



# The Viewpoints

Newsletter of the Association of the Nepalese in Midwest America

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## Carbondale Meeting: A Grand Success

The 1988 Annual Meeting of the Association of the Nepalese in Midwest America (ANMA) was successfully completed in Carbondale, Illinois on Sunday, May 29, 1988 (Memorial Day Weekend). The Meeting was hosted by the Nepalese Students Association and sponsored by the College of Technical Careers at Southern Illinois University. It was attended by Nepalese and Americans from several states including Florida, Illinois (host state), Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Toronto, Canada.

The morning session began with opening remarks by Dr. Thomas C. Britton, Vice Chancellor, S.I.U. and a presentation by Dr. Harry G. Miller, Dean, College of Technical Careers on "Technical Education, Economic and Micro Enterprise Development in Nepal".

Padam P. Devkota presented a paper "Our Culture and Nepalese Living in the U.S." (in Nepali) and Dharma R. Shakya a paper "Nepalese Customs and Manners". ("The Viewpoints" is planning to publish the papers in the future issues.) Additionally, Dr. Madhav Sharma presented a symposium on "The Problems of Brain Drain in Nepal."

The afternoon session was addressed by Dr. Charles B. Klasek, Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs, S.I.U. He spoke on "25 Years of Southern Illinois University and Tribhuvan University".

During the ANMA business meeting, three outgoing officers -- Secretary Prahlad Pant, Treasurer Sharda Thapa, and President Ram Bashyal -- presented their reports. (A summary of President Bashyal's address is published in page 2.) A general discussion on several items of interest to ANMA members followed. It was addressed by Dr. Padam Paudel on an "umbrella" organization for all Nepalese associations in the U.S., by Dr. Prahlad Pant on "The Viewpoints", by Mr. Dharma R. Shakya on sponsorship of ANMA membership for students, by Dr. Jagdishwar Devkota on a nationwide "Board of Directors" for Nepalese associations, by Ex-Minister Mr. Tripuwar Singh on "Politics in Nepal", and by Mr. Kumar Pandey on initiating an effort for sponsoring a college in Nepal. An election of ANMA officers conducted by Raj Rathi followed. Sharda Thapa was unanimously elected President of ANMA for the year 1988-89. (see page 3) A plaque award was presented to outgoing President Ram Bashyal for his "loyalty, dedication, and leadership".

The evening program began with a fine dinner followed by an address by Dr. George A. Williams, President, College of Technical Careers, S.I.U. who spoke on "Establishing Scholarship Fund for The Nepalese at Southern Illinois University". The final item of the evening and perhaps the most entertaining item of the day was a fine talent show directed by Dr. Srijana Bajracharya and performed by a large number of Nepalese living in Carbondale and other cities.

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Just in case you have not noticed, we have been publishing "The Viewpoints" on alternate months since December, 1987. Now it is official. We are pleased to announce that the ANMA Executive Committee has approved the publication of "The Viewpoints" on a bimonthly basis. Thanks to all who are helping us on this voluntary endeavor. - Editor

## Outgoing President Ram Bashyal's Report

Today we are gathered here to celebrate our annual function. Our history is not long but an impressive one. The beginning of the eighties brought some of us together. We felt a need to have some organized activities by the Nepalese; hence the association came into being in Chicago. As human beings, we are a part of the whole. In relation to the United States, it has a special meaning because this is a country of immigrants. The whole world is represented in the population of the U.S.

We believe that each generation is a builder of the future. We just do not celebrate the day but add one more block to the foundation of the Nepalese community in this vast country of our adoption. This will be a legacy to those who will come after us. We are the first generation of Nepalese to settle here. The future generation will look with pride and say those who were before us laid the foundation for us.

Remember the story of the old man who planted a fruit tree at the age of 80!! To some extent we are doing the same so that the future generation can enjoy the fruit of our hard toil. The coming years are critical to us because of our growth. We are no more a local group. We have a large area to cover. We are face to face with new ideas. We are in need of more dedicated people in the service of our community.

We are a new generation here. It was only after the fifties that educated Nepalese started moving out of Nepal. We are a nation of adventurers. Nepalese have settled in all states of India; Nepali is an official language in one of the states. We are settled in Bhutan, Burma, Malaysia, and Hongkong. After the fifties we started settling in Japan, U.S.A., Canada, U.K., France, Germany, Italy etc.

Let us learn to be united for a common goal. Social consciousness needs to be developed among us. Can we take time to think about our community? Can we spend 5 minutes of our time out of the 1440 minutes in a day to serve our community? If all of us work together, we can further enhance our program. Let us change our attitude from "What does the association do for me?" to "What can I do for the association?"

We are proud of our newsletter. We need more people to support and sustain the momentum. Communications among us has to grow. Without communication, we can not develop our social consciousness.

NEPAL SANO CHHA. TARA YESLAI ANKHAKO NANI BANAUNE KAM HAMRO CHHA.

नेपाल सानो छ / तर यसलाई आँखाको नानि बनाउने काम हाम्रो छ /

Ram Bashyal

### In other notes:

The following persons received "certificate of award" during the Annual Meeting.

Dr. Srijana Bajracharya, Mrs. Indira Koirala, Mr. Deepak Neopane, Dr. Prahlad Pant, Dr. Madhav Sharma.

Dr. Harry G. Miller, Dr. Charles B. Klasek, Dr. Jack W. Graham, Dr. William A. Keim, Mrs. Beverly J. Walker, Mrs. Dorothy Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wissell

The following persons became "life members" of ANMA by pledging a fee of \$ 250.00:

Dr. Pradeep Dhital, Dr. Jagdishvar Devkota, Dr. Dinesh Koirala, Dr. Sambhu Pant, Dr. Prahlad Pant, Dr. Padam Paudel, Dr. Subarna Pradhan, Mr. Raj Rathi, Dr. Surya K. Sharma, and Mr. Sharda Thapa. Thanks to Raj Rathi for initiating the drive.

We like to thank Josephine Robinson, Honorary Consular General in Atlanta, and now a benefactor of ANMA, for her contribution of \$100 to ANMA.



Sharda Thapa, President



Dinesh Koirala, Vice President



Surya K. Sharma, Vice President



Jagdishwar Devkota, Treasurer



Raj Rathi, Secretary



Manoranjan Dhaubhadel Member



Indira Koirala, Member



Prahlad Pant, Member



Vijaya Paudel, Member



## "The Viewpoints Fund"

Dear readers, we need your help.

First, as you may have read on page 1, "The Viewpoints" will be published six times per year. Now you can expect to receive "The Viewpoints" in your mailbox on alternate months of the year. That is, you will have a more frequent access to news about Nepal and the Nepalese community in the American continent than ever before.

However, our financial resources are limited.

Our major costs consist of: (1) printing, and (2) mailing. The editors provide free services.

We need your help to cover the printing and mailing costs. Hence we have created a special fund called "The Viewpoints Fund" to channelize your contributions. Any amount that you can contribute to "The Viewpoints Fund" will be utilized exclusively for the publication of "The Viewpoints".

You can help us in three different ways:

- (1) By making a cash contribution  
Cash contributors will be recognized by publication of their names in "The Viewpoints".
- (2) By sponsoring one or more issues of "The Viewpoints"  
You may sponsor "The Viewpoints" at \$50 per issue. Your name as a sponsor will be published in "The Viewpoints". You will receive an advance copy of "The Viewpoints" for your review and comments.
- (3) By placing an advertisement  
You may place an advertisement, for example, wishing your friends, relatives, and dear ones on their birthdays, graduations, promotions, retirements; sending messages for New Year, Dasain, Tihar, Christmas, national holidays etc; or advertising for your services and products. The advertisement rates are \$100 per full page, \$50 per one-half page, and \$25 per one-quarter page.

We will keep you updated on the status of the fund by publishing the total amount collected in every issue of "The Viewpoints".

PLEASE HELP US TO SERVE THE NEPALESE COMMUNITY IN THE AMERICAN CONTINENT.

Please send your cash contributions, advertisements, and sponsorships to:

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Due to some personal commitments, Mrs. Indira Koirala resigned as the Associate Editor of "The Viewpoints" effective May 29, 1988. We like to thank Indira for her dedication and hard work and trust that we will continue to receive her valuable support in the future.

Our new Associate Editor is Dr. Jagdishwar Devkota from Columbia, Missouri. We extend our warmest welcome to Jagdishwar and look forward to working with him in the months and years to come. - Editor

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# Nepalese Associations: Where Are We Going?

(Part 5)

In September, 1988, "The Viewpoints" initiated a "debate" on the organizations, structures, and workings of Nepalese associations in the United States. Many Nepalese who have been active in this area wrote articles expressing their views on this topic. In recent months, Nepalese culture has emerged as an additional item for the "debate". We are very pleased with the responses received from our readers.

"The Viewpoints" will continue to provide a common forum for expression of ideas on important topics concerning the Nepalese community in this continent. Please contact the editor if you wish to receive a copy of the previous articles in this series.

We invite you to send your views on these topics for publication in the August, 1988 issue of "The Viewpoints". Please send your responses to the Editor by August 1, 1988.

Editor

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## DR. MANORANJAN DHAUBHADEL'S VIEWS: Nepalese Culture: Where Are We Going?

It is a pleasure to see Dr. Srijana Bajracharya throw some light on our culture in the April issue of "The Viewpoints". She is to be commended for, what I believe, is an appropriate response. Nepalese may be poor but we certainly do not lack in the richness of culture. Our cultural heritage has been a thing to envy for many Westerners. A visitor (American) to a recent international festival in Muncie, Indiana had the following remark to make about Nepal: "You have a rich culture (which is) backed by a record of many centuries". So the question is not whether our culture is rich but whether or not we are moving in the right direction.

With regard to economic development, we sure can and should do a lot better. A few years can make a whole lot of difference. The problem is that we seem to have been moving in the wrong direction. According to a World Bank report (1985-86) our per capita income has fallen from \$190 in 1981 (Planning Commission) to \$133 in 1986 and we have moved past some other countries which were worse off before. People in power or otherwise for that matter, seem more and more interested in individualistic gains. This is in sharp contrast with our cultural practice of putting the national agenda first before anything else. The reasons for this are manifold and western influence is only one of them. The result is that our nation, instead of being a garden of blooming diversities, is looking more like a boxing arena for people from different cultural backgrounds. Policies to rectify the situation, if there are any, seem to have failed. Consequently, we are weakened in our ability and efforts to plan and manage important problems of far reaching implications, for example, the uncontrolled migrations to our big cities especially the cities in Kathmandu Valley. Our failure to regulate this migration may very well have contributed to the worsening sanitary and like problems in our cities.

To sum up, it seems that we will have advanced a big step if we could only stop moving backwards. Hopefully, all Nepalese, specifically those in positions to have significant impact, will stick to our cultural principle of putting the national agenda first and help start and expedite development in the right direction. Let us not forget that Japan did not have to abandon its culture to become the world's number one economic power.

Manoranjan N. Dhaubhadel, President  
Nepal Association, Indianapolis

Letter to The Editor

Dear Editor,

As in the past, I had the opportunity to attend this year's ANMA annual meeting held at Carbondale. The program was a grand success. Please extend my thanks to all those who helped, directly or indirectly, in making a successful program and also in sustaining the ANMA tradition of promoting and preserving the Nepalese culture in the United States and Canada.

Throughout its short history, the ANMA, through annual meetings, has been extending opportunities for meeting friends, relatives, and fellow Nepalese citizens who are separated by time and distance in North America. These meetings have also been providing opportunities for finding ourselves, at least once a year, amid our material Nepalese culture about 8,000 miles away from the home of our parent culture. In addition to the annual meetings, "The Viewpoints" is also continuously increasing our awareness of what is happening here and in Nepal. I would like to thank Dr. Prahlad Pant for his personal efforts and dedication in raising the status of this newsletter to a bimonthly publication. With a rise in status, we are now able to exchange our ideas and opinions and share the Nepalese news more frequently than in the past.

However, in spite of these achievements, ANMA seems a failure in one respect -- namely, its inability to offer any pragmatic opportunities for expressing the desire inherent among many Nepalese in North America to help our Nepalese citizens and students with financial resources. I would, therefore, like to request the members on the executive committee to design a policy for the creation of a trust fund which can be used for those who need and deserve it.

I would also like to mention that many American citizens (especially the donors to the American Nepal Education Foundation) whom we call the product of western materialistic civilization and, therefore, oriented more towards individualism (please see Dr. Srijana Bajracharya's article in the April issue of "The Viewpoints") have been supporting many Nepalese students in the United States. They have proved that they are not materialistic and individualistic. We, whom we label ourselves as the product of spritual culture and, therefore, less materialistic and less individualistic, are in an embarrassing situation to find ourselves far behind them in this direction. I sincerely wish that we be no longer embarrassed and that all of us enjoy the happy feelings that come from helping those who need and deserve it.

Khim Sharma  
Cincinnati, Ohio

प्रिय सम्पादकजी

मैले 2/8 पटरको अङ्क, कति कुछ मिहिनेत जेरेर प्रकाशित जरेको Viewpoints पेरे। मलाई Viewpoints प्रति गर्व छ। हुन त बोल सकेको हुन्छ, कम जेरेर देखाउन जेरेर हुन्छ भन्ने कुछ हामी सबैलाई थाहा नभएको कुरा छे। तैपनि February, 1988 को अङ्कका सुनखदेव शाहजीको "Where is our Culture" लाइ लिडे। वहाँ ले सभ प्रतिगत सभ, वास्तविकता र नेपाली आइले जीवनको कलक देखाएर हामीहरूको जोस लगाउन सफल न भएको होइन। यहाँ हामी नेपालीलाई थाहा नभएको कुरा पनि हो। त्यो आर्थिकले पेरे यदि मलाई हामी हाम्रो केन्द्रजति आफै गर्दै यो कि नभन्ने लाग्छो। किनकि एकतर्फी हामी नाम चम्काउनु पेरो, योसो गर्डे पेरो गर्नुको निने भाकेतर्फ भाषा अङ्ग्रेजी नभएको कारण काट हामी मात्र हैन सबैले पढन सक्ने नभएको ले हाम्रो कुराहरू सबैले पेरेर हामीलाई जिम्बाउने भौका पाउने नभएको ले यदि अङ्ग्रेजी भाषामा प्रकाशित गर्ने भए त्यस्ता आर्थिकले न होपेमा हामीलाई कसैले जिम्बाउन सक्ने नभएन कि नभन्ने मलाई लाग्छ। हुन त नेपालीमा दाख जाओ छ, तर दाख सके त सुनमा सुगन्ध हुन विधो।

अनिश पाण्डे  
Hercules, CA

## **New Executive Committee Meets in Carbondale**

Secretary Raj Rathi reports that the new Executive Committee of ANMA met in Carbondale on May 29 at the "Touch of Nature" meeting hall. The following is a list of important issues discussed at the meeting.

**NEWSLETTER:** The ExCom members endorsed "vote of thanks" for Mrs. Indira Koirala for assisting "The Viewpoints" activities during 1987-88. She served as Associate Editor of the newsletter. She continues to be an active executive member of the association. Indira received an award for her excellent job during the annual meeting. Congratulations and Thank You !

The continuing Editor of the newsletter Dr. Prahlad Pant was highly commended for his excellent job. Dr. Prahlad Pant will be the chairman of the editorial committee with Dr. Jagdishvar Devkota, Associate Editor, and Mr. Ram Bashyal on behalf of the President of ANMA, as other members. Six issues will be published this year. Dr. Dinesh Koirala will assume responsibility to solicit advertisements, sponsorships, and other contributions for the newsletter.

**"LIFE" MEMBERSHIP:** The ExCom appreciated those who had pledged to become "life" members during the business meeting of ANMA and passed a resolution to acknowledge "Special Thanks" to each of them. The initiative started by Mr. Raj Rathi about two months ago was appreciated. It was decided by ExCom that the contribution received by "life" membership will subsidize ANMA activities to a tune of no more than twenty percent per year of the total money received.

**AGGRESSIVE MEMBERSHIP PLAN:** Mr. Raj Rathi will be assisted by six ExCom members to conduct an aggressive "membership" drive. The Nepalese in the area will be contacted to become "life" members. Mr. Rathi will coordinate this activity with these members who have been assigned territorial responsibilities.

**1989 ANNUAL MEETING:** The ExCom decided to hold the 1989 Annual Meeting in Chicago on Sunday, May 28, 1989 (Memorial Day Weekend).

Additionally, the ExCom considered several other issues which will be reported in the future issues as the plans take concrete shapes.

### **NEWS FROM NEPAL**

#### **Stadium Deaths Laid to Nepal Sports Council; Minister Resigns**

An inquiry into the deaths of 70 people in a soccer stadium stampede here in March has blamed the Nepal Sports Council. The council, headed by Education Minister Keshar Bahadur Bista, "did not meet the responsibility of ownership" of the stadium, said the report published in government newspapers last week. "No proper arrangements were made for the repair or maintenance of the gates or stairs, and the security arrangements and the relief work of the organizers were not satisfactory," it said. The inquiry, by Judge Bhairav Prasad Lamsal, also criticized what he called unsatisfactory emergency services at hospitals to which 97 injured people were taken after the crowd had rushed the gates during a sudden hailstorm. Witnesses said the milling crowds had found the gates locked. (India Abroad, May 27)

The Nepal government has decided to dismiss the officials and members of the National Sports Council and the All Nepal Football Association because of the stampede. Following the release of the inquiry report on the stampede, Keshar Bahadur Bista, Nepal Education Minister and chairman of the Sports Council, tendered his resignation to King Birendra on "moral grounds". The government also decided to remove the director of the Bir Hospital, saying that the services at the hospital on the fateful day was "not satisfactory". (India Abroad, June 3)

### **Aid Commitments for Arun-III Hydro Power Project**

A meeting of prospective aid donors for the proposed Arun-III Hydro Power Project was held at Paris on May 12. The donors, which included West Germany, Japan, World Bank, Asian Development Bank as well as Belgium, Finland, Italy, Sweden, and the United Kingdom, made provisional commitments totalling 550 million dollars subject to the findings of detailed engineering studies, which are said to be underway. (Rising Nepal, May 13)

### **Bikash Gurung Arrested**

Bikash Gurung, the main accused in the attempted murder of Padam Thakurathi in August 1986, was arrested in Kathmandu on May 12 along with a country-made gun and five rounds of ammunition. (Rising Nepal, May 14)

### **Nepal Joins UN Military Assistance Group in Afghanistan**

A six member team of Nepali Army officers left for Afghanistan on May 4 to join the UN Military Assistance Group set up to monitor the withdrawal of Soviet troops and the return of the Afghan refugees. (Rising Nepal, May 5)

### **Nepal-U.S. Relations**

In an interview to the Rising Nepal (May 4), the new American Ambassador, Milton Frank, made the following statements: "The United States is very pleased that SAARC has come into existence. U.S. support for Nepal's Zone of Peace proposal is not only a gesture of goodwill but also a deep appreciation of the history of Nepal and its position in the region. The U.S. respects Nepal's independence and progress. It has continuing admiration for Nepal's participation in the UN peace-keeping operations, such as UNIFIL. The U.S. is also pleased that Nepal has accepted a role in the UN Military Assistance Group in Afghanistan".

"The U.S. has the willingness and the desire to take a look at its aid program to be sure that what it is doing and has planned for the future are supportive of Nepal's development objectives and priorities. The U.S. admires and encourages the excellent program of providing basic needs to the entire Nepali people by the turn of the century". (Rising Nepal, May 4)

### **China-Japan-Nepal Everest Expedition**

Members of the China-Japan-Nepal Friendship Expedition to Mt. Everest added "a new milestone in the history of mountaineering on May 5 by simultaneously scaling Mt. Everest from the northern and southern sides and later cross-traversing the 29,028 ft peak". The summit activities were beamed throughout the world by several TV cameramen reaching the peak. (Rising Nepal, May 6)

### **AIDS Test Services**

AIDS test services, so far available only in Kathmandu, would be extended to Pokhara and Biratnagar in the near future, and ultimately to all fourteen zones in the Kingdom. 3,000 AIDS tests had been carried out in the country so far, but no AIDS had been detected. (Rising Nepal, May 4)

## **NEWS FROM OUR SISTER ASSOCIATIONS**

### **American-Nepal Society Inc., Southern California**

At the annual meeting of the America-Nepal Society Inc., Southern California on February 6, it was announced that the following persons were elected as the new executives and Board of Directors:

Nancy Berk, President and Board of Directors  
 Buddha Shakya, 1st Vice President and Board of Directors  
 Andy Krikun, 2nd Vice President and Board of Directors  
 Kishore Manandhar, Secretary and Board of Directors  
 Yasuko Wachi, Treasurer and Board of Directors.

Miss Archana Pyakurel is the new recipient of the ANS/CA Betsy Goodall Scholarship. She has been awarded a two-year grant (renewal each year) for 1987/88



thru 1988/89, at \$300 a year. At present ANS/CA has a total amount of about \$10,445 in the scholarship fund. They are only using the interest from the fund to grant a scholarship to a deserving student in Nepal.

#### **American-Nepal Friendship Society, Inc., New York**

The American-Nepal Friendship Society, Inc. of New York celebrated its fifth anniversary and Nepalese New Year at New York City on April 16.

Mr. Dibya Ratna Hada has been re-elected president of the society for third term. Other elected members are Mr. Ratna Man Shakya for first vice-president, Tom Cox for second vice-president, Dr. Tulsi Maharjan for secretary and Khagendra G. Chhetry for treasurer.

The guest speakers were permanent representative of Nepal to the United Nations Mr. Jai Pratap Rana and former American ambassador Mr. Leon J. Weil. There were over three hundred participants including Mr. Rishikesh Shah and Dr. Ted Ricardi of Columbia University in the function.

The governor of New York, Mr. Mario Cuomo and the Mayor, Mr. Edward Koch sent their good wishes for the success of the anniversary.

Mr. Koch remarked that Nepalese-Americans bring to our nation a proud, tough heritage from that rugged land deep in the Himalayas, and "as you continue to make your mark on our society you are strengthening us with your sense of pride, tradition, community, and family".

#### **Nepal Association, Indianapolis**

Nepal Association, Indianapolis took part in the International Festival organized at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, May 1-2. Various articles from Nepal, ranging from arts and crafts to posters were displayed to educate visitors about the richness of Nepalese culture and lifestyle. An item of Nepalese food was also made available to the general public.

#### **Association of Nepal in the Americas**

The Association of Nepal in the Americas (ANA) is scheduled to hold its annual meeting in the New York City metropolitan area during the Fourth of July weekend. We extend our best wishes to the officers and members of ANA for the successful completion of the meeting.

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We invite presidents, secretaries, and newsletter editors of Nepalese associations in the American continent to send news, articles, and announcements about their activities for publication in the "The Viewpoints". The deadline for the next issue is August 1. We encourage you to exchange information with us for the benefit of the Nepalese community and friends of Nepal. - Editor

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### A Few "Thank You" Notes

President Ram Bashyal and Secretary Prahlad Pant (1987-88): On behalf of the outgoing Executive Committee, we like to thank Dr. Madhav Sharma for coordinating the Annual Meeting, the Nepalese Students Association at Carbondale for hosting, and the College of Technical Careers for sponsoring. During the past year we received cooperation and assistance from many people (too numerous to mention here). We thank you very much for making it a successful year.

President Sharda Thapa and Secretary Raj Rathi (1988-89): We appreciate your vote of confidence in the new Executive Committee. A year full of challenges lies ahead with each of us. The Executive Committee has already outlined several tasks for the year 1988-89 and your cooperation will be most needed and appreciated.

We request all Nepalese to join ANMA as its "life" member. We very much appreciate efforts of other Nepalese associations doing major activities and will like to join and share with them all activities that benefit Nepalese community as a whole. "United we stand a chance" and together we can do it.

Dr. Madhav Sharma, Coordinator, Annual Meeting: I want to thank all conference participants for their help in making the conference a success. I am deeply indebted to Dr. Harry G. Miller for his support. My special thanks goes to all conference activities organizers without whose assistance and dedicated efforts the conference would not have been successful. I am deeply obliged to Dr. Srijana Bajracharya and many performers who presented such a fine talent show. I am very grateful to our guest speakers for taking the time to be with us.

Dr. Harry G. Miller, Dean, College of Technical Careers: We were deeply honored to play a small part in making the conference a major success. As the Association pursues its many activities and programs, I hope that you will feel free to call upon the College to assist in whatever way you feel we can be of assistance.

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ANMA thanks the following persons who participated in the Talent Show:

Dance: Shikha Bajracharya, Rakshya Bhadra, Paras Rana, Bigyan Rana, Reena Koirala, Sukti Dhital, Subodh K. Uprety, Sunil Kapali, Dharma Thapa, Saroj Sigdel

Songs: Dharma R. Shakya, Rajpal Hamal, Robin Pandey, Subodh Uprety, Shakti Aryal

Violin: Tapasvi Shrestha, Anshu Shrestha

ANMA thanks the following persons who helped us in the local arrangements for the Annual Meeting: Mr. Deepak Neopane, Mr. Jagadish and Dr. Srijana Bajracharya, Mr. Bimal Devkota, Mr. and Mrs. Upendra Lal Karna, Dr. and Mrs. Ratna Kapali, Mr. Bikram Rana, Mr. Dharma Raj Shakya

And, thanks to all of you whose names could not be listed here due to space constraint.

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