From the President...

Hopefully you are off to a good New Year! This is the last year of the Twentieth Century ... what will the NEW century be like???

The Friends of NIU Libraries has had a good beginning for this year. Our two programs were well received. We thank the presenters - Mary S. Schriber with the topic Carpetbags of Culture, and Martin Dubin with the topic American Women and Foreign Policy Between Wars.

Good News! We are most grateful for the fine support you give to the Friends. We now have 525 members -- 48 Donor and 14 Life memberships. The special Friends Ensuring the Future program is proving to be successful. May the trees continue to grow!

Good Ideas! Dr. Lucy Townsend and Ms. Donna Langford of the College of Education have sponsored several student memberships in honor of their work with the Blackwell Collection.

The History Department has honored Dr. Bruce Lincoln’s retirement by inscribing a plaque for the Ensuring the Future program. Donations are still being accepted. If you would like to contribute toward this plaque, please send your check to the Friends with notation that it is intended for Dr. Lincoln’s plaque.

Future Friends’ activities

The New Vietnam will be presented by Clark Neher on Thursday, April 15, 1999, 7:30 p.m. at the Staff Lounge of Founders Memorial Library. Dr. Neher is a professor in politics and Director of Southeast Asia Studies at Northern Illinois University. His areas of specialization are comparative politics, Southeast Asia, women in politics, and Third World politics. Dr. Neher’s lecture before the Friends will include a slide presentation.

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Submissions for the NEXT edition of Founders’ Type are welcome. All submissions will be considered and printed as space allows. Please direct any such materials to: Samuel Huang, Northern Illinois University Libraries, DeKalb, IL 60115. All unsigned items are contributed by the editors.

Friends Lose Dear Friend

Elaine Kirkpatrick Rast, 65, longtime DeKalb resident and Friends of NIU Libraries member and retired Head of Cataloging for the University Libraries, passed away February 12, 1999, in Chicago. She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Lawrence; her children, Natalie, Allison Williams (James), Lawrence Jr. (Amy); her grandchildren, Lawrence III, Mirith, Karl, and Joanna; and her siblings Gloria and Raymond Kirkpatrick (Karen). A 1956 graduate of Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois, she earned the Master of Library Science degree from Rosary College, River Forest in 1963. In the 1960s her vision of libraries in the future led her to participate in the OCLC (Online Computer Library Center) at the Ohio State University. Later, she was adjunct professor at Dominican University, River Forest, Illinois and full professor at Founders Memorial Library, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois. She was an active participant in the American Library Association, and a member of NASIG (National Association of Serials Interest Group) from its inception where she served as a member of the executive board from 1988-1993. She was awarded Illinois Academic Librarian of the Year for 1993. She most recently served as archivist for Rainbow Push Coalition (The Rev. Jesse Jackson Coalition), and as rare books cataloger at Adler Planetarium. A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 20, 1999, St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, 621 West Belmont, Chicago, at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made to the Elaine K. Rast Reading Room, Concordia Theological Seminary, 6600 North Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46825 or to the Friends of NIU Libraries, Elaine K. Rast Memorial Fund, Northern Illinois University Libraries, DeKalb, IL 60115.

New Endowment Established

A new endowment has recently been established for the NIU Libraries by Russell and Betty Wood for the acquisition of library materials. Mr. & Mrs. Wood are much respected natives of DeKalb and started their business, Elliott & Wood, Inc., 52 years ago. They have four children, twelve grand-children, and two great-grandchildren. They are strongly committed to the support of education for the welfare of the young in our DeKalb and Sycamore communities. If you wish to make a contribution in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Russell Wood, please send your donation to the NIU Foundation, Lowden Hall 204, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115. Your check should include the remark that the contribution is intended for the Russell & Betty Wood Library Endowment.

Receive a $3.00 discount on oil change services when presenting your current Friends’ membership card.

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Dr. Dubin Enlightens Friends on American Inter-War History

The second Friends program for the 1998-99 academic year was an interesting presentation entitled “American Women and Foreign Policy Between Wars” by Martin Dubin, long-time political science faculty member at Northern Illinois University. Professor Dubin’s presentation was on his research on American women’s activism between the two world wars. Much of the material for the topic was gathered from the archival records of women’s associations on deposit at Smith, Mount Holyoke, and Radcliffe colleges.

The conventional wisdom of the inter-war period was America as isolationist and inward looking. While there were strong isolationist forces at work during the 1920s and 1930s, a number of mainstream women’s organizations rejected both pacifism and isolationism. There were ten major women’s organizations during this period, including, for example, National Council of Women, YWCA, League of Women Voters, and Women’s Christian Temperance Movement.

The suffrage and temperance movements during World War I gave women a call to service. Through the 18th and 19th Amendments, women achieved political power. The League of Women Voters was exceptionally well equipped with resource persons and lobbying ability. Many of the women’s organizations were internationalist in orientation, and were energetic in lobbying in both Washington, D.C. and Geneva, Switzerland. For example, the Women’s Joint Congressional Caucus took the position that the U.S. should be in the League of Nations.

The organizations were widespread across the country, had a grassroots foundation, and involved approximately five million women. Fulfillment of their involvement required internationalist action. Their activities were carried out through legislative action, demonstrations, and gathering signatures on petitions. Prominent among the personalities were Carrie Chapman Catt, activist in the National Council of Women, and Alice Paul, founder of the National Women’s Party. The leadership of the national organizations brought gender equality to the international arena, and challenged the notion of isolationism. Professor Dubin concluded that to discount this internationalist impulse in America is to distort historiography. It is his goal to correct the pervasive gender-bias found in American foreign policy scholarship.

- Byron Anderson

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Ice Cream Social - April 30, 1999, 3:30 - 5:30pm in the Rare Books & Special Collections Department, Founders Memorial Library.

All Programs are open and free to the public, except the February 24, 1999 program in which there is a cost for a dessert buffet. Please call 753-9838 for more details.

Again, thank you for all of the fine contributions you give to the Friends. We know that the library is the CORE of the University. It is vital to promote quality learning, teaching, and research.

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Current Library Exhibits:

Founders Memorial Library Lobby:
Women’s History Month, through March 31, 1999.

Rare Books & Special Collections:
The Black Panther Party, through March 31, 1999

Southeast Asia Collection:
Sularno (1901-1970) and the Formation of Indonesia, through March 31, 1999.
Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection

Center for Southeast Asian Studies
In 1963, an interdisciplinary Southeast Asia Program was established at Northern Illinois University that covered both mainland and insular Southeast Asia. In the following year, the Center for Southeast Asian Studies was founded to coordinate teaching, research and related activities. The nations of Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Singapore make up the region known as Island (or Insular) Southeast Asia and Burma (Myanmar), Cambodia, Laos, Thailand (Siam), and Vietnam make up mainland Southeast Asia.

Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection
The Southeast Asia Library Collection was organized at the same time to meet the increasing study and instructional needs of students and faculty. The Collection was first housed in Swen Parson Hall, and was subsequently moved to Founders Memorial Library in 1977. In 1985, the Collection was named the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection in honor of Dr. Hart, an anthropologist specializing in Philippine studies and the former director of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies.

The collection is the only library resource of its kind in Illinois and is used not only by students and faculty at NIU, but also by students and faculty from other colleges and universities in Illinois and elsewhere in the U.S. and the world.

National Program for Acquisitions and Cataloging
Since 1968, the library has participated with the Library of Congress and some other U.S. university libraries in the National Program for Acquisitions and Cataloging (NPAC) for Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei. This program has made it possible to acquire books, journals, documents or other materials from Southeast Asian areas where an inadequate book trade or other obstacles would otherwise prevent the development of sufficient library resources. The Collection has been designated by the Committee on Research Materials on Southeast Asia (CORMOSEA) as the sole U.S. repository for certain official publications from the Indonesian island of Bali. Other NPAC participants receive certain unique materials from other regions of Indonesia.

Center for Burma Studies
In 1986, Northern Illinois University was selected by the Burma Studies Group of the Association for Asian Studies to be the national Center for Burma Studies. In the same year, the Burma Studies Foundation was created. Part of its offerings in the arts, humanities, social sciences and the Southeast Asian foreign language programs including Burmese, Indonesian, Tagalog, and Thai.

The Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection, in collaboration with the Centers for Burma Studies and Southeast Asian Studies, maintains strong manuscript, sound recording, video and microform collections are available for general Southeast Asia, Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. The collection is the only library resource of its kind in Illinois and is used not only by students and faculty at NIU, but also by students and faculty from other colleges and universities in Illinois and elsewhere in the U.S. and the world.
mission is to support the Center for Burma Studies by gathering Burmese materials, which are suitable for inclusion in the Burma Collections at the Donn V. Hart Southeast Asia Collection. Since the establishment of the Center for Burma Studies in 1988, the Burma holdings at NIU have grown a great deal. With the support of Burma Project: Open Society Institute, New York and the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, and through a collection development grant from the Henry Luce Foundation, the curator made an acquisition trip to Thailand and Burma in 1996. As a result of this trip, the University Libraries acquired nearly 1,100 titles as gifts from the Universities’ Central Library, and purchased 850 titles, 29 videos, and one CD.

Holdings of the Collection

Today, the Collection has more than 75,000 volumes, primarily in the social sciences and humanities. Additionally, the collection contains 766 current periodical subscriptions, including 11 English and vernacular newspapers; over 3,000 microforms, including 7,000 Indonesian microfiches; and 13,300 pamphlets. The Collection holdings are unified in a section of the library specially reserved for materials on Southeast Asia, making them easily accessible. All of the monographs and most other materials in the collection have been fully cataloged, and online holdings records are accessible to readers world-wide through Illinet Online and OCLC World Catalog.

Compared to other SEA countries, very few materials in English are published on Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, and Laos. Selections of all published titles for Burma and some materials for the rest of the above countries (in English and other European languages) have been funded since 1990 by a Luce Foundation grant which is administered by the Director of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies. The Center for Southeast Asian Studies’ ability to obtain outside funding has been instrumental in preserving the quality of the Collection. The Bennett Donation, Library of Congress gifts, and several other occasional gifts of important personal library collections of Burmese materials have allowed the Center for Southeast Asian Studies to divert approximately $100,000, which otherwise would have been spent on Burmese publications, to other areas of the Southeast Asia Collection.

Southeast Asia Special Collection

A number of rare items on Southeast Asia are housed in the Rare Books and Special Collections Department of Founders Memorial Library. To name a few are the King Chulalongkorn edition of Tipitaka, Siam 250 years ago: A description of the Kingdom of Siam, written in 1636, by Joost Schouten; the first printed book on the Burmese alphabet titled Alphabetum Barmanum sev bomanum Regni Avae finitimarumque regionum. Romae: Typis Sacra Congregationis de Propaganda Fide, 1776; palm leaf manuscript on Kyaw Aung San Tha Sayadaw’s Abhidhan Nissaya [1765] dictionary; some of the earliest travel books titled Relation du voyage en Moscovie, Tartarie, et Perse: avgmentee en cette novvelle edition de plus d’un tiers, & artcutterement d’une seconde partie contenant le voyage de Jean Albert de Mandelslo aux Indes Orientales. Paris: Jean du Puis, 1666; Journal du voyage de Siam fait en 1685. & 1686. 2. éd. Paris: S. Mabre-Cramoisy, 1687; and last but not least, Aventures d’un gentilhomme breton aux iles...
Collection also supports the library needs of Southeast Asian students who are enrolled at NIU. The Southeast Asia Collection Office maintains regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Reference services are handled as they arise either in person or by telephone, interlibrary loan, or email. Additionally, reference service by appointment is available on weekends for visitors from other parts of the U.S. and the world.

The explosion of electronic technology has changed access to information for other areas of study dramatically. However, electronic technology in Southeast Asian countries (particularly Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, the Philippines, and Vietnam) is still not well advanced. Currently, very few resources are available in CD-ROM format. Therefore, to support instructional and research functions of the Centers, SEA collection staff compile holding lists of reference materials; dissertations, newspapers, and other out-of-print materials on microform; and bibliographies on different countries in Southeast Asia, such as Checklist of Southeast Asian Materials on Microform, Holding list of Reference Materials in Southeast Asia Collection, Bibliography of Books and Articles on Burma: 1988-1998, etc.

In recent years, the Internet has opened a whole new realm of information. It is also increasingly a repository for academic and research materials. However, the quality of Internet sites on Burma, Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam is very limited and the publishing industries in those countries are not well developed. On the other hand, quite a number of sources are available on the Internet posted by businesses and individuals outside those countries. Selected sites are listed under the NIU Libraries web page. See:

http://libws66.lib.niu.edu/

Southeast Asia Collection librarians now monitor the Internet for newly emerging information sources. The liaison program was founded with the express intent that librarians would work with specific departments. The aim is to further effective selection and collection-building decisions as well as to offer

Map Collection
The Map Library in Davis Hall has a wealth of maps and atlases, including those representing ethno-linguistic groups; administrative and political divisions; land utilization, showing fertile lands, swamps, uncultivated land, forests and lagoons; as well as nautical, navigational, demographic, economic, and geological charts on Southeast Asia.

Microforms Collection
A comprehensive collection of primary sources and out of print books on microfiche housed in the Microforms Department of Founders Memorial Library. This Collection also includes master’s theses and doctoral dissertations, gazetteers, periodicals, and several titles of newspapers on microfilm and microcards, as well as films, slides and videos on Southeast Asia.

Music Collection
The Music Library in the Music Building maintains Southeast Asian songs and music in the form of sound recordings, audiocassettes, and CDs.

Reference Services
Library holdings for both Island and Mainland Southeast Asia support NIU instructional programs at the undergraduate, graduate, and Ph.D. levels. The Southeast Asia Collection also supports the library needs of Southeast Asian students who are enrolled at NIU. The Southeast Asia Collection Office maintains regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Reference services are handled as they arise either in person or by telephone, interlibrary loan, or email. Additionally, reference service by appointment is available on weekends for visitors from other parts of the U.S. and the world.

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The SEA librarians also work closely with Committee on Research Materials on Southeast Asia (CORMOSEA), Southeast Asia Microform (SEAM), and with various consortia from American and Southeast Asian universities for pooling resources. The library’s commitment to the acquisitions program is considerable. It also supports travel for the SEA librarians to collect materials in Southeast Asia and for participating in the relevant committees at the Association for Asian Studies’ annual meetings. The Southeast Asia Collection staff is dedicated to doing everything within its power to maintain the highest quality collection and services for the users.

**The Donn V. Hart Endowment Fund**
The Endowment was established in 1983 to strengthen the existing Collection. The annual income from this fund is made available for the purchase of materials for the Collection. Contributions to the Donn V. Hart Endowment Fund are welcome. Please feel free to contact the Southeast Asia Collection Office at (815) 753-1809.

May Kyi Win, Curator
Southeast Asia Collection

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The Book Rack of St. Charles, owned by Gail Czajka, has joined the Friends of NIU Libraries as a corporate member. Now, Friends members who present their membership ID’s at the time of purchase will receive a 10% discount on all used books. The Book Rack is located at 410 South First Street in St. Charles, Illinois. They carry a wide variety of new and used books, all at discounted prices.

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The Friends of the Northern Illinois University Libraries provide support to the libraries in many ways. Membership dues are placed in an endowment fund, the interest income from which is used for the purchase of books and materials the libraries could not otherwise afford.

The Friends hold a program series every academic year with a variety of speakers on interesting topics. These programs are free to members and their guests. Every April, the Friends hold their Annual Book Sale. Books that are donated to the library for the book sale are sold to the public. Proceeds from this event are placed in the endowment fund. We are very proud of our Friends group because their activities benefit and strengthen our libraries and the University. If you are already a Friend, please share this newsletter with a friend or colleague, or consider giving a membership in the Friends as a gift.

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**Member News**

**Lynne Waldeland**, longtime Friends’ supporter and library advocate, was named interim provost by President LaTourette. Her appointment will begin June 1, 1999 upon J. Carroll Moody’s retirement, and will be effective until July 1, 2000.


**Welcome New Members!**

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