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As of this date there are 206 of us, and we continue to be unusually active both as an association and as an interest group (see the Bulletins for this issue).

While no subject was selected as a central topic for the current issue, a vital issue seems to have emerged of its own accord and that is the appreciation of and concern for Nepalese art, architecture and artifacts. This is reflected in Dr. Slusser's talk during the First Regional Seminar of the NSA in Pittsburgh, in Mr. Gutschow's report of the restoration of Pujahari Math, and especially in the pen and ink drawing by Sally Tomlinson which appears on our cover.

Another matter of importance to NSA members (to judge from our correspondence) is a need for bibliographic information. In response to this we have included a list of bibliographies about or related to Nepal in this issue.

This is the last issue which will be produced by your present editorial staff. We wish to thank the NSA members who have helped us in our efforts. Until a new editor is appointed please address all correspondence to: The Center for South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley, California 94720 (U.S.A.).

A reminder to those members who have not paid dues for the current academic year: your subscription ends with this issue (unless you pay in Rupees in which case we have not yet established a collection point). Please send dues to: John Hitchcock, Anthropology Department, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin 53706 (U.S.A.)
Executive Committee Election
An election for three new members of the NSA Executive Committee is presently taking place, and a ballot has been enclosed with your Newsletter. In order to vote for the candidates of your choice, please mark your ballot as instructed thereon and return to the address given on the ballot before July 15, 1973. This date has been selected to take into account possible postal delays and to ensure that all NSA members will have an equal voice in electing the new members of the Executive Committee.

The members of the Executive Committee who are presently serving are:

Serving until 1974:
Barry Bishop (Geography, University of Michigan)
Bhuwan Lal Joshi (Psychology, University of California, Santa Cruz)
Willi Unsoeld (Philosophy, Evergreen College, Olympia Washington)

Serving until 1975:
Merrill Goodall (Public Administration, Claremont Graduate School, Claremont, California)
John Hitchcock (Anthropology, University of Wisconsin)
Prakash Upreti (Anthropology, University of Wisconsin)

NSA First Regional Conference (Pittsburgh, April 27-29, 1973)
Dr. Robert Norman reports that this conference, which was intended to bring together Nepal experts, Nepali nationals living in the United States, and those interested in Nepal, for the purpose of exchanging ideas, was "a very informal meeting with enthusiastic participation by all". The 30 Nepalis and 45 Americans who attended came from points as far away as Canada and North Carolina, Massachusetts, Minnesota and Kentucky.

A key event was a talk by Mary Slusser on Nepalese art and architecture, in which she stressed the need for Nepalis to develop more experts in the understanding and protection of their own artifacts, which are rapidly being lost. The Nepalis can, she said, provide a kind of expertise that no outsider can. She noted that she was much helped in her research by Nepali scholars who were able to read the ancient inscriptions and provide other valuable knowledge.
Dr. Slusser's talk was scheduled as part of the workshops and discussion groups which constituted the main activity of the conference. The four major workshops (with their chairmen) were:

- **Optimum Development** (Barry Bishop and Vishwa Shukla)
- **New Educational Plans** (Douglas Hall and Kul Chandra Gautam)
- **Research in Nepal** (Prakash Upreti)
- **Politics in Nepal** (Kunjar Mani Sharma)

John Hitchcock adds his impressions:

A more complete and formal report on the First Regional Conference of the Nepal Studies Association will be reaching you through the Newsletter, but while the impression still is vivid in my mind, I wanted to let you know what a thoroughly enjoyable, valuable and rewarding conference it was, and because this might not appear in the report, how very much we owe to Bob Norman and those who helped him: Roger Cranse, Rich Pfau, Yader Thapa, Bob Kambie and Mrs. Cone. Their efforts and the outcome more than justified the sum provided by The Ford Foundation through the AAS. We strengthened our understanding of one another's problems, learned of new research, stimulated thought about new directions for scholarly cooperation, worried about development and its cost - in short, we educated one another and in a spirit of openness and good will. It was great.

Programs in Nepal Studies

**Nepal Studies at the Claremont Graduate School**

*A limited number of graduate courses related to Nepal are offered at the Claremont Graduate School in California. Courses in Nepali language are taught by Professor Hans C. Ruyter, whose doctoral degree is from Leiden. A bibliographical seminar on South Asian studies, with attention given to Nepal, is taught by Professor Richard Wheeler. Graduate courses on bureaucracy and social change are taught by Professor Merrill R. Goodall. A considerable number of courses focus on South Asia (in economics, history, religion, political science) with some attention to Nepal.*

Two Nepali graduate students have earned doctoral degrees with dissertations based on research in Nepal (in economics and public administration). Four dissertations are now in progress, one dealing with revenue administration, a second concerning Nepal's use of public corporations for developmental purposes,
a third attempting an assessment of the activities of foreign experts assigned to Nepal, and a fourth being a biographical study of Tanka Prasad Acharya.

Fourteen students from Nepal have earned M.A. degrees at CGS in such fields as public administration, economics, international relations, and history. Other Nepali students have been awarded certificates of completion of study. Two of the Nepali M.A. graduates are presently employed by the United Nations. Two work at CEDA. Most serve in His Majesty's Government. One, a former Finance Secretary, is vice president of the Canadian International Development Research Agency.

Five Claremont Graduate School faculty have had professional responsibilities, including research, teaching, and advisory assignments in Nepal, beginning as early as 1952. Their fields of specialization have been public administration, art history, literature, botany, and civil engineering. A former professor at Claremont Men's College, who is also a Pomona College graduate, is currently director of US/AID in Kathmandu and another Pomona College graduate, an anthropologist, is a long-time member of the United Nations mission in Kathmandu. US/AID has employed other CGS graduates mainly in educational activities. The ties between Claremont and Nepal were solidified by visits of the president of the Claremont Graduate School to Nepal. Two Claremont medical doctors have had duty tours in Shanta Bhawan Hospital.

Formal instruction in Nepal-related topics has been supplemented by the stay in Claremont of His Majesty's Government civil servants, by UN advisors who have completed assignments in Nepal, and by many Nepali educators, including possibly a majority of the country's college principals.

The Graduate School, though independently administered, is one of the six Claremont Colleges, which include Scrippps, Pomona, Claremont Men's College, Harvey Mudd and Pitzer Colleges.

Nepali Language at the University of Wisconsin
John Hitchcock writes to say: "Enquiries have been made about the possibility of a summer program in Nepali at Wisconsin. Krishna Pradhan, an experienced and outstandingly good Nepali teacher, is willing to give a very intensive eight week course. The cost would be $200, and could be reduced if a sufficient number enroll. Administrative problems make it impossible to give academic credit for the course, but in ability to speak the language the summer's work will provide the equivalent of two semesters' training. For information please write:
New ERA Announces A Science Education Development Program
The New Educational Reform Associates, Inc. of Kathmandu, Nepal and Concord, New Hampshire, announce the signing of its first technical assistance contract with USAID/Nepal. Under this program, Science Advisor Mr. Peter Cross has begun work in His Majesty's Government Curriculum Development Center, helping to develop a basic research program to guide future science curriculum development work, and also to analyze the experimental Science Teaching Enrichment Programme (STEP) so that the implications of that program for the teaching of science under the new Educational System Plan may be identified.

The America-Nepal Society
Marcia Gregg, Secretary of the America-Nepal Society writes to describe the Society's goals and activities:

The American Nepal Society is in its sixth year and is primarily a bi-national friendship society. We meet five or six times a year during the winter in the Washington area for Nepal-related lectures, cultural shows, and films. At present our membership of 200 is about a third Nepali. Although three-fourths of our members are in the Washington area, we mail our newsletter to many countries other than the U.S. and Nepal.

She adds that the outgoing president of the Society, Harold Smock, and four members of its executive committee attended the NSA regional conference in Pittsburgh and "are most happy for the experience".

The address of the America-Nepal Society is 2001 Woodberry Street, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782. Their newly elected president is Donald Reese, whose address is 2030 F Street N.W., Washington D.C. 20006.

Restoration of the Pujahari Math in Bhaktapur
Niels Gutschow has sent us a report of a joint German-Nepali restoration project in Nepal: the Pujahari Math in Bhaktapur. We present some excerpts from this report:

The restoration of a historical building was carried out for the first time in Nepal with German assistance between September 1971 and May 1972. On the occasion of the wedding of the Nepalese crownprince and present king
HRH Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Deva the Federal Government of Germany made an official gift which was tied to the restoration of the Pujahari Math in Bhaktapur. A group of architects from Darmstadt was invited by the Foreign Office of the Federal Government to carry out the restoration work.

The majority of the monuments now threatened by decay originated in the cultural era of the Tibeto-Burmese Newars who founded in the first millennium A.D. three cities in the valley of Kathmandu. The valley flourished in the three city states Kathmandu, Patan and Bhaktapur under the rule of the Malla kings (13th-18th century)....The Pujahari Math was the most important Math (a "Math" is a landed socio-religious institution which assists the poor, provides education, cares for the sick [collection of herbs] and gives shelter to itinerant preachers) in the Kingdom of Bhaktapur. It has four daughter Maths in the vicinity and other buildings in the city proper. There are about 15 other Maths in Bhaktapur. Seven alone have their houses on Dattatreya Square.

Major damage at the Pujahari Math is due to humidity....Greatest damage, however, resulted from lacking maintenance of the roof. A heavy earthquake in 1934 destroyed completely the south-eastern part of the building. All roofs had to be newly covered. Years of legal disputes about the ownership of the Math led to neglect of maintenance of the building, so that the upper floor beams also rotted. Floors rotted. Additional damage was caused by pest infestation which attacked mainly younger timber.

The process of restoration is described in detail, with photographs, floor plans and maps in brochures which are available from Mr. Gutschow (61 Darmstadt, Wienerstrasse 60, Germany). Mr. Gutschow notes: "The skill of the Newar craftsmen contributed considerably to the success of the project." The residential part of the building has been made accessible to the population, while its ritual use remains unchanged on the ground and third floors. Mr. Gutschow concludes by discussing problems involved in monument conservation in Nepal, as well as plans for further projects.

Ford Fellowship Awarded to Minto J. Thapa

Minto J. Thapa, a doctoral candidate in the Claremont Graduate School, has been awarded a Ford area research fellowship for dissertation study in Nepal. Mr. Thapa, a graduate of the London School of Economics, will survey the administrative system of Nepal and its receptivity to change.
NEW MEMBERS

1. Dipendra P. Bisht, P.O. Box 627, Athens, Ohio 45701, states his major interest as being in developmental economics and family planning.

2. S. Clark Choffy, Department of Political Science, Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, Missouri 63701, is interested in the diplomatic relations of Nepal and also in the Vajrayana practices among the Buddhist communities of the Kathmandu Valley. He has undertaken the study of the Nepali language along with Tibetan in anticipation of visiting Nepal in a few years.

3. Niels Gutschow, Darmstadt 61, Wienerstrasse 60, Germany; is "studying problems related to the history of town-building in the valley of Kathmandu (Newar settlements) and analyzing the town plans (especially Bhaktapur) by investigating rituals and festivals which take place within the public space". As an architect, he has also done restoration work in Bhaktapur on the Pujahari Math (see Bulletins, p. 5, in the Newsletter).

4. Milton S. Hicks, 4653 Drummond Drive, Vancouver 8, B.C. Canada; is interested "in the area of artistic recording of the art and architecture of Nepal in terms of the UNESCO Policy of the Preservation of Cultural Heritage. The application of this interest is in the production of audio-visual presentations, television programs and in the publication of the material in Art Book format". He did a four month study of the medieval temple architecture of the Newars.

5. Tulasi R. Joshi, Fairmont State College, Fairmont, West Virginia 26554; has spent considerable time engaged in research in Nepal, focussing mainly on problems of urban and regional development. He also plans to write a regional geography of Nepal. He lists publications.

6. Malcolm J. Odell, Jr., Shirley Center, Massachusetts 01465, worked with the Peace Corps in Nepal from 1962-66. He has continued "personal interest and involvement in Nepal; including assistance to Sherpa Trekking Service". His scholarly interest includes teaching Nepali and Nepal studies, and training development administrators and family planning trainers from Asia and Africa, including Nepal.
7. Valworth R. Plumb, University of Minnesota, Duluth, Minnesota 55812; worked as an Educational Consultant to Tribhuvan University during 1967-68 and the summer of 1970. His "interest in Nepal focuses on Nepalese education, and its potential development in directions which will be in harmony with the overall developmental objectives of the Kingdom".

8. R. Radhakrishnan, Department of Linguistics, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2N 1N4; has a scholarly interest in linguistically oriented study of the Newari language.

9. John W. Smith, Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn, Michigan 48128; conducted interviewing on political and economic integration in Kathmandu and Pokhara during the summer of 1971. "Politics and geo-politics, e.g. integration studies" is his main interest.

10. John W. Terry, Department of History, Clairvaux College, Upper Mount Gravatt, Queensland 4122, Australia; is "interested in studying the impact of change on the traditional Nepalese normative patterns and the manner in which adherence to these value orientations of the past is being challenged by a modernization process fostered by post-Rana administrations".

11. Susan Vogelsang, 1631 La Venda Road, Berkeley, California 94709; lived in Nepal from 1965-67. She is working towards her M.A. in Asian Studies and hopes to "work in an international capacity of some kind allowing me to spend time in Asia".

12. Carol Cate Webster, 644 N. Indian Blvd., Claremont, California 91711; is interested in the political development in South Asia in general and political socialization in India, Pakistan, and Nepal in specific. She hopes to conduct research in this field in Nepal.

Questionnaires from the following members of NSA have yet to be viewed or were received too late for this issue:

1. Richard N. L. Andrews, School of Natural Resources, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

2. Martha M. Bateson, 803 E Eagle Heights, Madison, Wisconsin 53705

3. Peter Calkins, 120 Catherine Street, Ithaca, N.Y. 14850

4. Mary Ann Chase, 34-503 North McKinley, Athens, Ohio 45701
5. Tim DeYoung, 612 East 6th Street, Claremont, Calif. 91711
6. Sloane Dugan, 115 College Place, Syracuse, N.Y. 13210
7. Russell Gregg, 2001 Woodberry St., Hyattsville, Md. 20782
8. Hem B. Hamal, Department of Social Science, Community and Family Studies Center, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill. 60637
10. Prem K. Kasaju, Maharajgonj, Bansbari, Kathmandu, Nepal
11. Susan Kling, Rm. 210, South Asia Press, USIA, Washington, D.C. 20457
13. Prahlad K. Manandhar, 212 Northwood Circle, Durham, N.C. 27701
14. Andrew Manzardo, Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisc. 53706
15. Beatrice and Robert Miller, Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisc. 53706
16. Edna Mitchell, Department of Education, Mills College, Oakland, Calif. 94600
17. Paul Naragon, Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisc. 53706
19. Krishna Bhai Pradhan, 1922 Regent St., Madison, Wisc. 53705
20. Kali Prasad Rijal, Land Tenure Center, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisc. 53706
21. Mrs. Cindy Rose, School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisc. 53706
22. Prof. D. Seyfort Ruegg, Department of Asian Languages, University of Washington, Thomson Hall DR-05, Seattle, Wash. 98195

23. Rabindra Shakya, 102 B Eagle Heights, Madison, Wisc. 53705

24. Anil Sharma, 935 C Eagle Heights, Madison, Wisc. 53705

25. Kunjar Sharma, 1976 Beech St., Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

26. Madhav Sharma, c/o Jack Kolb, 99 St. Mark’s Place, N.Y., N.Y. 10009

27. Shib P. Sharma, Department of Agricultural Education, Old Host. Bldg., University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minn. 55101


29. Mohan Shrestha, Department of Geography, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio 43403

30. Barry D. Silver, 11959 Texas Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90025

31. Meera S. Singh, 319 Huntington Ave. No. 4, Boston, Mass. 02115

32. Vijai P. Singh, Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15260

33. Harold L. Smock, 10507 Greenacres Dr., Silver Spring, Md. 20903

34. Minto J. Thapa, Claremont Graduate School, 1111 Dartmouth, Apt. 222, Claremont, Calif. 91711

35. Ram Prakash Yadav, 120 Catherine St., Ithaca, N.Y. 14850

Other members or organizations on our mailing list:

1. Cecile Panzer, Library and Documentation Unit, Harry S. Truman Research Institute, Mount Scopus, Jerusalem
2. Dr. Richard Park, South Asia Regional Council,  
   130 Lane Hall, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48108

3. South/Southeast Asia Library Services, 438 Library,  
   University of California, Berkeley, Calif. 94720

Changes of address:

1. William F. Danielson, 6635 Swenson Way, Sacramento, Calif. 95831

2. Alan E. Dieffenbach, P.O. Box 722, Kathmandu, Nepal

3. David Henkel, 147-F Sembawane Road, Singapore 27


5. Mohan Man Sainju, CEDA, P.O. Box 797, Kirtipur, Kathmandu, Nepal
PUBLICATIONS

Publications of the Centre for Economic Development and Administration

Mr. G. Standrod, CEDA Librarian, announces publication of the second issue of NEPAL DOCUMENTATION. This is an occasional bibliography series which appears twice a year, covering social science and development aspects of Nepal. Both Issues No. 1 and No. 2 are available at $4.00 per copy. Orders should be addressed to:

Librarian
Documentation Centre
Centre for Economic Development and Administration
(Tribhuvan University Campus - Kirtipur)
P.O. Box #797
Kathmandu, Nepal

(The reader should also note that a list of bibliographies about Nepal has been compiled for this issue of the Newsletter, and may be found on page 14.)

Two other CEDA reports of note that have been published recently are:


Joshi, Nanda Lall. EVOLUTION OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN NEPAL. CEDA, 1972. 110 pp. mimeo.

Historical and Cultural Dictionary of Nepal

Basil and Anne Hedrick of Southern Illinois University announce the publication of Volume No. 2 in the series, HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL DICTIONARIES OF ASIA, entitled HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL DICTIONARY OF NEPAL. This work "combines historical and cultural facts and figures, with special emphasis on the cultural aspects—particularly the religious area, with other useful information to provide a balanced view of the beautiful but baffling cultural melting pot known as Nepal."

"The compilers have provided objective information about persons, places, events, geographical and political divisions, contemporary and past governmental information and the most
recent statistical information in an alphabetical arrange-
ment, with frequent cross-referencing. A substantial bib-
liography...is appended."

This work is published by the Scarecrow Press, Inc., P.O.
Box 656, Metuchen, N.J. 08840.

Phonology of Tamang
The following information has been received from Dr. E.
Dartiguenave of the Centre de Documentation Sciences Humaines,
Paris (as translated):

You asked about more specific information regarding the
publication date for Martine Mazaudon's dissertation
(PHONOLOGIE DU TAMANG, University of Paris V, 1971).
This dissertation will be reproduced in offset within
three months. You will be able to request it from
S.E.L.A.F. (5 Rue de Marseille, 75010 Paris) who are
supervising the reproduction; I believe it will be possible
for you to obtain a copy.

This dissertation is in French.
NEPAL BIBLIOGRAPHIES

The following list of bibliographies about Nepal has been included in response to the many requests for bibliographic information which we have received in recent months.

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2. NEPAL DOCUMENTATION. Center for Economic Development and Administration, P.O. Box 797, Kathmandu, Nepal, 1973. This is an occasional bibliography which appears twice a year, covering social science and development aspects of Nepal. Issues Nos. 1 and 2 are now available at $4.00 per copy (See Publications, p. , in the Newsletter).

3. Fisher, Margaret. SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY OF SOURCE MATERIALS FOR NEPAL. Institute of International Studies, University of California, Berkeley, California 94720. Lists bibliographic references to a variety of subjects pertaining to Nepal; History, Politics, Sociology, Religion, Anthropology, Linguistics, Public Health, to name a few.

4. Kambara, Tatsu. NEPAL BIBLIOGRAPHY. 444, 3-Chome, Den'enchufu, Ohtaku, Tokyo, 1959. 121p. The category of this bibliography is extended to all literatures expressly written on Nepal, or those on adjoining countries such as India, Tibet, Sikkim or the district of Kumaun, so far as some important descriptions of Nepal have been provided.

5. LINGUISTIC AND ANTHROPOLOGICAL BIBLIOGRAPHY. Summer Institute of Linguistics, Institute of Nepal and Asiatic Studies, Tribhuvan University, Box 115, Kirtipur, Kathmandu, Nepal, November 1972. 11 l. mimeo. This is a record of all articles and monographs written by members of the Nepal-India Branch of the Summer Institute of Linguistics. It is also a
record of articles and monographs written or published in conjunction with, or under the auspices of, SIL relating to Nepal and India.


7. Wood, Hugh. NEPAL BIBLIOGRAPHY. The American-Nepal Education Foundation, Eugene, Oregon, 1959. This bibliography is the first of a series of studies to be sponsored by the Central Library, which was established through the cooperative efforts of the Ministry of Education of His Majesty's Government of Nepal, and the University of Oregon, acting for the U.S. Operations Mission.
BIBLIOGRAPHY

Supplement to "Dissertations on Nepal"*

These are additional references for Nepal-related dissertations, supplementary to those published in Newsletter No. 3.


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3. Fisher, James F. TRANS-HIMALAYAN TRADERS: ECONOMY, SOCIETY, AND CULTURE IN NORTHWEST NEPAL. Chicago (Anthropology), 1972. The fieldwork was conducted in Dolpa District, Dhaulagiri Zone, from 1968-70.


5. Ludwar, Gudrun. SOME ASPECTS OF PROCESSES OF SOCIALIZATION AMONG THE TIBETAN REFUGEES IN KATHMANDU AND DHORPATAN. Sudasien-Institut, Heidelberg, W. Germany, Spring, 1973. The field work was carried out in 1971-72.

6. Michl, Wolf. SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHANGES AMONG THE CHHANTAL, WEST NEPAL. Sudasien-Institut, Heidelberg, W. Germany, Spring, 1973. The field work was done in 1971-72 in an area to the south of Dhaulagiri Himal. The thesis is focused on the change in inter-ethnic relations, agricultural methods etc., which has been in process since the copper mines were closed down.


**Dissertation Work in Progress**

This list includes proposed dissertations and dissertations for which research is currently in progress.


3. Messerschmidt, Don. RESEARCH AMONG THE GURUNGS OF NORTHERN LAMJUNG, WITH PARTICULAR FOCUS ON SOCIAL STATUS, CONFLICT AND CHANGE. Oregon (Anthropology). Fieldwork was done from September 1971 to November 1972 in Lamjung.


5. Winkler, Walter. THE CASTE SYSTEM OF WESTERN NEPAL. Wisconsin (Anthropology). Research presently in progress in Baitadi and Doti (to be completed this summer).