friday Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series for a delicious Southeast Asian meal and an equally stimulating scholarly lecture and discussion of some aspect of Southeast Asia. That’s real recreation! The 1996 fall schedule is listed on a following page of this Mandala.

Important beginnings during 1995-1996 included the virtual reorganization of our publications program by the
editor of Southeast Asia Publications, Edwin R. Zehner, and election by the Center Council of a new continuing director of the Center, Professor Clark D. Neher of political science. Also, we are fortunate to have recruited two new faculty as members of the Council: Judy Ledgerwood and Andrea Molnar.

**New Center Director, Clark D. Neher**

Professor Neher becomes the new director of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Northern Illinois University on August 16, 1996, being the unanimous choice of the Center Council. An internationally respected specialist on modern Thai politics and political systems of Southeast Asia who has been elected by his academic colleagues to major offices and committees of leading professional associations for political science and Asian studies, Clark came to NIU in 1969. A popular and respected teacher of both undergraduate and graduate students, he has served a total of nine years (1982-88 & 1993-96) as chair of NIU's Department of Political Science, during which he earned a well deserved reputation as a superb administrator. Also, he has twice served as acting director of the Center (1970 and 1979). Before being recruited to NIU and the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, he worked as a Peace Corps instructor at Chulalongkorn University. He has since returned many times to Thailand for research and to help establish formal relationships between Thai universities and NIU. His undergraduate and master's degrees are from Stanford University, and his Ph.D. degree is from the University of California at Los Angeles.

**New Faculty**

Judy Ledgerwood and Andrea Molnar join the Council of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Northern Illinois University at the beginning of the 1996 fall semester. Both will be regular tenure track faculty members, at the rank of assistant professor, in the Department of Anthropology.

Dr. Molnar comes to us from the University of Alberta, Canada, and Dr. Ledgerwood is from the East-West Center in Hawai'i. Both international searches drew applications from scores of highly qualified candidates. It is a shame that we did not have more positions available to hire a half dozen of the other applicants! Ledgerwood will fill a faculty position in the Center vacated by Michael Aung-Thwin, and Molnar will fill a vacant position in the Department of Anthropology that was originally established by a grant from the Henry Luce Foundation for the purpose of research and teaching on Southeast Asian religions. The twenty-third and twenty-fourth members of the Council, they will contribute important new dimensions of knowledge about Southeast Asia to the Center and the university.

Judy Ledgerwood earned her graduate degrees (M.A. & Ph.D. in anthropology) at Cornell University, where her dissertation (Changing Khmer Conceptions of Gender: Women, Stories and the Social Order) earned the Lauriston Sharp Prize in 1991. Her research has been centered on issues of gender, ethnicity, and culture change, with a focus on transnational movements of people and ideas. An ethnographer of Southeast Asian and Asian-American communities, she is deeply interested in the cross-linkages between Asian communities of origin and diaspora communities. After finishing her Ph.D. degree, she spent more than three years in Cambodia. Her 1992 report, *Situation of Women in Cambodia*, a study of village-level economics in three different types
villages near Phnom Penh, is one of the touchstone sources for non-governmental and bilateral aid organizations planning village-based assistance programs. Also, she is a co-editor with May Ebihara and Carol Mortland of *Cambodian Culture Since 1975: Homeland and Exile*, and she has authored a number of articles in important journals, including the *Journal of Anthropological Research and Urban Anthropology*. Ledgerwood is spending the summer of 1996 in Cambodia. In the 1996 fall semester she will teach an honors section of General Cultural Anthropology (ANTH220H) and History and Theory of Anthropology (ANTH451).

**Andrea Molnar** earned her degrees from the University of Alberta (B.A. in anthropology, B.S. in human biology and an M.A. in anthropology) and the Australian National University (Ph.D. in anthropology). A specialist in the ethnography of eastern Indonesia, her dissertation fieldwork was on the Hoga Sara of Ngada in West-Central Flores. Andrea’s research and teaching interests include: the anthropology of religion, symbolic anthropology, social organization and social theory, ecological anthropology, ethnicity, gender, and Austronesian comparisons. Fieldwork projects she plans to pursue in the near future include: 1) an examination of traditional agricultural ritual cycles and how these are being transformed by Indonesian modernization projects; and 2) an examination of the effects of the Catholic Church on the traditional religions and ritual systems of the west-central Florenese. In the 1996 fall semester Molnar will be teaching a section of General Cultural Anthropology (ANTH220) and a course on Religion and Cosmology in Southeast Asia (ANTH528).

**Other Faculty**


A paper by John Hartmann, George M. Henry (associate professor of computer science), Patricia Henry (associate professor of foreign languages and literatures), and Robert Zerwekh (associate professor of computer science), “Multimedia Dictionaries for Thai and Indonesian,” was presented at the 5th Annual Conference on Southeast Asian Language Teaching and Applied Linguistics, Madison, WI, July 1995. Another paper, by Robert Zerwekh and John Hartmann, “Foreign Language Instruction Station for Windows (WinFLIS): Interactive Graphical Questions for CALL,” was presented at the CALICO 1995 Annual Symposium, Middlebury, VT, June 1995. The papers explained the new Multimedia CD developed by this four-person NIU team of computer scientists and linguists for teaching and learning Southeast Asian Languages (See: Multimedia Teaching and Learning of Southeast Asian Languages: Recreation and More!)


**Kuo-Huang Han** (professor of music) organized a world music concert with many newly composed pieces for gamelan at NIU, April 21, 1996. Also, he gave world music
workshops, with Southeast Asian music as the focus, at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Western Carolina University, and in Taiwan (Taiwan Symphony Orchestra) during the spring semester, 1996.

Clark D. Neher (incoming director of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies and professor of political science) has written a new book published by Westview Press, *Development and Democracy in Southeast Asia* and an article, "Politics as Usual in Thailand," in *Current History*.


Scarecrow Press has published the *Historical Dictionary of Thailand* by Harold Smith (professor emeritus, sociology) and May Kyi Win (assistant professor and curator, Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection, University Libraries). Smith continues as the book review editor of *Crossroads: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*. May Kyi Win, who is editor of the *Bulletin of the Burma Studies Group*, has also published "Bibliography: Books and Articles on Burma (6, 7 & 8)" in the *Bulletin of the Burma Studies Group* (54:5-10, 55:13-18, and 56:15-22); "Burmese Buddhism: A Bibliography" in CORMSEA Bulletin 24(1):3-7; and "Bibliography: Part 1" and "Bibliography: Part 2" in Khosana (31:5-11 and 32:5-14). She presented a lecture, "Theravada Meditations in Burma," for the Elder Hostel program on Thailand and Burma at NIU, and "Social Customs and Etiquette: A Burmese Perspective," at the Cross Cultural Program in Chicago. Congratulations also to May Kyi Win for receiving a grant from the Soros Foundation for travel to Burma to purchase collection materials. Northern Illinois University Libraries will provide additional support for her to travel to Thailand, Malaysia, and Singapore, and will also provide funds for purchasing and transporting collection materials. The Center for Southeast Asian Studies, through a collection development grant from the Henry Luce Foundation, will supplement these funds.

Student News
Awards/Fellowships
The Center for Southeast Asian Studies has awarded the following fellowships for AY1996/97:

FLAS:
- Wungram Shishak, history (Burmese)
- Tammy Duckworth, political science (Indonesian/Thai)
- William Womack, history (Burmese)
- John Van Barriger, political science (Indonesian)
- Christine Zellmer, anthropology (Indonesian)
- Henry Luce Foundation Fellowships:
  - I Ketut Putra Erawan, political science
  - Leili Parts, anthropology
- Robert Vore, English, was awarded a Dissertation Completion Award for his dissertation, *The International Literary Contexts of Nick Joaquin: Modernism and the Post-Colonial Experience*.

SEASSI
- Wungram Shishak and William Womack both received FLAS fellowships for studying Burmese at SEASSI, and Robert Vore received a tuition fellowship to study Tagalog.
- Than Than Win, a graduate student in our TESOL program, is teaching Burmese this summer (along with the SEASSI Burmese language coordinator, Saw Tun)

New Students
The Center welcomes political science graduate student Frank Manfredi who is specializing in Thai studies. In addition, anthropology students Christine Zellmer and Arpapirat Vallibhotama started their studies here in January.

Courses on Southeast Asia Fall 1996

Anthropology
- Folklore (Provencher)
- Peoples & Cultures of Southeast Asia (Russell)
- Religion and Cosmology of Southeast Asia (Molnar)
- Archaeology of Oceania and Southeast Asia (Kolb)

Art
- Indian and Southeast Asia Art (Cooler)

Foreign Languages and Literatures
- Beginning Burmese I (Saw Tun)
- Intermediate Burmese I (Saw Tun)
- Beginning Indonesian I (Henry)
- Intermediate Indonesian I (Henry)
- Introduction to Indonesian Literature (Henry)
- Beginning Thai I (Hartmann)
- Intermediate Thai I (Hartmann)

History
- Asia to 1500 (Spencer)
- Asia Since 1500 (Andrew)
- History of Indonesia (Wilson)
- Reading Seminar: Asian History (Andrew)
- Research Seminar: Asian History (Wilson)

Intra Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Southeast Asia: Crossroads of the World (Staff)

Music
- Introduction to World Music I (Han)
- World Music: Gamelan (Han)
- Ethnomusicology Study (Han)

Political Science
- Politics of Developing Areas (King)
- Seminar: Political Economy of Developing Areas (King)
- Reading Seminar: Southeast Asian Politics (Neher)
- Seminar on Current Problems: Military Rule in Burma (Thomas)
Brown Bag Series Speakers Spring 1996

January 17  Sumit Mandal, Cornell University
"Arabs in Dutch Java: Ethnicity and Religion in the Colonial State"

January 26  Judy Ledgerwood, East-West Center
"The Cambodian Tuol Sleng Museum of Genocidal Crimes:
Narrative and Personal Memories"

February 2  Jeffrey Winters, Northwestern University
"Zonal Capitalism: The New Face of Industrialization and
Labor Control in Indonesia"

February 9  Mark Woodward, Arizona State University
"Towards an Enchanted Modernity: Religion and Rationality in Modern Indonesia"

February 16  Lorraine Gesick, University of Nebraska
"In the Land of Lady White Blood: Southern Thailand and
the Meaning of History"

March 1  Richard O'Connor, The University of the South
"A New Cultural History of Southeast Asia: Agricultural,
Religious, and Urban Evolution"

March 22  Thongchai Winichakul, U. Wisconsin-Madison
"When Rumors Reach Heaven and the Thai Monarchy Comes
Down to Earth"

March 29  Constance Wilson, NIU
"Time Travel: Bangkok in the 1960's and 1970's"

April 5  Noel Morada, University of the Philippines
"Democracy and National Security in the Philippines: Chal-
lenges and Constraints to the Philippine State"

April 26  Katherine Bowie, U. Wisconsin-Madison
"Capitalism and Grassroots Democracy: The Case of an
Election for Kamnan in Northern Thailand"

Brown Bag Series Speakers Fall 1996

September 6  Richard M. Cooler, NIU
"Thieves, Gods and Art Historians: A 35 Minute Video on
the Recovery of a Burmese National Treasure and its
Meaning" (Much Burma Footage. Discussion with
filmmakers follows viewing.)

September 13  William Turley, Southern Illinois University
"Vietnam's 8th Party Congress and the Future of Ho Chi
Minh City"

September 20  Dwight King and Steven Johnson, NIU
"Indonesia TravelLearn: A Report"

September 27  Kusuma Snitwongse, Chulalongkorn Univ.
Title: TBA

October 4  James Lewis, Wheaton College
"Ethnic Minorities in Vietnam"

October 11  Rita Smith Kipp, Kenyon College
"Rethinking Divide and Rule: Missionary Effects in Indonesia"

October 18  Peggy Choy, U. Wisconsin-Madison
"Crossing Boundaries of the Body: A Perspective on Martial
Arts in Southeast Asia and America"

October 25  Burma Studies Colloquium Speaker: TBA

November 1  J. Lin Compton, U. Wisconsin-Madison
"Reconstructing the Roof of Southeast Asia: Sustainable
Management of Upland Tropical Ecosystems"

November 8  David Oldfield, NIU
Title: TBA

November 15  Judy Ledgerwood, NIU
Title: TBA

November 29  Edwin Zehner, NIU
"Thai New Religious Movements and Middle Class Culture"
TRAVELEARN

INDONESIA
North Sumatra, Central Java
South Sulawesi, and Bali
July 28 - August 18, 1996
Led by Professor Dwight King, Northern Illinois University

For the first time, Northern Illinois University offers a TraveLearn to Indonesia. The group will be led by TraveLearn faculty Dwight King, a professor of political science and an associate in NIU’s Center for Southeast Asian Studies whose enthusiasm for the country and its region is contagious.

Travel several thousand miles across this far flung archipelago nation: start on the shores of the volcanic Lake Taba in North Sumatra, travel to exterior Java, cross to Sulawesi and end in Bali (still an exotic paradise). Indonesia is the fourth most populous country in the world, and the most complex single nation on earth. There are 922 inhabited islands each with customs, native dress, architecture, dialects, and geography all its own. As you travel through the culturally distinct islands, you will marvel that the Indonesians have been able to build a modern unified nation from these hundreds of ethnic and language groups with such widely diverse cultural, religious, and historical experiences.

King has lived and worked in Indonesia for many years. He first went to Indonesia in the early 1970s for field research related to Southeast Asia’s political and economic development. Professor King’s wife Kathy, who has shared her husband’s 25-year enthusiasm for the country, will accompany the group—both speak fluent Indonesian.

One of the best parts of the trip will be the opportunity to learn about Indonesia with the guidance of the TraveLearn faculty. They will be available throughout the trip to answer your questions, to help you bargain for handicrafts, to select the perfect mango, to show you how to wrap yourself in a batik sarong. They will take the group beyond the rijstaffel, to sample authentic delicacies from four islands. Both Kathy and Dwight King will lead you up to Borobudur. They will model appropriate behavior in a mosque, they will explain ancient Hindu dances and rituals, and introduce you to Batak people in remote villages. Professor King, sharing his knowledge, will help you put the remarkable cultural changes and economic development of the first 50 years of the Indonesian nation in perspective.

Cost of 21-Day TraveLearn to Indonesia
Land/Air/tour arrangements: $5,100
Single Supplement: $695
In keeping with our educational mission, the special fee for full-time students is only $4,795.

VIETNAM
From Tonkin Gulf to the Gulf of Thailand

Tentative Schedule:
December 27, 1996 - January 13, 1997
Led by Dr. William S. Turley, professor of political science, Southern Illinois University and Steven A. Johnson, director of External Programming, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Northern Illinois University.

Join NIU on its third trip to Vietnam. This “suitcase seminar” focuses on the beauty of the Mekong Delta, the bustle of Ho Chi Minh City, imperial Hue, wondrous Ha Long Bay, the majestic Hoang Lien mountains, colorful hill tribes of Hoa Binh, Sa Pa and Lao Cai, history of Dien Bien Phu and Na Noi plus in Thailand, the Bridge over the River Kwai.

Visit sites relating to the Indochina War, World War II, and the Vietnam War. NIU’s small group approach allows you to focus on the country and its people. NIU professors prefer to take a small group as “travelers” through the country instead of “tourists.”

Comments from past participants include:
“The NIU trip gave me the opportunity to see the beauty of my country and reintroduced me to the heritage and culture that I had left behind.” -Trung Van Vo, 1996

“Everything about the trip was awesome—the arrangements, the scenery, the Vietnamese people, the company, the food. . .” -Ellen Dran, 1996

“As I have been telling everyone, this trip was incredible. . . the friendliness of the Vietnamese people and the magnificent scenery. I have urged people to take the trip with NIU this next year as very soon Vietnam will be too full of tourists.” -Patricia Smith, 1996

Cost of 18-day TraveLearn to Vietnam
Land/air/tour arrangements: $4395 based on double occupancy
Discounts available for full-time students.

For more information contact the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, External Programming, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115. Phone (815) 753-5200; FAX 815-753-5202; email: stevenj@niu.edu; and see other TraveLearn study tours on the WEB: http://www.niu.edu/depts/ext_prog/traveln.html
Multimedia Teaching and Learning of Southeast Asian Languages: Recreation and More!

Teaching and learning Thai or Indonesian in a game-like, interactive, multimedia context is good clean fun. These experiences are available through a recent NIU Southeast Asia Publications’ release of a “Beta version” of WinFLIS (Foreign Language Instruction Station for Windows) and MBI Dict (Multimedia Bilingual Interactive Dictionary) for Thai and Indonesian.

Developed by George M. Henry and Robert Zerwekh of the Department of Computer Science and John Hartmann and Patricia B. Henry of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, WinFLIS is an audio-rich, computer-aided, language learning system for teaching Thai and Indonesian. The system supports Southeast Asian orthographies and has graphic as well as audio capabilities. A sample lesson each for Thai and Indonesian are included with the WinFLIS system, providing examples to help teacher-players author lessons designed for the pleasure and edification of their particular student-players. Teacher-players construct WinFLIS lessons with an integrated set of Windows-based programs that assume no programming knowledge and that permit easy specification of the information used in lesson frames. The authoring programs and the student lesson program contain complete hypertext-linked on-line help accessible through a menu of choices.

Student-players listen to utterances or speeches in Thai or Indonesian, read textual information and respond to questions or other directives in various ways. Graphic images illustrate lessons and provide context for dialogues. A wide variety of learning aids is accessible through pull-down menus or key-stroke combinations, including: a glossary of words; instant replay of speeches; slower or simpler versions of speeches; author-supplied audio clues and author-supplied translations via audio or text; recording and replay of student utterances for comparison with the native speaker; out-of-order access to any frame; and, of course, a scoring mechanism so necessary for modern American gamesters, students, and teachers.

The Multimedia Bilingual Interactive Dictionary (MBI Dict), which is packaged with the WinFLIS system, facilitates the creation, editing, and on-line use of student-oriented multimedia dictionaries that include text, sound, and pictures. Present versions of the Indonesian and Thai dictionaries respectively include about 4,000 and 10,000 entries, and forthcoming versions will include many more words, which are selected from a variety of well-known, “standard” sources. A student types a word and is presented with a long and shorter English definition, a definition in a second language, segments of text containing the word in use, and even additional grammatical or cultural notes about the word as appropriate. A student can also open an on-line text (even downloaded from the world-wide-web) in Thai or Indonesian, highlight an unrecognized word using the mouse, click the mouse, and read the definition in English. Where appropriate, the definitions are associated with pictures that illustrate meanings of the word. At the end of the session, the words and their definitions can be printed. As in the case of the WinFLIS program, the MBI Dict does not neglect the entertainment requirements for language teachers and learners. The dictionary authoring program allows teachers to construct customized dictionaries based upon texts they have selected their students to read.

Each WinFLIS/MBI Dict set consists of one CD-ROM disk, eight high density 3.5 floppy disks, and an instruction manual. This non-commercial, not-for-profit product is available in limited quantities. The $40 per set price covers only the cost of materials, production, and distribution. WinFLIS and MBI Dict software runs on standard Windows (3.1 or later) multimedia computers. Both systems can run on single stand-alone machines or a Novell (or other) network. The network is recommended if more than one machine is to be used because of the large amount of dictionary data. Equipment and software requirements include:

For a stand-alone machine
- 486 33Mz computer
- 8 Mg RAM
- 256 color video
- 200-250 Mg free hard drive space or CD drive  
  (not needed if the machine is networked)  
- Standard sound card (Sound Blaster, Microsoft Sound System)  
- Speakers or earphones (and microphone if recording is desired)  

For a network file server
- 486 66Mz computer
- 16 Mg RAM
- 250 Mg free hard disk space for the MBI Dict dictionary databases
- 2-20 Mg free hard disk space per WinFLIS lesson  
  (dependent primarily on the amount of audio)  

In addition, the computer that will hold the dictionary databases must have a mass storage input device to allow the loading of dictionaries.

Tape cartridge (DC 2120) and CD-ROM disc will be the standard distribution media. The CD could substitute for the 200 Mg hard drive space.
Best Sellers
Publications that have had good reception in the past year include Michael Aung-Thwin’s *Irrigation in the Heartland of Burma: Foundations of the Pre-Colonial Burmese State*, Michael Rhum’s *The Ancestral Lords: Gender, Descent, and Spirits in a Northern Thai Village*, and the Center’s language texts in Vietnamese and Burmese.

The Center’s *Spoken Vietnamese for Beginners* has become one of the most widely used Vietnamese texts in the world. Institutions using the text include University of Alabama, Arizona State University, Australian National University, University of California-Berkeley, University of California-San Diego, the Central Intelligence Agency, Cornell University, University of Florida, Foreign Service Institute, Gainesville (Ga.) College, Griffith University, University of Hawaii, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Insearch Language Center, University of Michigan, Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute (SEASSI), State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo.

An intermediate Vietnamese text will be published soon, to be followed a year later by an intermediate CD-ROM package being developed at the University of Hawaii. A workbook for the beginning Vietnamese text is in development; the first half of this workbook should be published by summer 1997.

John Okell’s four volume set of textbooks for Burmese (Myanmar) gained widespread praise. In ASEASUK News, the newsletter of the Association for Southeast Asian Studies of the UK, Vicky Bowman wrote: “the only modern ‘Teach yourself Burmese’ guide to cover both colloquial and formal Burmese, as well as the script. . . . [T]he early tapes are so detailed as to resemble a face-to-face lesson with Okell himself.” An instructor at the Southeast Asia Summer Studies Institute (SEASSI) praised “how quickly the students learned using these books and tapes.” A user wrote, “What a terrific language course! . . . Just 8 or 9 months ago [when using other texts on the market] I would have given myself ‘nil’ chance of ever learning much Burmese but now I feel confident that I am progressing towards fluency.”

Suitable for self-study, the texts are also being used at leading centers of Burma studies worldwide, including Monash University (Australia), Cornell University, the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London, and NIU’s Center for Burma Studies. A one-volume course based on the four-volume set may be available in late 1997.

New and Forthcoming Publications
The following publications have recently appeared or are forthcoming soon from Southeast Asia Publications, Center for Southeast Asian Studies:


*Interactive Thai-English and Indonesian-English Dictionaries for Windows: MBIDICT 1.0. ISBN 1-877979-47-3. Developed at NIU by faculty in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures and the Computer Science Department. The dictionaries, which first shipped in a limited edition in late May, 1996, include one CD-ROM and eight floppy disks. Language lessons to accompany the dictionaries are expected soon. Available August 1996. $40. For details on the interactive dictionaries, see the Web Page at: http://mp.cs.niu.edu:8000/~zerwekh/WinFLIS*

For updates on our new publications, see the Web Page at: http://www.niu.edu/acad/cseas/new.html
Crossroads: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Southeast Asian Studies

The following issues of Crossroads: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Southeast Asian Studies have appeared or gone to press since the last Mandala:

Volume 8, Number 2 (1994) [mailed October 1995]
Terry E. Miller and Jarernchai Chonpairot, “A History of Siamese Music Reconstructed from Western Documents, 1505-1932.”

Volume 9, Number 1 (1995) [mailed February 1996]
Report on Council on Thai Studies, and other conference news

Volume 9, Number 2 (1995) [expected September 1996]
Kevin F.F. Quigley, “Environmental Organizations and Democratic Consolidation: The Case of Thailand”
Lily Kong, “Popular Music and a ‘Sense of Place’ in Singapore”
Sophal Ear, “Cambodia and the ‘Washington Consensus’”

Another issue (10.1) is expected in 1996.

Articles already accepted for forthcoming issues include:
Graham Fordham, “Northern Thai Male Culture and the Assessment of HIV Risk: Toward a New Approach”
Susan Fulop Kepner, “Anna and the Context of Siam”
James Chin, “The Politics of Federal Intervention in Malaysia”
Momoki Shiro, “Dai Viet and the South China Seas Trade”
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Angie Ngoc Tran, “Integration into the Global Economy: Vietnamese Textile and Garment Industries’ Response to a Changing Environment”

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The Journal of Burma Studies

In March and April 1996, by concurrent decisions of the Publications Committee of NIU’s Center for Southeast Asian Studies, the Burma Foundation, NIU’s Center for Burma Studies, and the Burma Studies Group of the Association for Asian Studies, The Journal of Burma Studies was constituted as an annual journal to be published by NIU’s Center for Southeast Asian Studies in conjunction with the Burma Studies Group. Some 25 articles were sent out for review in May and June 1996. The first issue is expected in late 1996 or early 1997. The Journal of Burma Studies is the only scholarly endeavor of its kind in the world. The Publications program of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies is proud to be associated with this effort.
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