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PREFACE

At the November 1982 meetings of the Nepal Studies Association held in Madison, Wisconsin, we decided to put out a special issue of the HIMALAYAN RESEARCH BULLETIN in honor of John Hitchcock, a founder of the NSA whose contributions to Himalayan studies have been extensive. We tried to track down as many of his former students as possible, however, we regrettably could not locate them all. Nevertheless, of those whom we did find, several sent in papers for the volume as did Ronald Bernier, current President of the NSA. Alfred Pach and Tom Fricke deserve special thanks for their efforts not only in putting together the essay on John Hitchcock's contributions to anthropology and Nepalese studies, but for helping us trace down contributors and organize this special issue.

The Editors