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IV. STUDY PROGRAMS

***New Department of Sociology/Anthropology at Tribhuvan University**

Last year, Tribhuvan University began offering courses in Sociology/Anthropology at the Masters level. Since October, Dor Bahadur Bista has been the Head (Chairman) of this newly set up department at Kirtipur. There are thirty students in the second year of the Masters courses, and fifty more have been admitted this year in the first part (year) of the same course.

Anthropology and Sociology have been combined in courses so far, but they are planning to have students prepare two separate papers, one each in Sociology and Anthropology, and offer Degrees separately as M.A.s in Anthropology and Sociology. They offer Population Studies in Sociology and Ecology and Subsistence in Anthropology as specialized foci. They are also planning to have the students conduct field work in their areas of specialization as a compulsory requirement.

Since this is a new Department, the teaching faculty is trying to develop a course which gives as much background knowledge in the subject as possible and at the same time trains graduate students who could be employed either by the Government as experts or by any domestic or international agency that is engaged in development activities.

***The American-Nepal Education Foundation**

General Information

The American-Nepal Education Foundation was chartered in 1955 by the State of Oregon for the purpose of promoting education in Nepal. It is a charitable, non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian, independent private operating foundation within the guidelines of the United States Internal Revenue Service, which allows tax deductions for contributions.

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Programs

Scholarship Aid. Financial and professional scholarship aid has always been a major focus of the Foundation. ANEF does not attempt to compete with larger private or government foundations, but is primarily concerned with supplementing and sharing funding with other agencies and institutions in the form of travel grants, dissertation grants, degree completion grants, and maintenance grants. ANEF grants have enabled some 66 Nepalese students to complete their education here in the United States and several other countries, at an over-all cost of nearly a million dollars. Grants are based on need, and are made only to Nepalese with high academic achievement, who wish to study in Nepal, United States, or a third country, and who agree to return to Nepal with their individual skills to serve their country.

Seminars and Conferences. ANEF has sponsored, or otherwise participated in seminars and conferences dealing with Nepal. In 1982, the Foundation joined with the Nepal Studies Association in sponsoring a major panel at the annual conference on Southeast Asian affairs, held at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and provided a speaker for the general conference.

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Library. ANEF maintains a library of books, maps, slides, artifacts, and other materials on Nepal, Most of which were procured in the 1950's. These materials are available to Nepalese scholars through inter-library loans.

Books for Nepal. The Foundation has collected and shipped more than 40,000 new and used books, reference sets, pamphlets, magazines and other publications to Nepal libraries at no cost to the recipients. Similar materials are still needed, and the Foundation can arrange to collect and ship them when they are available as Speakers' Bureau. ANEF maintains a list of qualified speakers and consultants for interested agencies and organizations, and can make necessary arrangements for their services.

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Special Projects. Occasionally, ANEF develops and administers special projects in conjunction with other agencies. Currently, ANEF and the University of Oregon are cooperating with Tribhuvan University's Institute of Education in the training of a staff for a new Department of Special Education in the Institute in Kathmandu that will, in turn, train special education teachers to work in the new program of special education sponsored by the Nepal Disabled and Blind Association for the physically and mentally handicapped.

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- List of Publications Distributed by ANEF
- Instructions for Library Loans
- Instructions for Donating Books to Nepal
- Making Contributions to ANEF

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