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I. NEPAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION NEWS

Report on Recent NSA Election Results

Robert Norman, NSA Secretary-Treasurer reports:

The following persons have been elected to the Executive Committee. Their terms run until December 1977. Each received 32 votes apiece (a 3-way tie) in the recent elections:

- James Fisher (Anthropology, Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota)
- John Scholz (Political Science, University of California, Berkeley)
- Donald A. Messerschmidt (Anthropology and Education, Abt Assoc., Inc. of Cambridge, Mass., and Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio)

On-going members serving until December 1966:

- Robert Norman (Urban Studies, University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania)
- Bekh Bahadur Thapa (Minister of State for Finance, HMG, Nepal)

On-going members serving until December 1975:

- Merrill Goodall (Public Administration, Claremont Graduate School, Claremont, California)
- John Hitchcock (Anthropology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin)
- Prakash Upreti (Anthropology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin)
The Executive Committee commends the three outgoing members of the committee for their fine work over the past three years: Barry Bishop, William F. Unsoeld, and Bhuwan Lal Joshi.

Three Constitutional Amendments Ratified

1. An Amendment to give the Executive Committee the authority to set the annual dues was approved with only six (6) dissenting votes. The Constitution previously read:

   "Annual dues are three dollars or three rupees, in accordance with a member's principal source of income."

This sentence has been struck, and Item #11 under "Other Functions of the Executive Committee" has been added, to read:

   "Deciding what dues must be charged for membership in the Association."

Note: The Executive Committee has decided that annual dues be raised from $3 or Rs.3 to $5 or Rs.5. Institutional membership fees will be decided in the near future (i.e. with those institutions not on a reciprocal exchange of bulletins arrangement). It has been tentatively set at $10 per year.

2. An Amendment to invite the NSA Bulletin editor to sit as an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee was overwhelmingly approved. (Under current conditions, the new Editor is also a newly elected Executive Committeeman; this may not always be the case, and has not been the case in the past, hence the efficacy of this change.) It reads:

   "Amendment I: In order to coordinate NSA Bulletin activities with official NSA policies, the Bulletin Editor will sit as an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee, finances permitting."

3. An Amendment to empower incorporation of the Association was approved with only two (2) dissenting votes. It reads:

   "Amendment II: The Executive Committee is empowered to incorporate the Nepal Studies Association (under the title Nepal Studies Association, Inc.) if it seems advisable to the Committee."

[Editor's Note: Amendment I was passed by the membership in 1974. Final date for receipt of ballots for new Executive Committee members and for Amendment II and Function #11 was January 15, 1975. A total of seventy (70) ballots were received and counted.]

NSA Financial Report

NSA Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Norman, reports:

1. The Ford Foundation grant - These monies originally totaling $46,800 have been totally expended except for funds specifically granted for the Nepali Humanities Seminar to be held in Kathmandu. (For details see report to Ford Foundation, Grant No. 720-0450. Funds were expended per the original budget request submitted by the NSA.)

2. NSA Dues Budget-
   Bank account (April 1, 1975) $861.12
   Allocated for NSA Bulletin 200.00
   Expenses (as reported at Carbondale Conference) 48.95
   Total available as of April 1, 1975 861.12
Comment on Funding and Dues

As reported above and per the last Newsletter (#7, Dec. 1974), the generous grant which sustained the NSA for the past several years has run out, and for the immediate future we must count on membership dues to support the Bulletin and other activities. Dues have been raised to $5 (Rs. 5 in Nepal) and if you have not yet submitted your dues for 1975, please do so to Professor Robert T. Norman, Graduate School of Public & International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213 USA.

One visible result of our current low level of financial support is the Bulletin. It has been reduced to two issues annually (June and December), and its format has been reduced somewhat for economy.

"Bulletin" replaces "Newsletter"

Since its initial inception in March 1972, the NSA Newsletter has changed considerably and has, in effect, come of age. To reflect its maturity and its scholarly focus, this editor and his predecessor, John Scholz, have for some time considered changing its name to something more formal than "Newsletter." In consultation with university librarians, we have both been told that the title "Newsletter" tends to be equated with gossip, while the term "Bulletin" is more formal and academic. In recent consultation with members of the Executive Committee, it has been decided that the change is due. Henceforth, this NSA publication will be known officially as the NSA Bulletin.

A closely related association, the Tibet Society, publishes both a Newsletter (news about membership) and a Bulletin (academic and scholarly news, articles, reviews, and commentary, et cetera). It is the intention of this Editor that the NSA Bulletin will serve both interests and combine both membership news and scholarly material in one format.

New NSA Bulletin Editor

This is my first edition as the new editor of the NSA Bulletin. I submit the following introduction 'for the record': I am a social scientist with primary interests in the Anthropology of Nepal, Anthropology and Education, and Socio-Cultural Change. I have resided more than five years in Nepal, as a Peace Corps Volunteer (1963-1965), as a teacher at Lincoln School, Kathmandu (1965-1967), as a tour and trek leader (Mountain Travel, 1968), and in the pursuit of Ph.D. dissertation research (1971-1972). My personal interests extend from Himalayan and South Asian Anthropology to Education, the Humanities, the Arts, et cetera. It is my intention as Editor to maintain a policy encouraging all scholarly and academic interests in Nepal among the membership. I will welcome and encourage all comments and submissions to the Bulletin, as it will be ineffectual without member support.

Need for Corresponding Editors

The Bulletin needs "Corresponding Editors" from around the world. Mr. Gabriel Campbell, Executive Director of the U.S. Education Foundation in Nepal has agreed to serve that function for Nepal news and information during his tenure in that office. Of course, news from other persons, organizations, and associations in Nepal are always welcome and will be acknowledged with publication.

Needed are "Corresponding Editors" for Britain and the European Continent. Corresponding Editors will be encouraged to coordinate miscellaneous NSA related business (membership, etc.), in addition to supplying the Editor with information for publication.
NSA Representation on the South Asia Regional Council, AAS.

The South Asia Regional Council of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) has announced new appointments to the Council as of March, 1975, at the AAS annual meetings in San Francisco. Since the formation of the six SARC area committees, the Nepal Committee membership has paralleled the current membership of the NSA Executive Committee. The following Executive Committee members, as U.S. residents, have been officially designated by the Council to represent the NSA: James Fisher, Merrill Goodall, John T. Hitchcock, Robert T. Norman, Prakash Upreti, and Donald A. Messerschmidt.

II. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THE MEMBERSHIP

Call for Book Reviews

The Editor wishes to publish scholarly book reviews of major publications in all professional fields of interest to the membership, e.g. Economics, Art, Development, Anthropology, Linguistics, Political Science, Geography, etc. Competent reviews will be accepted, and published in forthcoming issues of the NSA Bulletin. Prospective book review authors are requested to send their name, address, present position, professional interests and competencies, and, if relevant, a list of pertinent publications in the same or similar field as the book being reviewed.

Some recent books which need reviews in this Bulletin are:

Fürer-Haimendorf, C. von, 1974, Contributions to the Anthropology of Nepal...
Hitchcock and Jones, 1975, Spirit Possession in the Nepal Himalayas...
Jan Pieper, 1974, Die Anglo-Indische Station...
Karmay, Heather, 1975, Early Sino-Tibetan Art...
Philip Denwood, 1974, The Tibetan Carpet...
Auer and Gutschow, 1974, Bhaktapur... [see BIBLIOGRAPHY below for full citations of these works]

Other past publications needing reviewers:


Reviews of other publications will be gladly received. / The Editor.
Call for Current Bibliographies

The Editor wishes to publish current annotated bibliographies on topics of general and specific interest to the membership. The bibliographies should be of professional interest, with short comments about their content and relevancy. They must be complete (i.e. with full title, author, date and other publication information).

Contributors may wish to narrow a specific field to "selected references" or to a specific time frame ("recent," "1950 to present," et cetera). Some suggested bibliographies in Anthropology, for example, might cover the literature on a particular caste or ethnic group, or of a cross-cultural topic such as trade networks, political systems, funerary customs, et cetera. Bibliographies on Economic Development, History, Political Science, Geography, and Anthropology in Nepal are especially encouraged. If you have a specific request or suggestion send it to the Editor.

Many of our members maintain current bibliographic files. Others might well benefit from them. If you wish to submit a bibliography list, but have little time to prepare annotations for each item, a partially annotated list will do. With each contribution, send your name, address, position, and any comments about the nature of the bibliographic list.

Call for Course Outlines & Descriptions

A great many of the members teach at the public school, college, and graduate levels. An exchange of course outlines relevant to Nepal, outlines which are tried and proven in the classroom, would be welcomed by many of our readers. The Editor is willing to publish complete course outlines on subjects of interest to Nepal & Himalayan specialists: Himalayan Art, Philosophy & Religion, Anthropology, Economic Development, Political Systems, History, Ethnomusicology, et cetera. If your particular interest or course outline is more inclusive (e.g. a course on South Asia, including Nepal and Tibet) but includes material significant to our membership interests, send it along. We are not all blessed with large enough programs to narrow course offerings too specifically.

With your outline, send an introductory comment detailing the nature of the course and its intended audience (educational level: e.g. elementary, high school, undergraduate, graduate), a statement of general objectives, the outline, and your list of readings and other media materials required and/or suggested. Include your name, address, and teaching position.

More on The Evergreen State College Study Program in Nepal

The Evergreen State College (Olympia, Washington) Nepal Study Program is expected to comprise 20 students, involved over a six quarter span. The program is designed as the logical culmination to four years of undergraduate study. It begins with two quarters of study, half of which will involve the whole group in a general Nepalese studies program. The other half will be spent developing and learning specific area study or research skills, of interest to each student.

The group expects to arrive in Nepal in July, 1975, and will spend the first two months on intensive Nepali language studies. The remainder of the time in Nepal, approximately three quarters, will be spent pursuing independent study and research in the specific area of interest developed earlier. The program culminates with each student's presentation of an acceptable thesis to appropriate interest groups in Nepal, to the Evergreen college, and to faculty involved in the program.

Suggested area emphases include: history, medicine, anthropology, ethnomusicology, political science, education, geography, theology/philosophy, sociology, economics, and linguistics.

(David Peterson and William F. Unsoeld, Evergreen faculty.)
Reference Service - Exchange of Scholarly Papers for Pre-Publication Comments

Allen C. Fanger
Department of Social Science
Kutztown State College
Kutztown, PA 19530

Professor Fanger's specific area of expertise is the Kumaon region of North India, adjacent to the western border of Nepal; marriage, family, religion, and specifically the Khasa-Rajputs of Kumaon. His interest in Nepal is to the extent that it relates to the Kumaon area, hence to western Nepal.

(Ed. Note: Any scholars interested in exchanging or accepting scholarly papers for pre-publication comment and critique are encouraged to write to the Editor, NSA Bulletin, listing your name, address, present position, general fields of competence, specific areas of expertise, and publications. All replies will be published.)

Catalogue of Nepal Slides, Prints, Movies, and Tape Recordings

James F. Fisher
Department of Anthropology
Carleton College
Northfield, Minnesota 55057

Professor Fisher has 35mm Kodachrome slides of "Village Life in Tichurong (Dolpo District)," "Village Life in Solu-Khumbu (Mt.Everest Region)," "Mountaineering Slides," and "General Slides of Nepal (Terai, Kathmandu Valley, hills, mountains, etc.; portraits, technology, etc.)"

Conditions: For Sale

(Ed. Note: Any scholars interested in selling, lending, or giving away copies of your slides, prints, movies, or tape recordings of Nepalese subjects to teachers looking for audio-visual educational materials for courses on Nepal, please notify the Editor, NSA Bulletin, of your name, address, present position, type of material available, subject matter, and condition of availability (for sale, classroom use only, not for publication, et cetera).)

Inter Culture Associates, 1974-75 Catalogue available

Inter Culture Associates markets books, curriculum materials, multi-media kits, audio-visual materials, and musical instruments for use in classrooms at all levels. A recent Inter Culture NEWS listed over three pages of filmstrips, cassettes, study kits and modules, study prints, folk instruments, records, and books on India. Their general catalogue lists over 60 subject classifications: e.g. architecture, autobiography, adventure & exploration, law, sports, history, journalism, languages, mythology & folklore, literature, dance, music, philosophy, the occult, dictionaries & encyclopedias, religion, anthropology, agriculture, drama, and civil rights.

For information write: Inter Culture Associates, Box 277, Thompson, Conn 06277.
The "Paropakar Dhorpatan Health Project" in Nepal

The "Paropakar Dhorpatan Health Project" has been in operation since September 1974. Paropakar is a private charitable organization in Kathmandu which operates a maternity hospital and orphanage there as well as several clinics throughout the country, including the Dhorpatan project. Mr. Daya Bir Singh is the founder and Secretary-General of Paropakar, and has been largely responsible for the successful inception of the project.

The idea for the Dhorpatan project was conceived by Ross Anthony, a former Peace Corps Volunteer in Nepal from 1968-1970. Briefly stated, the goal of the project is to use curative health services as a catalyst to spur general community development. The focal point of the project is the clinic located in the village of Dhorpatan, in west-central Nepal. From Dhorpatan, extension programs in health related areas emanate. By utilizing broad-based programs in health aid training, health education, agriculture, water systems, sanitation, and so forth, and by involving the local community in every aspect and stage of these programs, the project hopes to create an on-going and self-sustaining process of community development.

The clinic offers excellent health care for which, in most cases, a very small fee is charged. The clinic is also being used as a teaching facility. Two teenage boys from nearby villages are being trained in basic health care, preventive medicine, nutrition and maternal-child health. Once they complete training at the clinic they will return to their villages and make practical use of their skills. This is the first stage of a plan to train several such health extension workers from the community, giving them a skill which, besides benefiting those they treat, will enable them to support themselves by charging a small fee for their services. Another young man from Dhorpatan is currently being trained at the clinic as a lab technician. An "under fives" clinic has been established in Bobang, a village to the south of Dhorpatan, to deal specifically with problems of maternal-child health. A BCG inoculation campaign (against TB) is planned in 1975. And agricultural experiments are underway to introduce new food crops and new planting techniques.

Personnel:

Daya Bir Singh, Secretary-General, Paropakar, Bhimsenthan, Kathmandu.
Ross Anthony, Director, Paropakar Dhorpatan Health Project, Box 916, Kathmandu.
Katherine Balter, Project Secretary, 236 S.44th St., Philadelphia, PA 19104 USA.
Dr. Stephen Bezruchka, MD, Box 916, Kathmandu.
Mary Murphy, Box 916, Kathmandu.
Pema Gyaltsen, Compounder
+ Village Trainees

The Paropakar Dhorpatan Health Project is funded, in part, for its first year (1974-75) by the International Health and Development Trust, Inc. A fund-raising campaign is currently in progress.
WIN: Women's International Network

The following information has been sent by Fran P. Hosken, Coordinator, WIN, 187 Grant Street, Lexington, Massachusetts 02173 USA (Phone: 617-862-9431). It is of interest to the female membership of the Nepal Studies Association, and to women's organizations in Nepal:

The Purpose of WIN is (1) to establish a world-wide multi-media system of communications that serves women's organizations and individual women of all backgrounds, nationalities, convictions, beliefs, and age-groups. (2) To transmit, internationally, information of interest to women and about women. (3) To communicate, internationally, information about women's organizations and individual women to the general public and to public and private institutions and organizations of all kinds.

The International Communications Center (ICC) is located for the present in the United States (at the above address). National Communications Centers (NCC) will be established internationally. The ICC collects and stores all pertinent international information and coordinates all information to transmit via newsletters and/or other media to NCCs. The NCCs will collect and store national and/or regional information and communicate regularly with ICC.

The International Communications Center of WIN is developing an International Directory of Women's Organizations emphasizing less developed countries. This Directory is scheduled to be completed in time for the United Nations International Women's Year Conference in Mexico City in 1975. It will be printed and distributed by the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The WIN Newsletter (starting with International Women's Year 1975) will be mailed at least four times a year and more frequently if needed. This will be a continuing service. Please send information and news about developments of international interest for publication (in summary form). Other media communications will be developed in the future. The Newsletter will be multi-lingual from the start and subscriptions are available now. WIN NEWS is accepting announcements for publication, and needs overseas correspondents.

The WIN Communication Service will be initiated to keep the press and media informed about developments of international interest concerning women. The WIN Communication Service is available to magazines and media services on a subscription basis.

WIN Technical Assistance and Consulting Service. WIN is establishing a talent bank of women in international development concerned with integrating women in national economies. If interested in being listed please send your resume.

A. Consulting Service. Ongoing multi-disciplinary and multi-national teams of women and men concerned with integrating women in development will be organized as a service to public or private organizations by WIN drawing on international contacts.

B. Implementation Service. WIN, through its contacts with women's organizations world-wide, will advise on organizations, groups, and individuals to be directly involved in implementation of all kinds of international, national, public, and private programs.

Subscriptions to WIN NEWS: $25/year for institutions; $15/year for individuals. Student rates = half, or anything you can contribute. If you are unable to send U.S. dollars, please send international mail coupons for postage and international money orders for anything you can contribute.

Write for further information.
Population, Family Planning, and Development Conference Planned

Dr. Robert Miller, Director of the Nepal Family Planning and Population Project at the School of Public Health, University of California at Berkeley, has announced tentative plans for a week long project conference in Berkeley on August 24 through 29, 1975.

The conference will involve high level Nepalese officials, Nepali trainees to the project, and other Nepali students currently studying in the United States, as well as Nepal Project staff, US AID personnel, and a number of experts in Development, Health, Demography, Economics, and Anthropology.

A full report of the conference will appear in the next issue of the NSA Bulletin, #9, December 1975.

(For further information write to: Dr. Robert Miller, Director, Nepal Project, School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720)

Sherpa Scholarship Funds Established

A Sherpa Scholarship Fund has been organized by several U.S. citizens for the purpose of supporting Sherpa children in schools in Nepal. (This fund is not to be confused with the Sherpa Trust, nor with the Sherpa scholarship fund established in the 1960's in conjunction with the Robert F. Kennedy Foundation.)

(For further information, write to: Ray Jewell, 3461 Mines Road, Livermore, California 94550. Phone: (415)-443-6949.)

In a bulletin received from Ray Jewell, Dick Blum, and Lynne Mc Clellan (of the above fund), dated April 1975, was notice of a second Sherpa Scholarship Fund being established in honor of Barbara and Ang Gyale Lama who were recently killed in a plane crash at Kathmandu (along with the wife and daughter of Sir Edmund Hillary). Mac Odell, spokesman for this fund, has written that with the suggestion and encouragement of friends and family, "a scholarship fund for the education of young Sherpas is being organized in memory of those remarkable people. We hope in some small way it may serve to carry forward their work and ideals. We hope also to link it with several other small scholarship funds which have been established so as to combine resources, streamline administration, and establish an on-going program with which others might join in the future..."
III. CURRENT RESEARCH

Himalayan Art and Educational Media Systems

Don Davis writes that he has been involved recently in the production of a large Himalayan Art Exhibition in Charlottesville, Virginia (February - April, 1975), at the University of Virginia Art Museum. Assisting him was Jerry Withrow. Both Davis and Withrow were former Nepal-22 Peace Corps Volunteers. Davis also worked as a translator and technical assistant for an independent film production in India and Nepal. He has produced two slide shows to introduce the Himalayan region and people and the ethnic diversity found throughout the mountains. In May he finished up his M.A. at the University of Virginia, in comparative international and developmental education with a speciality interest in the utilization and development of educational media systems for use with formal and non-formal education settings. He is now waiting on two federal grant proposals, one being a development program for a touring show of Himalayan art and culture that would be sent to areas where the public has little access to urban/metropolitan cultural centers and hence no likely contact with this culture or region of the world. The second proposal is for an intercultural communication activity for two corresponding classrooms; the idea being that students (high school) would make their own media materials, possibly by video tape, and formulating their own messages to exchange for similar correspondence with another cultural classroom. Mr. Davis is most eager to involve U.S. and Nepali students in this venture.

(Don Davis, University of Virginia, Graduate Education, 520 Valley Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22903, USA.)

Research Projects at the South Asian Institute, University of Heidelberg

1. "Medico-Ethnological" field work was carried out in 1974 by Gerhard Heller (Physician) and Andras Höfer (Ethnologist) in a Western Tamang village, Trisuli Bazaar area. One of the main aims of the project was an investigation into culturally conditioned factors involved in conceptualization of illness and in the communication between patient and healer. Extensive interviews were made with a large number of Tamangs undergoing treatment by Dr. Heller. The treatment was partly executed in collaboration with a shaman who, at the same time, served as one of the main informants regarding traditional nosology and curing. The field work was sponsored by the Deutsche Forschungs-gemeinschaft. The results will be published forthcoming by the fall of 1976.

2. A 1:10,000 scale map of the Kathmandu Valley is under preparation. Field work by Erwin Schneider; contour maps by AERMAP, of Italy. Andras Höfer was committed to the task of surveying and transliterating (according to the method by R.L. Turner) place names for the map which will probably be printed by 1976. Sponsors: The Fritz Thyssen Foundation, HMG of Nepal, and SATA, Kathmandu.

(Andras Höfer, Südasiens-Institut, Der Universität Heidelberg, Seminar für Ethnologie, 6900 Heidelberg 1, Im Neuenheimer Feld 330, Germany.)

See also miscellaneous publications from the South Asian Institute listed under Rothermund and Ray (editors), in the BIBLIOGRAPHY, below.
John Scholz in Kathmandu

John Scholz, former Editor of the NSA Newsletter and a graduate student at the University of California/Berkeley, is in Nepal pursuing research in political science. His address for the year is: John Scholz, c/o American Embassy, Kathmandu, Nepal.

Thesis on Eastern Terai Region

Gerald A. Oicles has recently completed a Masters Thesis entitled: "Contact, Conflict, and Change in Nepal's Eastern Terai Borderlands: The Case of Sirha District." It deals with the historical geography and agricultural development (including the 'Green Revolution') of the region. Copies are available by writing California State University, John F. Kennedy Library, 5151 State University Drive, Los Angeles, California 90032.

Masters Exhibit Held

Pramila Giri has given a Masters Exhibit entitled: "Aspects of the Hindu Diety Siva" at California State University, Long Beach, May 13 - 17, 1975.

Administrative System in Nepal

Hanc C. Rieger writes that he is presently engaged in writing a paper, the main thesis of which is that the inefficiency of the administrative system of Nepal is one of the chief impediments to the development of Nepal. The paper is based on a series of farewell lectures held at CEDA (Centre for Economic Development and Administration) after the termination of his assignment there in September 1974.

(For more information, write to: Dr. Hans Cristoph Rieger, 6903 Neckargemünd, Schlierbacher Landstrasse 217, Germany.)

Study of "Ordered Space" in Bhaktapur

Beginning in February, 1974, Dr. Niels Gutschow has been engaged in a study of "ordered space" in Bhaktapur, Nepal, under the auspices and funding of the German Research Fund (Deutsche Forschungs-gemeinschaft). Field surveys were done in February-April, 1974, September 1974, and December 1974 - March 1975. The program is expected to be completed early in 1976. As an architect, Dr. Gutschow works closely with an Indologist, Professor Bernhard Kölver of the University of Cologne.

(For more information, write to: Dr. Gutschow has previously published a work on Bhaktapur; see BIBLIOGRAPHY below, under Auer and Gutschow.)

SIL Field Linguistics Course in England

Johan Reinhard recently attended a short field linguistics course in England which he indicates is ideal for anthropologists and other researchers traveling that way enroute to Nepal. The course is not specific to Nepali, but is an intensive study of linguistics field methodology, highly recommended for people strongly interested in doing the work (quite a bit), ready to live in a circumscribed setting (but quite pleasant), and ready to work about an hour a day peeling potatoes, scrubbing floors, or whatever one is assigned. Dr. Reinhard reports that the living conditions are crowded, but that the study center is within easy access of London and the people (mostly missionaries) are very nice.

(For more information, write to: Summer Institute of Linguistics, Horsleys Green, Stokenchurch, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, England HP14 3XL.)

(For more information, write to: Dr. Johan Reinhard, 155 Fir Street, New Lenox, Illinois 60451.)
Nepal-Himalayan Research at Case Western Reserve University

Melvyn C. Goldstein (Associate Professor and Acting Executive Officer, Department of Anthropology) of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, has recently returned from a nine months field study in Limi Panchayat in the far northwest corner of Humla District, Karnali Zone, Nepal. He carried out a cultural-ecological study of the Tibetan-speaking inhabitants of the valley with particular emphasis on monasticism. A short report on the area which has been prepared for the Institute of Nepal and Asian Studies of Tribhuvan University is available in mimeograph form from Dr. Goldstein for any NSA member desiring a copy.

Dr. Goldstein has also just received an award from the National Institutes of Health to complete his work in Limi. This part of the study will deal specifically with the analysis of cultural factors affecting fertility among the sedentary and pastoral segments of the population. Dr. Goldstein will return to Nepal next May (1976) for four and one half months.

James Ross, a Ph.D. candidate in anthropology is about to undertake an eighteen month comparative study of culture and fertility in adjacent Chetri and Bhotia villages in the Yakpa Valley of Humla.

Ron Zahler, an advanced undergraduate student in anthropology who has studied Tibetan language for several years, will be carrying out a summer research project in Canada comparing the differential adaptation of Tibetan refugees in French-speaking Quebec and English-speaking Ontario.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that Dr. Donald A. Messerschmidt has joined the faculty of the Department of Anthropology as a Visiting Assistant Professor for the 1975-1976 academic year.

(Dr. Melvyn C. Goldstein, Department of Anthropology, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio 44106.)

IV. BIBLIOGRAPHY

Correction Notice, Re: the Availability and Price of Ruth Schmidt's Nepali Conversation Tapes

In the last issue of the NSA Newsletter (#7, December 1974), we announced the availability of Nepali conversation tapes at both the University of Wisconsin/Madison and the University of California/Berkeley. Apparently the information on the Berkeley tapes was somewhat misleading. We have received this correction:

"The tape series is only partially complete, comprising material for the following lessons only: 1,2,3,4(1),5,6(1),7,8, and 9. The total time for this material is 3 hours, 45 minutes, 15 seconds. Our price for 7-inch reels, 1800 feet (long-play tape) recorded two sides at 3-3/4 ips (3 hours of recorded material) is $6.30; recorded one side only (1-1/2 hours): $3.90. Our price per C-90 cassette (45 min. per side) recorded two sides is $7.00; recorded one side only, $3.90. Thus our price for the Nepali Conversation Manual tapes would be $10.20 plus postage for two 7-inch reels or $17.90 plus postage for three c-90 cassettes."

(Catherine Rodriguez-Nieto, Tape Librarian, Language Laboratory, B-40 Dwinelle Hall, University of California, Berkeley, California 94720.)
A. Dissertations

1/ Information on dissertations is generously supplied by Frank Joseph Shulman, editor of the new publication: DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS ON ASIA - AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHICAL JOURNAL OF CURRENT INTELLIGENT RESEARCH, Xerox University Microfilms for the Association of Asian Studies (Vol. 1, No.1: Winter 1975). Scholars involved in dissertation research in Nepal are urged to contact Dr. Shulman (108 Lane Hall, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48104 USA) for thesis registration forms. (Forms may also be obtained from the NSA Bulletin Editor).

Shulman's DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS ON ASIA is a semi-annual journal designed to provide up-to-date information on recently completed and in-progress dissertations dealing with East, Southeast, and South Asia. It includes entries for Ph.D. theses on India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Nepal, Bhutan, and Sikl, submitted to universities outside South Asia.Titles are arranged by subject, are extensively cross-referenced, are indexed by author, institution, and subject. Information on how to obtain copies of dissertations is provided.

Individuals interested in receiving copies of the journal free of charge should write to: Literature Service Department, Xerox University Microfilms, 300 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106 USA. (Members of the Association for Asian Studies should expect to receive the first issue automatically.) A questionnaire has been included in the first issue and the editor is most anxious to receive reader's reactions & suggestions.

2/ Recent and Current Dissertation Titles on Nepal:


B. Books, Articles, Collections, Periodicals

[Ed. Note: My mail has been flooded with bibliographic information, something which I encourage and intend to pass on to readers of the Bulletin. If you have information on recent or forthcoming books, articles, collections, or periodicals on Nepal or the Himalayan region generally, please send it along. I am especially seeking annotated bibliographies and book reviews for publication.]

1/ Recent Titles:

AUER, Gerhard and Niels Gutschow

1974 BHARTAPUR- GESTALT, FUNKTIONEN UND RELIGIÖSE SYMBOLIK EINER NEPALISCHEN STADT IM VORINDUSTRIELLEN ALTER. Darmstadt: Technische Hochschule. (Available: Ratna Postak Bhandar, Kathmandu, or from Otto Harrassowitz, Wiesbaden, Germany. Approx. $15.)

Bhatia, K. (compiler)

1974 REFERENCE SOURCES ON SOUTH ASIA. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania. (Compiled and annotated by the South Asia Bibliographer at the Univ. of Pennsylvania, the list gives a broad picture of the major South Asian reference sources available in the libraries of the university. Copies may be obtained by writing to the Center for South Asian Studies, 820 Williams Hall EU, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19174, USA.)

DENWOOD, Philip


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Vol. 1 is just out:

Copies may be obtained from: Octopus-Verlagsbuchhandlung, 1236 Wien, Postfach 153, Austria. Price: S 200 (approx. $12.)

The aim of the series is to publish in original facsimile blockprints and manuscripts from all branches of Tibetan literature collected in Nepal. In due course, the publisher hopes it will become something like a survey of Tibetan literature as preserved among the Tibetan speaking population of Nepal. Scholars who have worked on Tibetan texts collected from Nepal wishing to publish their papers together with the relevant texts are invited to send any manuscripts and suggestions to Dr. Rudolf Kaschewsky, Seminar für Sprach- und Kultur-wissenschaft Zentralasiene der Universität. D 53 Bonn, Regina-Pacis-Weg 7, West Germany.

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V. MEMBERSHIP & SUBSCRIPTIONS

In early April, 1975, over 100 cards were sent to persons whose membership and subscription appear, in our records, to have lapsed during 1974. To date we have received a number of renewals as a result of this effort. We apologize to those who have not received the NSA Newsletter in the past, for whatever reasons, and who consequently let subscriptions lapse. We also apologize to those who have been away conducting field research and have been temporarily out of touch with the association. Finally, we apologize to others on the list who regularly receive complementary copies or exchange copies of our publication, to whom the card was inadvertently sent; you will continue to receive the Bulletin as before.

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