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I. NEWS

*Annual Business Meeting of the Nepal Studies Association

A meeting for the membership of the Nepal Studies Association will be held during the 10th Annual Conference on South Asia at the Wisconsin South Asian Area Center in Madison, November 6-8, 1981. Important plans for future development will be made, and there will be a concrete discussion of a 1982 conference on Himalayan Studies to be co-sponsored by the American-Nepal Educational Foundation in Oregon. We want to make that meeting a major one, with an early call for participation by specialists, students, and all interested persons from Nepal, India, North America, and Europe. We will seek additional foundation support as we work with Hugh B. Wood, Executive Secretary (Box ANEF, Oceanside, OR 97134) in order to make the conference a major one. In addition to papers there could be discussion of current research, showing of recent slides and films, etc. Communication among all members is essential, as is a good turnout in Wisconsin. Please return the Membership Information questionnaire (see end of this Bulletin) if you have not already done so. For information on the Wisconsin conference, and pre-registration forms, please write:

South Asian Area Center
1249 Van Hise Hall
Madison, WI 53706
(608) 263-5839

*Second Annual Conference of the Linguistic Society of Nepal

The Second Annual Conference of the Linguistic Society of Nepal will be held at the Kirtipur Campus of Tribhuwan University on November 26-27, 1981. The Conference will focus on the following broad areas:

Language Families: Tibeto-Burman and Indo-Aryan Languages and Linguistics
Syntax and Semantics
Phonetics and Phonology
Historical and Comparative Linguistics
Sociolinguistics and Psycholinguistics
Orthography and Lexicography
Applied Linguistics
Dialectology and Nepali Dialects

You are invited to present a paper on any of these topics. The paper should be based on original research, completed or ongoing. The closing date for submitting abstracts will be October 31, 1981. Please send three copies of the abstract without author identification. A 3" x 5" card should accompany the abstract with the title of the paper and name and address of the author. The abstract should be between 250 and 300 words.

The Society regrets that it cannot provide any funds for travel, boarding or lodging, etc., but arrangements for accommodations can be made upon request. To request information or submit abstracts contact:

Tej R. Kansakar, Secretary-Treasurer
Linguistic Society of Nepal
Tribhuwan University, Kirtipur Campus
Kathmandu, Nepal

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The Tenth Annual Conference on South Asia will be held on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus, beginning on Friday, November 6 with Registration at 9:00 a.m. and ending at noon on Sunday, November 8, 1981. Conference Headquarters will be Lowell Hall, 610 Langdon Street, with panels and events being held in both Lowell Hall and the Wisconsin Center, 702 Langdon Street. The Center for and the Department of South Asian Studies cordially invites all interested persons to attend the Conference, and to actively participate in discussion.

More than 30 panels on a wide variety of subjects have been selected by the 1981 Program Committee, and distinguished speakers have been invited for the Friday All-Conference Dinner and the Saturday All-Conference Luncheon. Cultural events are in the planning stages for Friday evening and Sunday morning. The Conference will again offer other events as well, such as displays, films, book exhibits, etc. Further details will be announced in a fall newsletter. Topics to be covered by the selected panels include:

- Islam in South and Southeast Asia
- Linguistics
- Literature
- Tourism
- Geography
- Philosophy and Religion
- Update on the situation in Afghanistan

Several panels/workshops are also planned for K-12 teachers to assist them in teaching South Asia in their classrooms. Tentative program schedule and advance registration and/or accommodation reservations are available from:

South Asian Conference  
c/o Wisconsin Center  
702 Langdon Street  
Madison, WI 53706

Meetings of the Association for Asian Studies  
(from Asian Studies Newsletter)

The 34th Annual Meeting of the AAS will be held at the Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois, April 2-4, 1982. The deadline for receipt of panel or paper proposals was August 3, 1981. Information on preregistration, accommodations, and program will be available from the Association for Asian Studies, Inc., 1 Lane Hall, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

For the Mid-Atlantic Conference, University of Maryland, College Park, MD (October 16-18, 1981), contact Steven I. Levine, Program Chair, School of International Service, The American University, Washington, DC 20016.

For the Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO (October 2-3, 1981), contact Bina Gupta, Program Chair, Department of Philosophy, 437 GCB, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211.
For the New England Conference, Wesleyan College, Middletown, CT (October 17-18, 1981), contact Anne F. Thurston, Program Chair, Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 02138.

For the New York Conference on Asian Studies, Hartwick College, Oneonta, NY (October 9-10, 1981), contact John Lindell, Program Chair, Department of Political Science, Hartwick College, Oneonta, NY 13820.

For the Southeast Conference, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC (January 21-23, 1982), contact George Gadbois, Program Chair, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506.

For the Southwest Conference on Asian Studies, University of Texas, Austin, TX (October 16-17, 1981), contact Herman Van Olphen, Program Chair, Department of Oriental and African Languages and Literatures, University of Texas, Austin, TX 78712.

For the Western Conference, University of California, Berkeley, CA (November 5-6, 1981), contact George Dales, Program Chair, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720.

*SOUTH ASIA ART CONFERENCE - 1983*

The American Committee of South Asian Art will hold a national conference in Denver and Boulder, Colorado May 4-8, 1983.

*DALAI LAMA VISITS MADISON*  
(from the Wisconsin South Asian Area Center News)

His holiness Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama, was in Madison from July 10-20 this summer to perform the Kalachakra (Cycle of Time) Initiation. Over 1,200 followers and scholars of Tibetan Buddhism, as well as many interested onlookers, came to participate in the Initiation and/or colloquia.

Initial plans for the Tibetan religious leader's visit were laid two years ago during his two-week tour of the United States in September 1979. Extensive preparations were necessary to take care of all the arrangements for both the Initiation and a series of public lectures. A four-bedroom house in Dunn Township was purchased by Geshe Sopa, Buddhist Studies professor at the University of Wisconsin, and is now the home of several Tibetan monks, in association with the Ganden Mahayana Center. A pavillion was built near this new monastic center and elaborately decorated for the Kalachakra ritual itself.

In India, Buddhist monks prepared the ritual items needed for the Initiation, such as the 20 x 30 foot appliqued thanka of the Kalachakra meditational divinity. The University of Wisconsin Field House was procured for the Dalai Lama's public lectures and bus transportation was provided between pavillion and field house.

The actual Kalachakra ritual began quietly unnoticed several days before the public arrived. Ritual Master Chomyog Thubten Jamyang supervised the sanctification of the Initiation site with ceremonies involving ritual dances, textual recitations, and purification rituals. Monks spent four days creating the Kalachakra Mandala with colored sand tediously arranged in delicate symbolic patterns.
From July 10-13, the Dalai Lama began his series of public lectures on the basic tenets of Tibetan Buddhism. The Kalachakra Initiation was conducted from July 15-18.

At the same time, scholars of Tibetan Buddhism were meeting on the UW campus to hear lectures on various topics related to the fields of Tibetan culture. Professor Robert Thurman (Amherst College) began the colloquia on July 15th with a lecture "The Four Main Schools of Tibetan Buddhism". From July 16-18 followed "Tibetan Drama and Dance" by Jeanette Snyder (Madison), "Kinship and Spiritual Descent in Early Tibetan Buddhism" by Professor Robert Miller (UW-Madison), "Tibetan Society" by Beatrice Miller (Madison), and "Tibetan Music" by Ter Ellingson (Madison). All of the lectures by the Dalai Lama and scholars in the field of Tibetan Studies were free to the public.

All participants in the 19 day event, both scholarly and spiritual, greatly appreciated the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hear the Dalai Lama's academic lectures and teachings on Tibetan Buddhist doctrine.

*The Job Exchange Registry Service*

Job Exchange is a world-wide registry for professionals who wish to keep their present jobs while taking up a temporary job somewhere else. The basic service of Job Exchange is to place professionals who are seeking a temporary job exchange in contact with each other. Thus, Job Exchange provides an opportunity for a sabbatical to many professionals who are otherwise not eligible and at little or no cost to employers.

There is no fee required to join the Registry or to receive a copy of the Registry with a description of all of the jobs available for exchange. A service fee of $25 U.S. or Canadian funds is required if you decide to use the Job Exchange service to contact or be contacted by other members. If you don't arrange an exchange, your fee is refunded. Job Exchange presently has Registries for nurses, psychologists, and educators. For further information, contact:

Job Exchange  
P.O. Box 1502  
Kingston, Ontario  
Canada K7L 5C7

*Asian Art Exhibits*


Continuing exhibition on The Mother Goddess at the Himachal Pradesh State Museum, Simla, H.P., India.

Tankas of the Dharmapalas are on display this fall at the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco.

John D. Rockefeller 3rd Collection of Asian Art will be on view in the new headquarters of the Asia Society, 725 Park Avenue, New York City. The facility opens to the public on October 8, 1981. Visiting exhibitions will also be held there, beginning with 50 Chinese paintings from the Cleveland Museum and Nelson Gallery-Atkins Museum, Kansas City.
*United States Announces Nomination of New Ambassador to Nepal

On May 4, 1981 President Ronald Reagan announced his intention to nominate Mr. Carleton S. Coon, Jr., to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Nepal. Ambassador Coon succeeds Ambassador Phillip R. Trimble. Coon has most recently been Country Director for Morocco, Algeria, Libya and Tunisia in the Department State. In 1970 he was posted to Kathmandu as Deputy Chief of Mission and Counselor, serving until 1973.

*New Film on Shiva

A new film "Manifestations of Shiva" was created to coincide with the touring exhibition of the same name which opened at the Philadelphia Museum of Art in March, 1981 (produced by the Asia Society, 1980, Malcolm Leigh, Cinematographer).

*New South Asia Library Seeks Himalayan Materials
(from the Asian Studies Newsletter)

New South Asia Library seeks to meet the need for a series of new political studies of South Asia with works looking at the area in terms of power, inequality, and oppression. The basic component of the library will be a series of concise studies of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, the Himalayan kingdoms, Burma, and Afghanistan. Each country study will include a full, annotated and subdivided bibliography, with special emphasis given to recent publications in academic and political journals, and a chronology of events from 1947 to publication.

Complementary to the country volumes will be an ongoing series of thematic studies or collections of papers commissioned by specialist editors: the development process, the international relations of the subcontinent, the role of the military in South Asia, peasant and revolutionary movements and forces, the reassertion of tradition, village studies, etc.

An annual volume is under consideration, to bring together outstanding events and a bibliography. A reprint series will make available new editions of out-of-print or inaccessible works and studies of lasting interest. Volumes are already being commissioned, and it is hoped the first studies will appear early in 1982.

The editors are eager to receive suggestions and proposals about the library. Correspondence should be sent to either of the editors:

Neville Maxwell
Queen Elizabeth House
21 St. Giles
Oxford OX1 3LA
England

or

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Center for Asian Studies
University of Texas
Austin, TX 78712
*Exhibit by Jyoti Duwadi in Claremont*

Works of art by Claremont artist Jyoti Duwadi will be shown in the south lobby of Honnold Library of the Claremont Colleges, 900 Dartmouth Avenue, Claremont, California, and can be viewed during regular library hours from September 10, 1981 until December 31, 1981. For information call (714) 621-8150.

The work presented in this show is in the form of books. The loose pages of these books are original paintings on paper, with ink, dye and water color. An impression of a book is created by placing numbers of paintings in various styles of boxes which are covered with hand made Nepali paper. The artist’s intention is to create a context for the paintings suited to their spontaneous conceptual quality.

*Request for Information on Disability and Impairment in Nepal*

Stephen Richardson is seeking information on various aspects of impairment and disability in Nepal. The kinds of questions he is asking are: What are the kinds, severity and frequency of disability found in communities? What are the social consequences of disability? Are there values, beliefs and customs related to different forms of disability? Is there stigma attached to disability? He recently returned from a two month walk in Nepal and did some observations and interviewing pursuing these questions and would be glad to exchange information with others who may have a similar interest.

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