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Dear Nepal Student Association member:

Spring semester 1997 has ended and it is time for the Nepal Student Association (NSA) members to decide the future of the organization; NSA is a student organization registered with the ISU Government of the Student Body (GSB). Currently there are four students from Nepal attending ISU and members of NSA; they are Chitra Poudel, Sudha Shrestha, Bikas Viadya, and Luna Bharati. Their current student status is Chitra Poudel is continuing in civil engineering at ISU, Sudha completed her M.S. in water resources May 9 and is leaving Ames June 17 for Kathmandu, Bikas completed his Ph.D. in chemistry May 9 and is continuing on a post-doc here, and Luna completed her M.S. in water resources May 9 and has left ISU.

This group has established a wonderful record of splendid, informative, interesting displays for International Week and Veisha over these four academic years. The number of students has been few but powerful, energetic, creative and dedicated. Also, the organization has provided a base for the students to further develop leadership skills, attend Nepalese Conferences and gather Nepalese items for the culture displays.

At this time, we seek your suggestions in how to proceed without a "critical mass" of Nepalese students. Chitra resigned as president of NSA in late April, and Sudha continues as treasurer, however, she is leaving Ames next week. Thus, we have been trying to make plans for NSA with this changing status of students and the few number of students to be here who are willing to assume leadership in NSA.

The options for the organization are as follows:

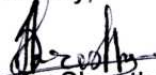
- continue current status with one student (student organization)
or
- reorganize as a campus (AKA as community) organization
or
- dissolve the organization (with possibility for reorganizing at a later time, of course).


Should the current membership choose to dissolve the organization, it is suggested that the cultural display items be donated to the International Resource Center. In addition, the money in the treasury (about \$500.) would be returned to the Government of Student Body (GSB).

A potluck picnic is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 5-8 p.m. at Linden Shelter, Brookside Park to recognize the contributions of Sudha, Bikas and Chitra, and to finalize the future of the NSA. We hope that you will be able to attend the picnic.....bring a dish to pass and place settings for you and your family members/guests, and beverage will be provided.

In the meantime, please contact Sudha (296-7454 home) or Joan (294-6230 office/292-9071 home) to share your opinions about the future of NSA.

Sincerely,


Sudha Shrestha
NSA treasurer


Joan Herwig
NSA faculty advisor