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#### NOTE

This issue is the first of a series on spirit possession in Nepal. This subject is one of many which invites comparative discourse among scholars in the Himalayan region, for spirit possession is an important facet of many of the cultures in the area. Most of the papers in this series were first presented at the 17th Annual Conference on South Asia at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in 1988.

We hope to present theme-oriented issues in future volumes, and invite your suggestions for topics and comments. We also hope that these papers will elicit reactions and comments from scholars working on this subject in the Himalayas, and that the Bulletin may serve as a forum for exchange of ideas and information on this topic.

Please note that nine panels including topics concerning the Himalayas will be presented at the Madison Conference this year. These are listed in the conference section of this issue.

The Editors